

With the last week of school for 2016 quickly approaching, we have been busy preparing for the year ahead. Last Friday we saw many fresh young faces attend school for the very first time at the Prep Orientation morning. We thank Susan O'Shea for coming in to sell uniforms to our new students.

Today was the last day of Religious Instruction for the year. We thank Janice Melvin, Nikki King, Hazel Thorne, Mary Willison, Jean Moseby and Merryl Hardwick who have faithfully given up their time to prepare and teach lessons every Tuesday.

The contribution of the amazing amount of toiletry items for 'Rosies' was very well received. Thank you to the families who made donations. This will certainly make a difference for people living on our streets in Cairns this Christmas.

Last week Activities

Tuesday 6 December

Swimming Fun Day

Cost: Free of charge Buses and pool entry
Buses will transport students to and from the pool. If you have indicated that you intend to pick your children up from the pool, please collect them by 2.00pm.
With your permission, children can also walk to a close destination but must wear shoes. Please supply a separate permission note to teachers if this is the case.

Program:

10.15am Morning Tea at School
Travel by bus to pool
Lunch at Pool (**BYO Lunch—please pack lots of food because they tend to get very hungry and a water bottle is essential**)
Note: Refrigeration is not available.

2.00pm Bus leaves for Alooomba School
Parents need to be at the pool to collect students being picked up from Gordonvale pool. (Students not picked up by 2pm will come back to school on the bus)

- ⇒ Parents can come along but keep in mind it is very hot sitting in the grandstands. Pre-school siblings must be strictly controlled. (The small pool is not available as we use both pools on the day.)
- ⇒ Please ensure all clothing and swimming gear is marked clearly with names. Sandals, not thongs, can be worn. Togs are not to be worn under uniforms.
- ⇒ The P –2 Swimming Lessons will not be on in the last week of school.

Wednesday 7 December

School Concert 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start

Please bring-

- ⇒ A fold up chair to sit on
- ⇒ Plate of finger food to share for supper
- ⇒ Water bottle for students

Please let us know if your child cannot attend the evening.

Thursday 8 December

Games Day

Prep to Year 4 students are welcome to bring board games (not computer games) to school and have a couple of fun sessions where the children play together.



Friday 9 December

Break Up Day Dance Presentation

On the last day of school for 2016, we will be having two Dance Presentations— Dance Fever and P.E. Basketball Dance. Commencing at 9.00am parents are welcome to watch the students showcase their dancing skills they have learnt over the last nine weeks. This presentation is expected to go for one hour. After the presentation, students will resume school activities.

Break Up Day Student Morning Tea and Lunch

Each student is asked to bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea and lunch.

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| Prep & Year 1 | Bite size pieces of fruit |
| Years 2/3/4 | Sandwiches, Quiche, etc. |
| Years 5 & 6 | Cakes, Slices |

Please bring food on a disposable plate or in a container that is clearly marked with your name.

If your child has special dietary requirements, please give them their own lunch bag.



Book Covering Sessions

Book covering sessions continue this Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00am—10.30am

School Working Bee

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

Last Day of Tuckshop

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

Thank you so much to the many volunteers who have helped throughout the year. This service not only makes a profit for the P & C, it also parents the opportunity to have a day off a week from making school lunches.

Narelle Henderson will be looking for volunteers early in 2017. Please let her know of your intention to help.

Brenda Dingwall Care Package

Through the generosity of the Aloomba School community have been able to give Brenda some very special treats to help her in her time of recovery. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Library Book Return

Outstanding Library books need to be returned to the school by tomorrow.

School Swimming P - 2

Our last swimming lesson will be tomorrow. Next Tuesday, all students will participate in the Swimming Fun Day.

Distribution of Christmas Treats and Invitations at School

No candy canes or lollies are to be given out by students at school. If students have cards, presents or invitations for others then all students in the class are to be included, not a select few. (otherwise distribute these outside of school). In the past we have had issues with those left out feeling very upset.

Booklists

Lost your Booklist? A copy is on the school website. The Mount Sheridan Newsagency will also have a copy.

Term 4 Dates

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 & basketball Dance Presentation

Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
2 Dec	Chandell van Rees Tammy St George	Tenielle Elms Sallyanne Wienert

2017 Term Dates

Term 1	Mon 23 Jan—Fri 31 Mar
Term 2	Tue 18 Apr—Fri 23 Jun
Term 3	Mon 10 Jul—Fri 15 Sep
Term 4	Tue 3 Oct—Fri 8 Dec

Garden Group Gets Started!

Thank you to the wonderful people that turned up for our first gardening group sessions. It was great to finally be pulling weeds and to share ideas for the future.

B&D landscape supplies, North Qld Arboricultural Service and **Cairns Mulch** have generously offered to supply soil and mulch to kick-start our first projects. Please reward our supporters by using them for your own garden projects.

The **BUSY BEE this Friday from 3pm** is for everyone.

Kids love being involved in caring for their school so come along (mulch forks very welcome) and let's blitz our beautiful grounds!

Brainiacs

Our Brainiac Team will be competing against other Babinda Cluster Schools tomorrow. We wish all the best as they test out their general knowledge skills.

Reports will be distributed on Thursday 8 December.