Farewell

The last week of school is a time of celebration as we farewell our Year Six cohort ready to begin their secondary schooling in high schools throughout Cairns and beyond. We take this opportunity to wish them well in future endeavours and we will hold onto many special memories that have been made throughout their schooling at Aloomba.

Congratulations to our departing Year 6 students:

Anna  Indy  Joseph
Micahel  Tiarni  Keelin
Billy  Sam  Jaida
Ethan  Amber  Daniel
Ella  Gracie  Ivy
Malcolm

We take this opportunity to thank our departing families for the valuable contribution they have made to our school. Many have given their time and resources over and above what any school community would expect. From working bees to fund raising activities and classroom help, we have been honoured to have you as part of our team.

Thank you to our departing families:

Stephen & Lisa Winters  Martyn & Ingrid Tilley
John & Lisa Doyle  Graham & Mandy Wienert
Sally-Anne Wienert & Donna McAuliffe
Gavin & Cassie Sackley  Brett & Beth Moller
Justin & Tenille Elms  Steven & Eileen Kenderdine

Christmas Greetings

The staff of the school wish your family a very safe and happy holiday over the Christmas period. May you enjoy time spent with family and friends. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Last week Activities

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 & parents

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.

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.

‘Rosies’ Gifts

We were pleasantly overwhelmed by the amount of beautiful gifts that were prepared for our students to donate to ‘Rosies’. It is encouraging to see our students thinking of others during the Christmas season. Thank you so much.

Carols in Norman Park—Gordonvale

Friday 9 December  5pm Markets  6pm Carols
**Book Covering Sessions**

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

**School Working Bee**

Thank you to the following families who helped out at the working bee last Friday.

Thank you to Cairns Mulch for their generous donation of 6m of superfine mulch that will be used for the replanting of an old garden bed.

**Tuckshop**

There will be NO TUCKSHOP this week.

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

Phone 0410561867

**Reports** will be distributed on Thursday 8 December.

**Brainiacs**

Our Brainiac Team (Ethan, Jaida, Joe, Keelin, Gracie, Christopher) competed against other Babinda Cluster Schools last Wednesday.

Our students got every one of the academic questions correct and we are very proud of their effort.

Thank you to Sally-Anne Wienert for her support in transporting our students to Babinda.

**Japanese Cooking**

Our students in Year 5 & 6 were treated to a Japanese meal as part of their Japanese lesson last Friday. We are so thankful for our Japanese teacher, Michelle Smith, for giving our senior students this special treat in their second-last week of school—another special memory for our Year 6 students.

**2017 Term Dates**

Term 1  Mon 23 Jan—Fri 31 Mar

**First Day Back**

Students need to have all their books ready for Day 1 as they are labelled and sorted on this day.

**Staff Movements**

We thank Debbie Anderson and Paul Simmons for very capably filling Brenda Dingwall’s shoes in her absence. It is always nice to have a new face amongst the staff and we really appreciate the work they put into making their lessons interesting and engaging. We look forward to welcoming Brenda back in the new year.

**School Watch**

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We need your help.

School Watch is a community based awareness and crime prevention program aimed at safeguarding schools against vandalism, theft and arson. We depend on students, parents and all members of the local community to:

**Look, Listen and Report...do not take any further action**

**School Mobile Phone**

OUTGOING CALLS ONLY

The school mobile phone is used to contact parents regarding student absences and activities. As it is not actively manned, please do not use the mobile phone as a way of contacting the school as the message may not get through.

**Booklist  Oops...we made a mistake**

The Year 2 Botany Book should be a Year 2 Protext 9”x7” Botany Book not Year 1 as listed on the booklist.

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