Dear Parents and Carers,

School finishes for 2014 at 3pm Wednesday 17 December and we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season. This year has been another very successful year for Amaroo School and the learning achievements of our students are outstanding. We look forward to seeing all our students and staff back safe and well in 2015.

Academic Awards Evenings

Last Thursday night we held our Academic Awards night and they were well attended. The evening celebrates the excellent achievements of many of our students. Amaroo School acknowledges and thanks families of our school for their support, students can only excel in their learning when they are supported by both home and school. In conjunction with the Academic Awards night we held our Amaroo Creative Minds Exhibition. The quality of work and pride students take in producing their best ensures we always have a great exhibition.

Careers/Work Experience Achievements.

In summary Amaroo School has participated in:

- 62 work experience placements for 56 students. These have ranged from 3 days to several weeks, with some students undertaking rolling ongoing placements. Popular occupations have included Defence, health and childcare/early childhood education placements. Casual employment and a traineeship have been offered to students upon completion of some placements.
- 3 ASBAs at Certificate 2 level or higher. Of these, 2 will continue into college.
- 4 different FLO programs with 10 participating students. Most notably, the partnership with Harrison School in the Certificate 1 in Building and Construction (Well Station Project) which has been a pilot program was largely successful.
- 1 student undertaking the GRAPES program with Master Builders Association
- 12 students have successfully obtained their white card and asbestos awareness certificates.

A big thanks to Caroline Knoke, Steve Hardy and Karen Duncan for all their efforts.

Student Achievements

Hafsa from Ms Thakur’s Year 7 class has written a beautiful poem. Hafsa has written about the relationship between wolves and the moon and why they howl. She has captured some real magic in her poem. Excellent work.

Satinder, Emily and Joanna from Ms Boate’s Year 4 class have designed and made a solution and a problem picture. Depending on the angle from which you look at the picture, you see either the problem or the solution. What brilliant work.

Michigan, Ryan and Henry from Ms Jubb’s Year 9 history class have created a great computer war quiz game on WW1. The boys have combined gaming technology with their study of the war and created a fun way to learn. The game is clever and shows excellent application to learning.

Ava and Prinon from Ms O’Connor’s Year 2 class have written great persuasive arguments. They have argued that food at our school canteen should be free. The students gave their arguments lots of thought and came up with some excellent well-presented points. Great work.
Expressions of Interest – Canteen Positions

The Amaroo School P&C Association is seeking expressions of interest for employment as canteen staff commencing Term 1, 2015. Expressions of interest are invited for the positions of Canteen Staff (several rostered positions) and Canteen Manager. Pay and conditions for these casual positions are in accordance with the Fast Food Industry Award 2010. To express your interest in these positions please contact the P&C via e-mail to:

allstarscanteen@gmail.com and check out the P&C’s Facebook page for updates.

BYOD (Bring your own device) information for 2015.

For 2015 BYOD (Bring your own device) information please go to our Amaroo School website www.amaroos.act.edu.au or the link provided below:


Defence Families

Farewell parties were held for all departing Defence students last week. You will all be missed and it was great getting to know you all throughout the year. Best wishes to all departing students and their families. Also season’s greetings to one and all! We look forward seeing you again in 2015.

Lost Property

Don’t forget to pop into the library before the end of term to check for lost lunchboxes, jumpers, shirts and hats. Any items without names will go to charity at the end of the school year.

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