

Message from the Principal * Robyn Corbett * 12 July 2016

Parents, carers and family members are by far the most important influences on their children's lives. They can make a remarkable difference by supporting what their child learns at school.

During the school holidays, families are given a chance to break from daily routine and enjoy some new and different experiences that are not possible during the school term. It is always wonderful to hear the many stories from our students of the new knowledge gained by taking part in activities that were relaxing, fun and engaging over the holidays. A school holiday that is full of interest and activity helps students get back into the start of the new term.

This Term presents many new and exciting activities for our students.

Early in the term, some of our students and parents will join staff in completing a school opinion survey that helps us in understanding our strengths and weaknesses as a school and setting a positive direction for our school in years to come.

With our school surrounded by the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, our students will be given the opportunity to make an eco-art piece using recycled material and clean collected litter as part of their "Living Lightly" eco-art competition in July.

Our school will focus on public speaking as students in Years 4-6 prepare speeches in readiness for the School Speaking Competition and Calanna Speaking Competition being held in August.

School Performance Tours will also return in August to present "Ghana Beat my Drum" where students will be encouraged to participate through singing, dancing and drumming.

We will also be looking seriously at new enrolments for 2017. If you know of anyone in the catchment area that would like to have their children attend the school next year, please contact the office as soon as possible so we can follow this through.

It is not very often that students from Aloomba represent the Peninsula region in a sporting activity. (Twice in the last 15 years) We wish Gracie all the best as she heads off to Maryborough to compete against students from all over Queensland in the Cross Country Titles on July 17 & 18.

As student reports were distributed on the last day of Term 2, we encourage parents to contact their class teacher if you have any concerns.

We look forward to our students gaining a broad array of understandings and skills and make the most of their experiences inside and outside of the classrooms.

HOUSEKEEPING



We have a new school mobile phone—0427 723 925

We may contact you via this number if your child is absent from school without explanation. It is imperative to phone us before 9:00am, when we mark the rolls, to let us know about absences. This is to ensure every child is safe and it is vital that this is adhered to by all parents.

We may also send out bulk text messages for the P & C or school business.

Please do not contact staff via their personal mobiles for school business. Not only is it unreliable because of the lack of service connectivity, but staff do not check their phones during the day and after hours is not appropriate.

Update Contacts

Please ensure your phone numbers are up-to-date, including checking with those people who are your emergency contacts. Do not send text messages to staff as we do not check our mobiles during the day and often the service is unreliable.

Please phone the school for any after school pick up changes before 1:00pm if possible because after that time, staff are all teaching classes and cannot deliver messages.

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In the **2016 AUSTRALIAN KIDS & FAMILY READING REPORT™**, over 90% of kids aged 6-14 agreed that "My favourite books are the ones I have picked out myself". Book Club provides plenty of safe, age-appropriate choices!

Already this year we have been able to select \$553 worth of books from the Book Club Catalogues for the school library at no cost to the school. All thanks to the rewards we receive when parents purchase books through Book Club.

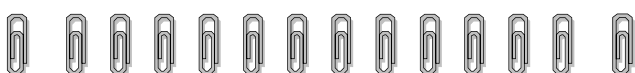
Thank you to all of our parents who have books at home, visit the library, give books as gifts and make reading an important part of every day. These simple steps help our children to succeed and thrive.



"Rags to Riches" Junior Trivia

We had a fantastic morning on the last day of Term with all of our students participating in our Junior Trivia morning. We thank Cathy Wienert, Zara Wienert, Ashleigh Sackley & Eden Moller for helping organise this morning.

The winning team : "Glamorous and Grubby"-
Indy, Marcel, Lilly, Max, Jemma, Daniel and Indi.



Election Day Success –

P&C Sausage Sizzle

It's official! The winner of the 2016 Federal Election is

'THE SAUSAGE PARTY'

We raised over \$800 that will be spent directly on students. It's a great result considering we weren't able to offer our much-loved cake stall.

Thank you to the following families for your hard work on the day:

Glen & Debbie Anderson, Erin Shawcross, Lachlan & Nadege Walker-Lacroix, Martin & Ingrid Tilley, Jocelyn Finden, Tammy St George, Paula and Kieren Fuller, Michelle Koenig, Kristina Cannon, Marin Haldane & Jim Newman. The children of these families really pitched in : serving sausages, selling squares, and helping packing up. Well done kids!

You sold about 15kg of sausages and 2 entire 100 boards.

Your efforts were especially welcome given the election was slap bang in the middle of the school holidays.

We'd also like to thank everyone that promoted the sausage sizzle to your family and friends and supported the stall.

Many of you enjoyed a warm sausage on a cool drizzly day, or a chance on the 100s board. Congratulations to all the lucky winners!



Term Three Key Dates

Fri	July 15	Mulgrave Track & Field
Thu	July 21	Wet Tropics Competition Close
Fri	July 29	School Opinion Surveys due
Tue	Aug 2	UNSW English Test
Fri	Aug 5	P & C Meeting
Thu	Aug 11	School Speaking Competition
Mon	Aug 15	Peninsula Track & Field
Tue	Aug 16	"Ghana Beat my Drum" School Performance Tour UNSW Maths Test
Tue	Aug 23, 30	Calanna Speaking Competition

Cairns Show Holiday

The Cairns Show Holiday is on Friday 22 July. We encourage parents to visit the show on this day so that students can make the most of learning opportunities on Wednesday and Thursday.



School Opinion Survey

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the Departments State School Division to obtain the opinions of parents/ caregivers, students and school staff about important aspects of schooling. The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they can improve.

Every family from the school will receive today information relating to the survey. We encourage as many families as possible to go on line with their response. Surveys are completely confidential with individuals unable to be identified.

Aloomba Ball Games

Thank you to the many parents who came along and watched their children participate.

The winning team : Behana

The competition between parents and students is always very entertaining with parents drawing on their past experiences to perform their best.

The winning team: Parents



New Junior Season
starts July 15
Meet, Greet & Have a Go
Free Sausage Sizzle
Minimum Age : 6

Alley Park, Gordonvale
Contact: Leanne 0409807285 or Clint 0429231075
gordonvaletouch@bigpond.com

Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
15 July	Tammy St George Elly Power	Lisa Atkinson Megan Shawcross

Instrumental Music

Our instrumental teacher will be away for the first two weeks of Term. Please do not bring your instruments to school on these days.

Are you interested in Come & Try Vigoro ?

Contact Jedess Hudson 0457684418



Marquee—Pyramid Race

Before we can commit to hiring out our marquee, we need to know if there are any generous folk (who perhaps aren't burnt out after Trivia) who can commit to help out with erecting the marquee in Gordonvale and dismantling it. This is worth \$430 fundraising for the P & C.

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Marquee Helpers Name: _____

- I can help : Friday 12 August 5:00pm
 Sunday 14 August 10:00am