Dear Parents and Carers,

The following is some information for the beginning of the 2017 school year.
Amaroo School start and finish times: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Preschool

First day of Preschool for students in Bural, Winyu, & Bunduluk: Monday, 30 January 2017
First day of Preschool for students in Kagu, Dyurra & Mundawari: Thursday 2 February 2017

Preschool commences Monday 30 January 2017 and will be on an odd/even split week attendance process. This means your child will be at pre-school for 5 days each fortnight. Please refer to the calendar in your Preschool Information Handbook which was given out at the Play and Chat sessions back in December or contact the Front office if you require further information.

Kindergarten

First day for Kindergarten students: Monday 30 January 2017

8:45am - 9:00am: Our early childhood staff will greet you at our hall (near the Canteen). As you enter, each child will receive a name badge and a coloured balloon indicating their class.
9:00am - 9:15am: We will have a short 15 minute introduction assembly to welcome our Kindergarten students. Teachers will be clearly identifiable within the hall for students and families to locate at the end of the assembly.
9:15am - 9:30am: Children will follow their teachers to their classrooms. You are welcome to accompany your child to class and stay with them until formal classes begin at 9:30am.
9:30am: You are invited to join our guided tour of the school or head to our library for morning tea. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the other parents of our kindergarten students.
3pm: Students can be collected from their classrooms.

Years 1 to 6 & Years 8 to 10

First day for Years 1-6 & Years 8-10: Tuesday 31 January 2017

8.30-9:00am: Students collect their name tag, which will include their class for 2017, from outside the following buildings:

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<th>Years 4 - 6: Upper promenade</th>
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<td>Junior Terrace</td>
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<td>Year 6 outside GLA 110</td>
<td>Once students have a name tag they move into the Gym for assembly.</td>
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9am: Years 1-6 Proceed straight to classrooms.

Year 7

First day for all year 7 students: Monday 30 January 2017
9am Assembly – onyx theatre
All year 7 – Onyx Theatre followed by SECONDARY SECTOR mini timetable day to meet each teacher.
9.30 AmCares
10am Line A
10.30 Line B
11am B1
11.30 Line C
12pm Line D
12.30 Line E
1pm Line F
1.30 BBQ lunch provided
2pm Line G
2.30 AmCares
3pm End of day

New students to the school in Year 8,9,10

First day for new students in 8,9,10: Monday 30 January 2017 (9 – 11am only)

9-11am
9am Assembly – onyx theatre
9.30 – Unakite with Year Coordinator

Stationery and equipment
Having the right equipment for your child to engage in their learning is essential. Book lists are available from the Front Office or from the School’s Website www.amaroos.act.edu.au and products may be ordered online through Office Max or purchased from local stationery outlets. Book pack items for all students from Year 7-10 have been minimised as far as practicable with the full introduction of our school BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy in 2017. Students require basic stationery and equipment for them to keep track of written work, graph paper, pens and pencils. Please ensure your child has all the items as required.

BYOD
Phase three of the 3 year ICT Action Plan for Amaroo School continues in 2017. As a result, we are asking parents to invest in a Google Chromebook for your child if they are in Year 4 to 10 in 2017. Google Chromebooks are an excellent and affordable example of a cloud based computing device that Amaroo School has researched, invested in and are continuing to use. This device meets all the needs and demands of a truly 21st century learning environment at Amaroo School. Chromebooks are fast, portable computers that give students access to the Web’s rich educational tools and resources and can almost always be fixed here at school. We also believe that Chromebooks offer far and away the best value for money for our community. Chromebooks are the device of choice for Amaroo School and can be purchased through the book pack order.

Car Park
Our car park is very busy. There is extensive parking available at the rear of the school off Horse Park Drive (Please note back of school grounds gate closes at 3:30pm daily). If you do use the school’s car park please obey the 5km speed signs, no parking signs, no stopping signs and designated disabled parking signs. Park in bays only and please do not drop off or pick up your children at our pedestrian crossings.

Facebook, Twitter and Amaroo App
Amaroo School has a Twitter and Facebook page. Please Like our page to keep up to date with relevant school achievements. You can also download our free Amaroo App via google play store which will allow you to receive our newsletter, provide absentee notifications and notes as well as receive other important school based information.

School Newsletter and Website
The school newsletter is emailed to parents and published on our school’s website (www.amaroos.act.edu.au) each Friday, under the heading “Our School” with a drop down to the newsletter. A link is also provided to our Amaroo School App. Our website also contains our school policies as well as further information important to your child’s education.

Gai Beecher
Principal