Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is the last week for our Year 10 students of 2014. The week culminates in a farewell assembly for Year 10 students and a day at ‘Big Splash’. The graduation is held the following Tuesday 9 December and is followed by the formal at the Hyatt Hotel. This is an exciting time for the students and it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the enormous achievements of this group of students who have been excellent learners and Ambassadors for our school. We wish them all the very best for their future learning.

Student Achievements
Tony, Cody, Indy, Bridie and Abaan from Ms Di Donna’s Year 4 class have created excellent line drawings. Challenged with designing a crazy hair line drawing, they have produced both colourful and dramatic responses. These will look great framed and hung in their homes. Well done.

The ‘Shakespeare on Stage’ senior drama class performed exceptionally last week. Each student performed three scripted Shakespearean pieces including a soliloquy, duologue and group scene. This was an exceptionally high expectation of them. The students demonstrated, commitment, teamwork, discipline and focus as well as nuanced, character development and high level understandings in stagecraft, script development and sub text. They represented our school community brilliantly in front of a packed audience of parents, friends and supporters.

Class Visits
In Ms Paramo’s Year 9 Science class students are learning about volcanoes. As the end of the year approaches the class is revising important topics to ensure they are embedded in the students’ understandings. The students were not only given the theory of how volcanoes work but they had a small experiment to complete that demonstrated aspects for them. Students heated some wax under sand in a beaker to see what would happen. Once they made these observations of the results, they answered a range of questions that reviewed their current learning and expanded it. It was terrific to see the large amount of information and prior knowledge the students contributed to the discussion. There is no doubt you understand something better when you see a practical example displayed for you. What an exciting science lesson.

In Mr Sinclair’s SPARCS class students are busy putting their learning into action by setting up for the 9/10 Assembly. The students start their preparations at 8.30 long before the audience will arrive. Their lesson starts with a rundown of everything on the agenda for the assembly and what they will need to set up. The students are keen and motivated and clearly enjoy being part of the ‘Special Projects And Reliable Communications Squad’ (SPARCS). The different tasks from setting up complex electronic equipment through to setting out the seats for students are distributed across the members of the team. The students head off in all directions with their tasks clearly understood. In next to no time the Onyx Theatre is set up and ready to go for another very successful assembly. It is important to add the assembly highlighted with a terrific flash mob dance performance by Year 10 students as a special thank you to staff for another wonderful year at our school. Well done to all members of the SPARCS team and their teacher. The back stage people of our world do need recognition and this team make an enormous contribution to our school.
In Ms Roberts’ Year 5 class, students have been learning about grid references. The students had their first opportunity through the lesson to examine the use of grid references. Challenged with finding their way from one nominated object to another object on the same page, students explored a range of possibilities and solutions. A few groups created their own grid and solved the problem. Others experimented with different solutions. Then the students were asked to play ‘Battleships’, a grid based game that demonstrated how useful grids can be in assisting to locate objects. Finally one group was charged with finding the reasons and values behind grid references and the whole class benefitted from their learnings. If your child is in Ms Roberts’ Year 5 class, don’t challenge them to a game of Battleships. They have well developed skills and experiences in this area.

ICT Action Plan at Amaroo School 2015.
Notes will be sent home this week with our students to all families via your youngest child. Current Year 8 and Year 9 students will receive a letter via the post. If you do not receive a note please contact the front office.

School Board
In 2015 the Amaroo School Board will have one parent representative vacancy, one community representative vacancy, one staff vacancy and two student vacancies. Nominations for the parent and community representatives will be accepted from all parents and carers of students enrolled at Amaroo School and Amaroo Preschool. Appointment will be for a period of two years with the Board meeting on the third Monday of each month during school terms. If more than two people nominate for each position, an election will be conducted after the close of nominations. Nominations will open on Monday 2 February 2015 and close on Monday 16 February 2015.

Clea Reading Awards
Each year, Amaroo School staff select 5 worthy recipients from across the school to receive the ‘Clea Reading Awards’. For those of you new to the school this year, Clea was a lovely Year 1 student who tragically died in the 2009 tsunami in Samoa. Clea’s brothers Omar and Jordie are now in Year 4 and Trudie, Clea’s mother is a parent representative on our school board. Together with Clea’s family and friends, the Amaroo School community and the After School Care group, helped build a school library for the Lalomanu School in Samoa, named in Clea’s honour. The students who are selected to receive this award demonstrate, just as Clea did, a love of reading, whether it is excellence in reading or showing a big improvement in reading levels and a love of libraries. We also thank the parents, carers, staff and fellow students for their support in encouraging their love of reading.
We continue to honour Clea each year with the ‘Reading Awards’ and also support the teaching and learning at Lalomanu school by providing a box of teacher and student resources for Clea’s school library. It was a privilege to help present these awards with Clea’s father, Jorge last Friday at the assembly

Congratulations to the ‘Clea Reading Award’ winners-
Preschool- Arabella T Gunginya Preschool
Early Childhood- Jennifer P -2EBE
Primary School- Sam T - 4FBU
Middle School- Aaron B -8SCG
Senior School- Rachel S- 9LAT

Congratulations award winners.

As always, please contact the Deputy Principals; Ben Hall, Gail Taylor, Sam Beattie, Tiffany Mahon or myself, to clarify any issue of concern to you. The whole school team at Amaroo School is committed to working with our community to ensure our students have the very best opportunities to learn.

Richard Powell
Principal
Amaroo School

P &C
President: Chris Blight
Vice President: Glen Storrar
Secretary: Natalie Roberts
Treasurer: Karyn Williams
Preschool

We cannot believe the term is coming to an end so quickly! Thank you to all our families who attended our multicultural morning tea. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout. The students looked fantastic and appeared to be loving all the amazing food that was brought in.

Next week on the 4/12/14 we will be having our Christmas craft morning for the end of the week class and 8/12/14 for the start of the week class. Please come and join us to create a range of decorations and songs that you will remember forever.

Just a quick reminder to our families who have outstanding books, please return them as soon as possible.

Kindergarten

Can you believe there are only 11 days of Kindergarten left?! The end of the year is fast approaching and we are busily getting ready for our two performances in week 10.

The Early Childhood performance is being held on Tuesday evening Dec 16, and will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the great talent of our students. Please ensure you refer to the note already sent home regarding specific details to the evening.

Kindergarten will also be hosting the whole school assembly on Wednesday Dec 17, and we are busily practising some fun songs to sing. It will be a great way to finish the school year!

Teachers are busy finalising student reports and portfolios which will be sent home on Friday, Week 9. There are no scheduled parent-teacher interviews this semester, but please feel free to chat to your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Please remember to let your child’s teacher know if they will be leaving school before the last day on Wednesday 17 December. This allows us to send books and other bits and pieces home, and plan for the final few weeks of term.

Year 1

With only a few short days left of term, Year 1 students and teachers are getting very busy! On Tuesday 9th of December we are going to Dendy as part of the Early Childhood end of year excursion. A reminder that the movie has now changed to Penguins of Madagascar (G). We have been exploring narratives all term so the students are excited to see how a story can be told through film.

The Amaroo Arts and Excellence Awards evening is on Thursday 11 December from 5pm-7pm. If your child is receiving an award, you will be notified prior to the date. In Week 10 we are also celebrating the end of the year with the ‘Early Childhood Performance Night’. Students will need to arrive at 5:45pm for the show to begin promptly at 6pm.

The summer sun is shining splendidly so a simple reminder for all students to have sunscreen, wide brim hats and water bottles at school every day. No hat= No play!

Students are also looking forward to bringing home their portfolios at the end of Week 9. Please take the time to go through these with your child and enjoy discussing some of the incredible work they have completed throughout Semester 2.

Year 2

Wow everyone, it is hard to believe that we are drawing towards the end of what has been such an exciting and busy time in Year 2! Looking back at photographs of our year 2s at the beginning of the year to now, is surprising to see just how grown up and ready for year 3 our students are.

The Early Childhood performance is being held on Tuesday evening Dec 16, and will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the great talent of our students. Please ensure you refer to the note already sent home regarding specific details to the evening.

A reminder to please ensure your children return any library books. Borrowed books can be taken back to the library before school and during B1 time if your child’s allocated library day has already passed.

Please remember to let your child’s teacher know if they will be leaving school before the last day on Wednesday 17th December. This allows us to send books and stationary home, and plan for the final few weeks of term.

On behalf of the Year 2 team, we hope you have a fantastic week.

Future event to place on your calendar- Kindergarten-Year 2

Early Childhood Performance Night

Date: Tuesday 16 December 2014
Time: 5:45pm
Where: in the Gym.

Excellence Awards Night and ‘Arts and Technology Creative Minds Exhibition’.

If your child is receiving an award, you will be notified prior to the date.
Date: Thursday 11 December 2014
Time: 5pm-7pm, time will be advised.
Where: Gym
Diamond Terrace and Diamond Gallery

Diamond Terrace attended the, “Be the Best You Can Be Day” at the AIS track. The students enjoyed the day and showcased their athletic talents in track and field.

Amaroo students from the Middle, High and the Diamond Gallery participated in the, “Be the Best You Can Be Day” at the AIS track. All students enjoyed the day and participating in all the activities offered.

Primary

Spotlight on Year 3

3JRO and 3KBO have been working hard and thoroughly enjoying the experience of turning their animal information report into a documentary using iMovie on the iPads. Students also added scientific information on their animals and in some documentaries even included voice recorded commentaries. We then watched each individual iMovie followed by questions and provided feedback for each student.
Spotlight on Year 4

Students in 4SDU have been learning how to use line elements in visual art activities. The children have been completing an artwork called “The Crazy Hair Day”. They completed a pencil version and once they were happy the children added permanent texta lines. Coloured pencils were then used to add skin tone and hair colours. This was a very popular activity with all students producing high quality artworks.

In 4RPU we have been completing team projects. We have had some fabulous projects from improvised drama, dance stories, technology- building a motorised car, and excellent Powerpoints on dinosaurs. They collaborated as a team, researching to create a final product that all team members contributed to. The students loved it so much that we have now started science projects where they have researched the properties of different materials for different uses. Their research will be demonstrated through Powerpoints, posters and dance. We are looking forward to seeing what everyone creates!

Spotlight on Year Five

5AKJ and 5AAJ have been extremely active this week and have enjoyed playing some new cooperative games. Students have been practising the skills of running and dodging and have displayed terrific sportsmanship towards each other.

In preparation for their journey to Middle School next year, Year 5 students have been swapping classes with Year 6 students. They have also participated in walks around the Middle School and TAS buildings to familiarise themselves with a new area of the school. Students have been working in small groups with the Year 6 students to answer questions about what school will be like next year. We are looking forward to the ‘Year 5 Graduation Ceremony’ on 15 December 2014.
Middle School

Year 6

In Year 6 this fortnight we have been busy finalising all our assessment tasks for end of year reports. Students need to have a display book for their report and portfolio items by the end of Week 8. Reports will be issued on Friday of Week 9. Students should be returning their notes as soon as possible for Big Splash in Week 10.

As the school year winds down, it would be a great time to check the library for lost property and for returning library books.

Year 7

In English students have started a film study unit. They will be looking at technical aspects of film and how these enhance the narrative. They will also be touching on imagery, themes and ideas.

In History, students are continuing to explore the wonders of ancient Rome and the impact ancient Rome has had on our lives today.

In Maths students have begun financial mathematics, focussing on comparing costs by calculating unit price. They are working on Christmas budgeting and learning to do ‘Smart Shopping’.

In Science, students have been working on their science fair projects. In the upcoming weeks students will recap the five major branches of science and prepare for the ‘Science Fair’ which will be held in week 9 and open for family members to attend.

Year 8

We are working hard in Year 8!

Mathematics: we have finished congruent triangles and shapes and we are working on linear graphs.

Science: we are studying energy and different forms of energy.

English: Year 8 are brushing up on their poetry skills and mixing it with their love of popular songs. They are taking the lyrics of their favourite song and creating a parody using a topic of their choice, often drawing on their love for school!!! These pieces are in preparation for the Middle School Poetry Competition which has a fantastic prize of a $20 Westfield voucher. Be sure to ask your child to sing to you.

History: We are looking at the diseases carried from Europe to The Americas, how they were transmitted and the long term impact of the disease.

Handouts for the Year 8 graduation ceremony and movie excursion have been sent home. These need to be returned by no later than 9 December 2014 or your child will not be able to participate in the excursion.

Mathematics Enrichment Results

Results from the ‘Enrichment’ stage of the Mathematics Challenge Competition run by the Australian Mathematics Trust have arrived. Congratulations to the 15 Amaroo School students who participated in this very difficult and involved problem-solving competition. Students spent 8-12 weeks studying problem-solving strategies and attempting related problems. By taking opportunities like these and pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones, these students are helping themselves to grow and learn.

The competition is only offered to the top mathematics students, so achieving any special award certificates that are given to the top percentiles of this group is really difficult! Special congratulations go to three Amaroo School students who achieved special awards:

In Year 8, Timothy H and Adam P achieved a credit, and in Year 5 Lachlan P also achieved a credit.

All other students will be given certificates of participation.

Any participating students who are interested in looking at the correct solutions to the problems can see Caroline Christenson in the Senior School for a copy.
CAREERS AND WEX NEWS

Congratulations to all students who have participated in this semester’s FLO (Flexible Learning Option) programs. These programs have required a huge amount of commitment from students and it has been very pleasing to see high levels of involvement and engagement from each student who has participated. These FLO programs allow students to obtain qualifications in areas of interest such as ‘Building and Construction’, ‘Fitness and Sport’ and ‘Automotive preparation’. Many participants have expressed an interest in continuing on to ASBAs and apprenticeships next year.

We have seen a huge amount of interest in the work experience program this term. Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed placements in the last few weeks:

- Chloe and Michael – Amaroo Preschool
- Carl – RMC Duntroon
- James – Pushy’s, Fyshwick
- Hayley – HMAS Albatross, Nowra
- Tiah – Fernwood Gungahlin
- Anna & Tayla – Lavendar Lane Childcare
- Vivienne – Small Friends Vet
- Sam – Ventris iP
- Ashlee – Gungahlin General Practice
- Alahna – National Portrait Gallery
- Ella – Little Learning School (rolling placement)
- Kirsten – RPH radio station (rolling placement)

Work experience has allowed these students the opportunity to understand the requirements, challenges and joys of the industry of their choosing. Below is a recent picture of James on work experience at Pushy’s in Fyshwick. James worked long hours, gained an understanding of how a business runs, improved his customer service abilities and gained better understanding of bike mechanics. Great work James!

The WEX department is currently finding it challenging to place students in building trade areas. If you or someone you know would be willing to host a student for a WEX placement for a week, we would love to hear from you at caroline.knoke@ed.act.edu.au.

All students undertaking trade placements have their White Card and Asbestos Awareness Certificate already. Particular areas of need include plumbing, carpentry, landscaping and electrician placements.

Once again, if you have any work experience or careers related enquiries please feel free to contact us on 62058921.

Caroline Knoke and Steve Hardy

Year 9 Jamberoo Trip

If you are attending the Year 9 trip to Jamberoo in Week 10, you need to make sure you have returned the MEDICAL and SWIMMING ABILITY forms. You will not be allowed to attend if you have not returned both of these. Spare copies are available at the Fishbowl.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Languages at Amaroo

MULTICULTURAL DAY - A great success!
Thank you to everyone for their efforts on Multicultural Day! It was a great success and we raised more money than we ever have before – over $3000! A huge thank you to all of the staff, students and parents who ran stalls on the day.

![Staff Awards](image)

French

**Year 3 French**: In Year 3, we are learning from the French learning cartoon, Muzzy. The students are fascinated with the wonderful characters and are excited to hear so many of the words and phrases we have learnt in class being used in the cartoon!

**Year 5 French**: Our Year 5 students have finished their unit on classroom objects and we have been playing some fun revision games. We are also beginning to learn the words for the days and months.

**Year 6 French**: Often the work we do in French ties in with other curriculum areas. Learning how to tell the time in another language – and another culture – has been somewhat of a challenge, especially getting used to using the 24-hour clock. There are some great on-line activities we have accessed on the interactive white-board to help practise telling the time, talking about days and dates and what activities we do at those times.

**Year 7 French**: The students have enjoyed working on a number of activities to help them describe their house and their bedroom. They have produced some excellent portfolio pieces using language that has included prepositions to indicate location of different objects. It has been interesting to discover what some of the students keep in their rooms!

**Year 8 French**: Cultural appreciation is the order of the day. We have had some interesting discussions about the relative merits of the Impressionist school of painting that began in Paris towards the end of the 19th century. Students are learning about the use of colour, light and texture, with the aim of eventually being able to produce their own artwork in the Impressionist style.

**Years 9/10 French**: It’s been a very busy couple of weeks for many of the students in the Year 9 and 10 French class. Our stall for Multicultural Day sold delicious croissants and crêpes, with the most popular accompaniment to the crêpes being chocolate sauce and whipped cream. Every purchase came with a free moustache the students had prepared in advance, some of them giving up their lunch breaks prior to the day to ensure we had plenty.

Last week, a group travelled to Le Très Bon Cooking School and Restaurant in Bungendore where they learned about the history of French gastronomy and the principal of terroir, participated in some restaurant role-plays, and of course enjoyed some delicious food including steak-frites, navarin d’agneau, crêpes suzette and mousse au chocolat.
Visit to the Australian War Memorial with French President, Francois Hollande, and Australian Prime Minister, Tony Abbott.

On Wednesday 19 November, Amaroo School was invited to send a delegation of students to a special tree-planting ceremony at the Australian War Memorial. Harry P, Grace U, Tanisha J, Dinky V, Jenny A and Emily C in Years 9 and 10 were lucky enough to see French President, Francois Hollande, and Australian Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, planting a French Oak in the grounds of the Memorial, using soil from the French town of Villers-Bretonneux, where many Australian soldiers fought and died during World War I. Afterwards, the students got to test their French skills by speaking to Monsieur le President, and also meeting our Prime Minister. This group of six students were outstanding ambassadors for Amaroo School, and were chosen for this privilege due to their recent overseas excursion to France and Belgium on the Amaroo School French trip, during which they visited Villers Bretonneux and other significant areas of the Somme.
Japanese

Japan Trip 2015 – The trip is going ahead!
We have 15 students who have paid their deposits for Japan so the trip is going ahead!
All parents who have paid the deposit for the trip should have received an email from Kiraly Middleton confirming their child’s placement on the trip. We are very excited to continue planning this overseas excursion!

Year 4 Japanese: Year 4 Japanese students have started learning hiragana, the first set of Japanese characters with short mnemonic stories and songs with the program “Hiragana in 48 Minutes”. They are all excited that they can finally write real Japanese script! Please ask them how they are going. We will also begin learning common classroom phrases as we move towards a more immersion-style classroom in Year 5!

Year 5 Japanese: Year 5 have started learning the hiragana symbols and have been applying these in reading and writing of Japanese animal names and colours. They have demonstrated some beautiful and neat script writing. Ask your child to show you!

Year 6 Japanese: Students are researching Festivals from different regions of Japan. They are making a short promotional presentation of their festival. They are really interested to learn about this unique part of Japanese culture!

Year 7 Japanese: Year 7 students have been researching the different Japanese foods and restaurant types. They are currently producing their own menus for a specialty Japanese restaurant. Yum!

Year 8 Japanese: Year 8 has been researching for a group quiz presentation. Students are to come up with interesting Japanese related questions and challenges for their classmates in their quiz to be presented in week 9

Year 9/10 Japanese: Congratulations to all the students on a fantastic stall at Multicultural Day! We raised nearly $500. It was a team effort and I was really proud of the whole class. In our lessons, we are currently finishing our unit on “time” in Japanese and studying kanji in preparation for next year.

Library

It’s the time of year to thank our students, staff and families who have supported our wonderful school library this year. Can you believe we have loaned out over 26,000 books to students, parents and carers and over 17,000 resources to staff. We are excited next year to be able to add Kobo ereaders for middle and senior students to borrow and access for students to ‘Overdrive’ ebooks and audiobooks which can be downloaded on home computers and devices. We will also have access to World Book e books and World Books online and ‘Early Years of Learning’ online resources. Stay tuned for further details during Term 1.

All books need to be returned this week, so we would be grateful if your children can check at home and in their classroom and school bags for overdue books. If an item is lost, please send a note into your child’s class teacher.

Don’t forget to check LOST PROPERTY before the end of the school year!

Chess

The annual Amaroo Chess Championship will be held on Thursday 4 December in the school hall. This event is eagerly awaited by chess fans across Years 4-10 and this year promises to be another exciting competition! Students will play 5/6 individual matches to determine who will take out the top positions. Trophies will be awarded for-
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th (with 1st place getter’s name on the perpetual trophy)
- Highest scorer in each year group
- Highly commended
- Perfect score

Thank you to Mr Shaun Press who will once again officiate on the day.

Students in Year 4 and 5 have been enjoying the sunshine with outdoor chess this week! Students are playing in teams in a 10 minute lightning match! There have been some very intense moments!

A play-off between the top 4 teams will take place in Week10.

Checkmate!
Sport

We have had an active term in PE lessons with many classes participating in minor games recently, combining a range of sports and modified games. Primary students have been participating in a range of class games refining gross motor skills and incorporating teamwork. Senior students have been experimenting with modifying the rules of favourite team sports, and enjoying the changing dynamics of these game situations.

We are very excited to announce an upcoming opportunity for next year. The 2015 Weetbix Kids TRYathlon is an event for school students ages 7-15. It is all about promoting an active and healthy lifestyle, and combating the challenges of childhood obesity and mental health. This national event will be held in Canberra on 15 February 2015 with registrations closing on 1 February. Your child may have brought a brochure home with more information. The early bird registration closes on 7 December.

Congratulations to some of our students who have had some outstanding personal achievements this term. From tennis, to gymnastics, to cricket, we are very proud of our students who have represented Amaroo School, especially displaying our values of excellence and inclusion. If students have personal achievements in their sporting field outside of school, please let Mrs Percival know to announce at assembly and recognise in our newsletter.

Primary Sport

Well done to the Amaroo School Orienteering Team who came 4\textsuperscript{th} out of 10 schools in the Primary Championships last week.

Special Congratulations to Cayleigh who placed 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Ashleigh and Arwen who both took out 3\textsuperscript{rd} place.

Amaroo School Bands

Our Bands, as always, have been working hard for various performances. The stand out for the term is for our Year 6 IMP Band who performed at the IMP’s annual Bandstravaganza for their graduation from the IMP Program. It was a wonderful evening and the students enjoyed it very much, and were in awe of the ACT Senior Concert who have recently returned from Japan. Year 5 IMP band had their final combined band practise and demonstrated how much they have improved. Our concert band performed their final concert at the Amaroo Summer Concert, and our beginner band had an open rehearsal.

I have notes regarding arrangements for Concert and Beginner Bands for 2015. Please see me if you are interested in playing or already play) a concert band instrument and are in Years 5-10.

All instruments need to be returned by the end of next week or early in Week 9 as Week 10 is very short. Please ensure they are cleaned.

Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to a productive 2015!
Defence News
KidSMART certificates

During the Week 5 sector assemblies, the Defence students who successfully completed the DCO run KidSMART course were recognised. Apart from becoming better equipped to make friends and knowing how to be a good friend to others, these students were also congratulated for being great representatives for Amaroo School. Well done!

Military Kids’ Recognition medallions and certificates

Two of our brave students are currently looking after Mum while their Dad is deployed overseas. In recognition of this bravery, Madelynne and Hunter were each awarded a special certificate and medallion. A special message from their Dad was also read to them in front of the assembly to recognise sacrifices that families make during deployments. This was a very proud and touching moment for the children, parents and teachers!

Gungahlin College Defence Familiarisation

In preparation for their transition to College, a group of Year 10 Defence students attended a ‘Defence Familiarisation’ day at Gungahlin College. The students had the opportunity to take a more detailed tour of the school with the Defence Transition Mentor of Gungahlin College and look at the school with a focus on student welfare. It was a great day and students had the opportunity to form some new friendships with Defence students from other feeder schools.

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Operation Christmas Child/ Samaritan's Purse

News just in: The first of the 25 boxes made and packed by year 5 is on its way to Vanuatu to bring joy to a child in need this Christmas. It is full to bursting with messages of goodwill, handmade finger puppets, loom band bracelets, a marble bag, toys, clothes and practical presents for hygiene and school. Thanks to year 5 for all their help and Ellen in year 9 for donating 25 beautiful beanie bears!

Thanks also to all the students who proposed ways to spend our Fathers’ Day funds. Our winning entry was from Annie, Jade and Teeghan. Through Samaritan’s Purse, Amaroo School has now helped prevent human trafficking and slavery, bought a vegetable garden and 4 chickens to provide food and income, provided 2 ceramic filters for a portable supply of safe drinking water, a toilet for hygiene and school supplies for a student in need - $338 in all.

Deb Horscroft
Amaroo School Chaplain

Chaplaincy

Many thanks to the P&C and the many staff who have expressed their support of our School Chaplain, Deb Horscroft, during these uncertain times regarding the ongoing Chaplaincy program in ACT public schools. Our chaplain is an integral part of our Pastoral Care Team here at Amaroo, and can often be a first contact for parents or staff concerned about their students. She has a background in mental health, disability support and psychology. In her 7 years at Amaroo, Deb has offered individual support, facilitated groups, promoted charitable endeavours and comforted students in crisis. The 20 September Gungahlin Craft Fair provided the necessary funds to keep our chaplaincy program going until the end of this year, and should make up the shortfall of government funding for next year also. But this funding is not yet allocated, and Amaroo must apply again to retain our Chaplain.

Schools have been given a Monday 8 December 2014 deadline to apply for the new round of Chaplaincy funding, which does not leave a great deal of time for consultation. For this reason, if you would like to have your say, please email Richard Powell before this Friday 5 December. Involvement with the Chaplaincy program is entirely voluntary and any parent or student may choose not to seek its services.
No Interest Loans
Now available for your child’s schooling requirements

Do you have children at school and live in the ACT/Queanbeyan region and your income is $60,000 or less per year? If so you may be eligible to apply for a No Interest Loan to purchase items for your child’s schooling requirements.

What can be purchased with a No Interest Loan?
- School /book packs
- Laptops/computers/tablets
- Mobile phones
- School uniforms
- Sporting uniforms /equipment
- Musical instruments
- Tools of trade for apprenticeships
desks/office chairs/printers
- household furniture/whitegoods
- Car repairs/tyres

What is NILS?  
NILS is Australia’s largest microfinance program offering loans to people on low to middle incomes. Loans provide access to credit to purchase new items without any fees, charges or interest payments or credit checks. Care Inc. has been providing NILS in the Canberra community since 1997.

Loan amounts are up to $1,500 max and are for new items only and NOT available for school fees, camp fees, bills, existing debts, or car rego.

For more information on NILS including the eligibility criteria and application process visit www.carefcs.org or to speak to a NILS officer call Care’s office during office hours on 6257 1788.
Being a parent is the hardest job we’ll ever have.
All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT is a confidential, anonymous telephone counselling and information service
Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager’s behaviour.

Parentline ACT.
Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.
Phone: 6287 3833

Amaroo School Classes for 2015
We are currently looking at enrolment numbers for 2015. We ask all parents whose children may be attending a different school in 2015 to fill out the form below. This feedback is extremely important to us as we need accurate figures to plan effectively for next year. Please return this form to the Front Office.

PLANNING FOR 2015
To assist us plan classes and staff for 2015, please complete the slip below if your child/ren are NOT returning in 2015

| Name: __________________ | Class: __________ |
| Name: __________________ | Class: __________ |
| Name: __________________ | Class: __________ |

Will NOT be returning to Amaroo in 2015 (Please tick reason listed below)

- Moving to another ACT Government school [ ]
- Moving to another ACT Non-Government School [ ]
- Moving Interstate [ ]
- Moving Overseas [ ]
- Other ________________________________
You are invited to attend the Year 7 Production of ‘Aladdin in Hollywood’.

The show will be in the Onyx Theatre on Wednesday 12 December from 6pm – 7.30pm.

The original script was written collaboratively by Tim Sinclair and the Year 7 Drama students. This show is the culmination of a semester’s scripting and rehearsing and will be a wonderful showcase of their work. Singing, dancing and crazy laughs, the show is for the whole family.

We hope you can make it. Entrance is a gold coin donation.

If you have any questions please contact Tim Sinclair (Music/Drama) 02 6205 2808

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Aladdin in Hollywood

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NDIS Information Evening for Students in Year 7 - 12

A representative from the National Disability Insurance Agency will present an outline about the processes involved in transitioning to the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Representatives from Disability Education will also attend the evening to answer any questions you may have from a school perspective.

Where: Lyneham High School Library - Goodwin Street Lyneham
When: Wednesday 10 December – 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Who: Parents, carers and interested staff of students in Year 7 – 12
(An information evening for students in Preschool – Yr 6 will be held early 2015)
If you have any questions about this evening please contact Kyrie Douch at Disability Education on 62052714 or kyrie.douch@act.gov.au

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Saver Plus

Join Saver Plus by 31st December and match your savings up to $500 for education costs.
To find out more call or SMS 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

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Enrolments for Phase 5 are closing

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Summer Intensive French courses

Learning French is so much fun!
*Two weeks from the 12th to the 23rd of January*
*Snack included!*

Pre-kind, Kindy & Children: Tuesday to Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30am.

**Teens:** Monday to Friday from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.
You can enrol online, by telephone on 6247 5027, or better still drop in for a visit.

Alliance Française de Canberra
66 McCaughey Street, Turner ACT 2601
enquiries@afcanberra.com.au

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Pro Tennis Hits Canberra

Canberra Velocity is hosting 2 rounds of the Asia Pacific Tennis League on the 6-7th December at the Canberra Tennis Centre, Riggall Pl, Lyneham. The matches will feature internationally ranked tennis players with the team playing at 1pm Saturday and 10am Sunday. There will also be community activities from 10am-2pm each day including the Australian Open Trophies (Saturday only), Hit the target competitions, speed serve, and ANZ Tennis Hot Shots. Entry and all activities are free.

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*Tennis Holiday Camp*

Gold Creek Country Club
Curran Drive, Nicholls

**Dec 15th–19th, Jan 12th–16th, Jan 19th–23rd, Jan 27th–30th**

All ages and standards welcome (ages start from 4 years and up)

**Contact** Head Coach Robert Jamieson
0432 118 204 or csot@grapevine.com.au

*Your serve of summer fun!*
FREE ASTHMA RESOURCE PACK FOR CHILDREN

Are you the parent or carer of a child aged between 3 years and 6 years diagnosed with asthma?

Are you a resident in the Australian Capital Territory or Queanbeyan, New South Wales?

Are you interested in resources to help your children understand asthma and encourage them to take their medication?

The ACT Asthma Support Network has 200 Asthma Resource Packs for Children to give away to parents and carers who are willing to complete a short survey about the resource. Packs contain a copy of the Asthma Peeps children’s picture book “The Trouble with Bear Hugs” and a sticker pack, as well as an Asthma Australia Control Pack. For more information, and to register for your free pack, please visit:

www.asthmasupportnetwork.org/childrensresourcepack

Or call 02 6282 4186 for more information
Offer Closes: 31 December 2014

For families who do not wish to participate in the survey, the resources are available to purchase at the RRP of $6.50 (Trouble with Bear Hugs picture book) and $9.50 (sticker pack) plus postage.
## Community News

Amaroo School does not necessarily endorse the products or services advertised.

**Please see more after school services for students and families and other items of interest in our Parents biz Directory through our Amaroo School App through your App Store on your mobile device**

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<td>Drawing, painting, sculpture, and lots of other fun projects to develop skills and confidence in our young creatives. <strong>Ages 10-16.</strong> Email or call Antoinette for more info. <a href="mailto:antoinettekarsten@hotmail.com">antoinettekarsten@hotmail.com</a> Mob: 0422693546</td>
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Choice of 9 Weekly Classes 5 – 19 years  
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Sunday Afternoon and Tuesday Evenings | Classes at Amaroo School.  
All enquiries  
Phone 0414 898 888  
www.nationaltaekwondo.com.au |
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Our Children’s program offers a professionally designed age-specific curriculum that has been especially developed to teach children in a fun and enriching way. | For more details contact Krisha Jilson on:  
Phone: 0403-158833  
Email: canberrabollywood@bigpond.com  
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Registration essential to secure a spot. Email canberrabollywood@bigpond.com  
- Kids 3 –6 years - 3 to 4 pm  
- Adults & Kids 7 + years - 4 to 5 pm  
Venue – Amaroo School dance studio. | For sales and orders please contact:  
**Butterfly Wicks**  
Shane Weise  
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Butterflywicks@iinet.net.au |
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Action Tae Kwon-Do has children only classes so that your children are taught relevant skills in a safe environment. These children classes are for children aged 5 -12 years of age. |
| Action Tae Kwon-Do  
After progressing through our children’s program the children will have the required skills to join our adults program.  
Classes at Amaroo School  
Call Paul for information 0414 898 888 |   |