Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

This week’s rule of the week is ‘Be a learner by participating in class’. I have spoken to the students about what it means to be a learner here at Ambrose State School and also what it means to participate. I encourage all students to know that it is ok if you don’t know the answer to something all the time. It is ok to make mistakes, as through this we learn.

Next Monday Mr Anton Guinea and Mr Luis Arroyo (Gladstone Regional Council & Start Up Gladstone) will commence work with our Yr 5/6 class and Mr Williams. Ambrose State School has been very fortunate to be running an Early-Preneur program which has been sponsored by FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) ANZ and APLNG. The program will be a pilot program to work through any issues before offering the program to other schools in the area. Ambrose is very lucky to have been successful in its bid to host the program. The focus on the program will be around Business and Design and Technologies. A focus will be around small groups of students working together to design, build and market a product that will benefit the Ambrose community.

Next Tuesday, 6th February, Ambrose State School will have its parent/carers Meet and Greet information sessions, followed by our badge presentation for our 2018 School Leaders and Student Council Representatives. After the presentation, I would like to host an information session around what the school aims to achieve with the students. The evening commences at 5pm at the school. I am hoping that parents can attend as the information that will be shared will be very important for the remainder of the year.

Leadership Camp will be running from the 14th – 16th Feb. This will be an amazing opportunity for all our year 5 and 6 students to experience North Keppel Island and learn some very important skills to assist them all as leaders of the school. More information will be sent out shortly for parents.

**Key dates Term 1**
- 2nd Feb – Swimming commences
- 6th Feb—Meet and Greet
- 5th Feb – Early Preneur 5/6
- 14th—16th February: Leadership Camp North Keppel Island, Year 5&6.
- 23rd February: School Performance Tours.
- 7th March: School Photos.
- 12th & 13th March: School Review.
- 29th March: Term 1 concludes.

Ambrose State School will also have its full school review this term. On the 12th and 13th of March, a panel of state school reviewers will come to the school to work with the staff and students to review the school and its current practices and make recommendations as to what is needed to put into place here at the school as it
prepares to create our Quad-annual School Plan – this will be a four year learning plan that will drive the school’s direction. Part of the review process requires panel members interviewing some parents. If you are interested in doing this, please let me know as feedback from parents is vital to the plan and I can make informed decisions around what is needed to improve the school in the future.

**Homework** – In 2018 homework will consist of three areas – 1. Teacher driven 2. Literacy Planet and Mathletics 3. Reading. I once again strongly urge all parents to engage with their children daily in reading together. This can be anything – a magazine, a website, a book, an article, a graphic novel, a manual etc. To ensure the success of our Ambrose students, we strive to embed and foster a genuine love of learning through reading.

**Attendance** – In 2018 our target for attendance is 95%. Our aim is to have every student succeeding in their learning. Research clearly shows that every day spent at school increases our Ambrose student’s capacity to learn. I ask that you support the school strongly with this across 2018. Because of better attendance we now have students who have had their grades improve. Please support us to support your children.

Current Attendance for Ambrose State School:-
Prep – 100% Well Done Prep!!
Year 1 – 100% Well Done Year 1!!
Year 2 – 100% Well Done Year 2!!
Year 3 – 100% Well Done Year 3!!
Year 4 – 100% Well Done Year 4!!
Year 5 – 95%
Year 6 – 98%
Whole School – 96% Well Done Ambrose – Keep it up!!
Every Day Counts!!

Finally I ask that if you have any concerns about anything at all please come and see me as I believe that only through working together can we help our Ambrose State School students achieve and be 100% successful at school.

Have a safe week.
Andrew Collis
Principal.

**Student Council**
The students have voted for who they would like to represent them on the Student Council. The successful candidates are:
Yr 1: Noah Shields, Tahli Westwood
Yr 2: Katie Mosk
Yr 3: Archer Peart
Yr 4: Hayley Fagg
Yr 5: Eliza Prior, Alexandra Hiron
Yr 6: Niessa Newton
These students will be receiving their badges at the Meet and Greet evening held on 6th Feb. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Dental Van**
The dental van will be coming to Ambrose State School in March. If you have not completed a dental form (they were sent out last year) they are available from the school office.

**Bookclub**
Attached to today’s newsletter is Issue 1 of bookclub. Please return your bookclub and money or complete your order online by using LOOP by 9th February. If you have any questions about LOOP or bookclub in general, please contact Bookclub co-ordinator, Michelle Cameron on 4975 1802.

**Sports Notices**
Welcome to the 2018 Sporting Calendar. From time to time Trials information will be posted in our newsletter to give notice to students who may wish to participate in a wider variety of sporting events, outside of school sport. If your child is interested in trialling for any of the mentioned sports they need to notify Mrs Robinson (PE teacher). Mrs Robinson will then complete nominations for your child and provide the necessary paperwork for your child to participate.

Some coaching may be provided at school, generally taking place during lunchtime play.
If you have any queries about the 2018 Sporting Calendar please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Robinson or Mrs Ambrose Robinson at the school. Thank you for your interest.
Term 1 Trials in 2018 are always very busy. Just a reminder if you are trialling for any PC trials you must be available to attend the Cap trials. Here are some...

**SOCcer Competition**

SPORTSPOWER CHALLENGE- Girls / TOY WORLD CUP- Boys:
An Intra-School Soccer Competition for Port Curtis Primary Schools

**FOR:** Michael Hunt, Latissa Raffa (Boys Island SS) Will Sutton (Co-Convenor - R.Kook)

**TO:** All Primary Schools in the Port Curtis Zone

ATTENTION: Phys Ed Specialists & Soccer Coaches:

**FROM:** Michael Hunt, Latissa Raffa (Boys Island SS) Will Sutton (Co-Convenor - R.Kook)

"Dear colleagues,

Nominations are now open for the Boys and Girls soccer competitions.

The competitions are open to students in Years 4 to 6. Teams should be limited to a squad of fifteen, with the understanding that only eleven players may take the field at one time. Substitutions can occur throughout the match.

All games will take place at either Port Curtis Fields or Boyne Island SS Oval, please note games will take place on Monday afternoons. The first round of fixtures will take place on Monday 5th February, Week 3. All schools can expect approximately 5-6 games and can anticipate playing weekly during the competition. The last week is scheduled for Monday 12th March (Week 7) with Week 6 available to make up for weather postponements. Game times are 3:30pm, 5:30pm and 7:30pm.

The structure of the draw will depend on nominations but there is a minimum of 12 teams able to nominate in each competition. Receipt of nominations or joint teams may be used if required. Nomination fees to cover the cost of umpires and conveners will be from 2017 school funds. Team fee - $50.

The opening two rounds and semi finals from 2017 will be used to confirm the initial and final pools. The top two schools identified from the pool games will play off for the Cup. Each week the teams playing in the first games will be expected to help put up equipment (nets etc) and the teams playing last to help put it away.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Hunt, Latissa Raffa (Boys Island SS) Will Sutton (Co-Convenor - R.Kook)"

**PORT CURTIS SPORT**

**12 & UNDER TRIALS INFORMATION - BASKETBALL**

**SPORT:** Port Curtis Basketball (12 & under boys and girls) 2018

**FROM:**
- Boys Coach - Cliff Daley (Gladstone West SS)
- Girls Coach - Carol Devney (Central SS)
- Boys & Girls Managers - Latisha Raffa (Boys Island SS)

**SCHOOL:** Gladstone West State School (Ph: 4979 7333)

**TRIALS INFORMATION**

**DATE:** Thursday 8th February 2018

**VENUE:** Rev. Broome Basketball Stadium – Gladstone (near the PCYC)

**COMMENCEMENT TIME:** 9:00am (Boys) and 12:30pm (Girls)

**COMPLETION TIME:** 11:30am (Boys) and 3:00pm (Girls)

**PC Trial Information – Swimming**

**Manager:** Gretchen Baldwin - Tannum Sands SS

**Trial/age group:** 10 to 12 years (Born - 2008, 2007, 2006) and Multi class swimmers.

**Trial Date:** Paper nominations (on attached sheet) and print out from the club secretary are both due Thursday 8th February by 3:00pm. **We will not be accepting any late nominations due to the time constraints.**
Correspondence Book

There is a correspondence book located in the office if you would like to put something in to the newsletter or alternatively email it to clong125@eq.edu.au

STEM – Stripy Toothpaste

Last week Mr Williams asked the 5/6 class a question, “If you squeeze a striped toothpaste tube, how does the toothpaste still come out stripy?” We watched two videos of different ways the stripes come out. The first video showed sections, blue on one side, white in the middle and green on the other. The second video showed pockets of colour at the top of the tube so when the white gets pushed out it takes colours through the pin holes, making the stripes.

We were all intrigued to cut one open, so Mrs. Holborow kindly donated a tube of Colgate striped toothpaste. In class we cut it open and it was in sections. So next time you brush your teeth, think about how they get the stripes into the toothpaste.

By Nicholas Hiron and Zachary Pomeroy

Student of the Week

Prep/1 - Lacey Pittman Lacey is sensitive to the thoughts and opinions of her peers. She accepts the suggestions that others give and shows fairness when working in a group.

Go Lacey, you’re awesome!

Year 2/3 – Archer Peart Wow! Archer has demonstrated excellent leadership skills this week. He is modelling correct behaviours, offering help to others and providing great feedback during lessons. Well done Archer, you rock!!

Year 3/4 – Hayley Fagg For demonstrating exemplary behaviour towards her classmates and teachers in and out of the classroom.

Year 5/6 - Niessa Newton Congratulations on being our Student Council representative.

Ambrose Ambassador Awards

Be respectful by using your manners.

Prep/1 – Morgan.
Year 2/3 – Josh Curley.
Year 3/4 – Sarah Tankard.
Year 5/6 – Ty Pittman.

Pupil Free Day

During the pupil free days at the beginning of the term, all of the Ambrose State School staff participated in some team bonding and it turns out that Mrs Peart is really good at lawn bowls!
Chappy Chat

Charles Swindoll says “The longer I live, the more I realise the impact of attitude on life.”

He states - ‘Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home.’

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

It’s funny, as I am writing this article right now at home for the newsletter, my husband and son are replacing leaking taps in bathroom … only to find that none of the fittings we purchased fit correctly. (This is the 10% we have no control over). The other 90% is different, WE determine that!! #No water #been away all weekend #getting late #tea not started #washing half done in machine #cant have a bath #frustrated #going to be a late night! How we react and handle things will make a difference to the ending of this story!!!

Knowing and understanding the 90/10 principle… What changes will you make in your attitude to each situation that now arises? You will lose nothing if you try it. The result? Millions of people are suffering from undeserved stress, trials, problems and heartache. Understanding and applying this principle CAN change your life!!!

Remember, ‘Your only limit is YOU’
Love Chappy Mel

COMING SOON...

CHAPPYS CONNECT CLUB

C - Connect quietly
O - Over
N - Nifty board games
N - Numbers limited
E - Every Wednesday, 2nd break
C - Chill with Chappy
T - Time with friends
P&C membership brief overview
Our P&C meets once a month in the library at 3.30pm.

How to join:

1. Becoming a member is as easy as completing a quick form and returning it to the school office. Attend a P&C meeting for your membership to be approved. Note: you must be present at a meeting for your membership to be approved. The one exception to this is when memberships are presented at our AGM. If you can’t attend a meeting, you can send your form in before the AGM and it can be approved without your attendance.

What does it involve:

Becoming a member doesn’t mean you must attend every meeting or take on a role every year. It means you are part of a group of volunteers working closely with the school staff to provide enhanced learning opportunities for our students. You will have the opportunity to have a say if you wish on the P&C’s objectives. It is also a great way to get to know other parents and school staff, in addition to understanding the school’s focus and activities.

Meetings are very relaxed with a friendly atmosphere. Meetings include updates from our Principal on upcoming events as well as reports from our Treasurer and Fundraising Volunteers. There are plenty of opportunities for parents to ask questions or put forward their suggestions in a relaxed, team environment. The minutes from each meeting are generally emailed to all members.

Please feel welcome to attend our first meeting of the year on Monday 19th February at 3.30pm.

New School Uniforms
It has been great seeing so many students wearing the new school uniforms over the last couple of weeks. I would love to hear any feedback from parents/carers in regards to the new uniforms.

Thankyou
Marriannen Johnson
Uniform Co-ordinator

BUSH KIDS PLAYGROUP
Bush Kids Playgroup is held every Monday, 9:30am at the Ambrose State School.
For any inquires please contact playgroup coordinator Sam Tankard ph 49751730.
Playgroup president Lisa Rolph-Smith ph 0448800225.

Valentine’s Day Themed Cent Sale
The QCWA Ambrose Branch will host a cent Sale with a Valentine’s Day Theme at their Hall 36 Gentle Annie Road Ambrose on Wednesday Morning 14th February, commencing at 10.00 am.
Hoy Games will be played followed by the drawing of numerous Fantastic Value Prizes plus extras of a Lucky Door Prize and a Raffle.
A delicious and plentiful Morning Tea will be served and all patrons will receive a Token Of Thanks for coming along.
The Hall doors will open at 9.00am for a 10.00 am start and everyone is most welcome.
For more details please phone Karen on 0447 176 259

Get Started Vouchers
Round 11 of Get Started Vouchers opens on Wednesday 24 January 2018.
The program provides eligible children and young people aged 5 to 17 (inclusive) who can least afford to join a sport or recreation club with a voucher valued up to $150 for membership and/or registration fees. It should be noted that vouchers are issued on a first come, first served basis; therefore there is no guarantee that an eligible child or young/person will obtain a voucher.
Clubs can apply for registration for Get Started Vouchers at any time. Registration is valid for the entire program period so there is no need to register for each round.
Check out our great new videos on our Get Started Vouchers program. These are available via our website:
· Our Clubs video provides information on club eligibility, registration and redeeming vouchers
· Our How to apply video assist families with information on child eligibility and applying for a voucher
· Our video on how referral agents can help families with applying for a voucher.
You may also want to ‘like’ the Queensland Sport and Recreation Facebook page to keep up to date. We also have some great posts you can share with your affiliated clubs and associations.
Promotional materials can be used to advertise involvement. This is available at www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/promoting. More information about the program is available at www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.

Should you have any questions, please email getstarted@npsr.qld.gov.au.

Kareeba Scout Group - Sign on Day
Sunday 4th February, 10am to 1pm
Address: 21 Yaralla Street, Gladstone.
For all children from 6 years of age who enjoy making new friends and activities such as camping, hiking, abseiling, orienteering, learning first aid, geocaching, open fire cooking, learning survival or bush skills, rock climbing.
For more information, contact Peter (Group Leader)
Mob: 044 779 7100
email: kareebascouts@gmail.com

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Mount Larcom NDIS Information

Learn about the NDIS with LAC in Community
The National Disability Insurance Scheme is now available in Central Queensland. The NDIS is a
new way to support Australians with disability, and that means new opportunities and new things to
learn.

Carers Queensland is your NDIS Local Area Co-ordinator (LAC) Partner in the Community. At our
LAC in Community events at the Mount Larcom Library you can find out more about the NDIS,
how to get involved, and taking control of your support and your future.

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Contact Us
To find out more or discuss how the NDIS could work for you, call your Partner in the Community
Carers Queensland on (07) 4944 1610 or email gladstone.lac@carersqld.asn.au

Bush Kids Playgroup

BUSH KIDS PLAYGROUP
Invites you to the

Bush Kids Playgroup Community Disco
At the
Ambrose QCWA Hall
On
Friday 2nd March 2018
From
6:00pm to 9:00pm

All School Age & Under Children are Welcome
Parents MUST Sign Children IN & OUT of Disco at Door

Food & Drinks For Sale
Disco Games Including
Air Guitar Competition

For any enquiries or questions, please contact Sam on 49751730