

Giving Back this Christmas

When you look around our local Cairns Community it is evident that there are many folk who have very little. These people are often forgotten when we are dashing around the shops filling our trolleys with goods to help celebrate Christmas. This year we will be supporting 'Rosies' Charity who support the people sleeping on the streets of Cairns without a comfortable bed to go to each night.

On Friday Lyal Ford from Rosies, talked on parade about the needs of so many.

Next Tuesday 29 November, we ask our students to consider bringing a small gift of toiletries so that they can be distributed locally. By wrapping the gift in clear wrapping, volunteers from Rosies can distribute the gifts according to their clients needs.

It was wonderful to hear a report from a parent this week about their child who decided she didn't want anything for Christmas because they already had enough. We love her generous spirit and the thought of looking out for others ahead of herself.

Dance Fever Presentation

We are now well into our Dance Fever lessons and all of our students are learning new and exciting moves. Parents are welcome to come to the culmination Dance Fever event being held on the last day of school at 9am. You will not only enjoy our students' enthusiasm, you will see what they have learnt over the last ten weeks.

2017 Book Lists

We encourage families to check out our stationery and book requirements for next year. The Mount Sheridan Newsagent will stock all items for our convenience and will have an on-line ordering system available shortly.

Please note :

- We have requested the purchase of Protex brand exercise books this year. These books come with a heavy plastic cover eliminating the need to cover books.
- Younger students (P-1-2) are requested to buy 9" x 7" books whilst our older students are required to buy A4 books.



2017 Booklists
have been
distributed today



Student Leaders

Our Student Leaders are attending the School Leadership Day at Holloway's Beach today. Throughout the year they have organised many projects that have benefitted the environment, community and school. We thank them for their enthusiasm and the positive impact they have had on the school this year.

Orientation Day

New Prep students for 2017 will be visiting the school this Friday 25 November between 9am and 11am for their orientation in readiness for school in 2017. New students need to wear shoes and have a hat and morning tea with them.

Parents need to bring confirmed emergency contact details and outstanding enrolment forms including the child's birth certificate and immunisation records.

Students entering Year 7 at Gordonvale High have an orientation day this Friday 25 November. Parents need to make their own arrangements for transport and ensure students wear full Aloomba uniform with covered shoes and a hat. More information is available in the letter directly sent to parents from the high school.

Brenda Dingwall Care Package

Thank you to the many families who have given donations to a care package for Brenda.

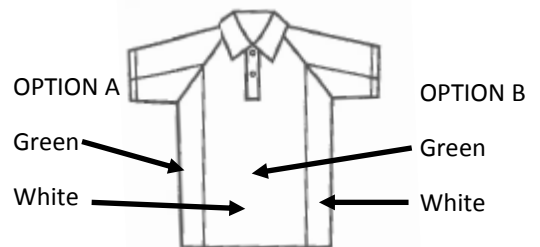
By providing Brenda with a lovely gift, we hope to share a little sunshine in her life, in this time of sorrow.

Uniform Shop

No uniforms will be sold in the last week of term. Monday 28 November is the last day to buy uniforms. Susan will come in on Friday 20 January at 9:00am if anyone wants uniforms before school commences.

Uniform Shirt—Have your say!

Our local suppliers are unable to make our uniform shirt and so we have to source another supplier and redesign the shirt. We are considering options so if you have a preference please indicate on the slip below and return to the office by this Friday. (Our timelines are tight)



Family Name.....
Our preference is

Option A Option B

Please return to the office by this Friday 25 November.

Book Covering Sessions

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.00am—10.30am for the next week. Please meet in the Library.

School Working Bee

Please join with us on Friday 2 December at 3pm to help get the grounds ready for our end of year activities and the long summer vacation.

Past Student Achievements

We love to share good news. This week we are looking at the achievement of many of our past students from Gordonvale High.

Academic Merit awarded to

- Year 7: Liam Casey, Kristen O'Shea, Blake Way
Year 9: Trent Barry
Year 10: Sara Curley, Dominique Godfrey, Reece Hind
Year 12: Jessica Allen, Sean Kelly

Academic Distinction awarded to

- Year 8: Alex Godfrey

Personal Excellence

- Year 7: Kristen O'Shea
Year 8: Alex Godfrey
Year 9: Trent Barry
Year 10: Sara Curley, Dominique Godfrey, Ella Bryan
Year 12: Jessica Allen, Alyssa Barry

Subject Awards

- Year 8: Alex Godfrey (Art & Mathematics)
Year 12: Alyssa Barry (Ancient History, English, Film, Television & News Media, Cert II in Creative Industries—Media)

Special Awards

- Alyssa Barry : National Citizenship Award, ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award, Caltex All Rounder Award
Sean Kelly: Des Trannore Memorial Prize for Senior Citizenship

Last Day of Tuckshop

Tuckshop will not be operating on the last day of school. The final day for Tuckshop is Friday 2 December.

Aloomba Christmas Concert

We would like all of our students to be at the school by 6.45pm for a 7pm start on Wednesday 7 December . Please inform your child's teacher if you are unable to make the evening.

Book Club Orders

Book Club orders were due back today. We thank all the families who supported this campaign. Our library will receive more resources as a result of your involvement.

Term Four Key Dates

Weds	From Oct 26	Swimming lessons P-2 for 6 wks
Fri	Nov 25	Prep Orientation Morning GSHS Orientation
Tue	Nov 29	RI Christmas Service
Wed	Nov 30	Brainiacs
Fri	Dec 2	P & C Working Bee
Tue	Dec 6	Swimming Carnival
Wed	Dec 7	Christmas Concert
Fri	Dec 9	Last Day of School 2016 Dance Fever Presentation

Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
25 Nov	Kari Moller Mandy Wienert	Wendy Tudehope Rachel Fairweather

Library Book Return

Library Books need to be returned to the school by Friday 25 November.

School Swimming P - 2 Swimming continues every Wednesday.— last lesson next week

Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 6 December, our whole school will go to Gordonvale Pool for a Swimming Carnival. We organise two buses to take them there and usually one bus returning. This is because a lot of children are collected at 2pm at the pool. If we only have to pay for one bus returning this is a huge cost saving for the students. Please indicate if you would like to collect your children from the Gordonvale Pool at 2pm on Tues 6 December by Friday 25 November.

Swimming Carnival Bus Survey

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FAMILY NAME.....

I will be collecting my children from the pool

My children will return to school on the bus

Signature.....