

# Message from the Principal \* Robyn Corbett \* 26 July 2016

Our student leadership teams environmental action plan

## “ Care for Cassowaries”

hopes to raise awareness of the plight of one of our most loved Wet Tropics birds.



On Monday 22 August, younger students (P –3) will be given the opportunity to add to our ‘Care for Cassowaries’ wall by completing a colouring in. Older students will also be adding to the wall.

This will be followed by a “ Blue and Black” dress up day on Friday 26 August. All students will be asked to bring a gold coin donation for cassowary research and care. The Captains will also share some interesting facts and ask others to add to their interesting facts sheet.

## School Speaking Competition

This week the Year 5/6 class will start to present their speeches to their class. The Year 3/4 class will commence next week. We encourage students to continue practising at home in front of their families in preparation for the school speaking final and the Calanna Speaking Competition.

**School Speaking Competition Thu 11 August**

**Calanna Speaking Competition either Tues  
23 or 30 Aug**

## Creative Parent Wanted

Our flying fox play equipment is well used by our students. In the interest of safety, this equipment is only to be used by our taller students. To help students assess if they are tall enough, we would like a height indicator similar to the rides at theme parks.



If you have any creative ideas of how this can be done, or if you are willing to help make one, please see Irene Rooke.

## Great Pyramid Race and Country Fair August 13

Check out the details regarding the Under 18 1800m and 5 km Cross Country Race at [www.pyramidrace.com.au](http://www.pyramidrace.com.au)

## Aloomba’s Got Talent

Throughout each academic year we have a number of competitions and challenges that cover all curriculum areas. Aloomba’s Got Talent offers our students the opportunity to showcase their individual or group talent by performing in front of an audience. Students often spend considerable time and dedication preparing for this fun and rewarding event.

It’s now time to start thinking about your child’s involvement. Have they got a hidden talent that could be showcased?

Dancing.....Singing.....Skit.....Magician....Poetry.....  
Instrumental Music.... ..

Auditions will be held over a three week period commencing Friday August 5. The school final will be held on Friday September 2 commencing at 9am.

## Thanks for helping out

This week we would like to acknowledge a couple of parents who have quietly worked away behind the scenes to help our school out.

Thank you to Carl Winkelmuller for emptying our aluminium can bin. As a result we now have \$35 of additional student funds that can go towards student projects. Thanks also to the parents who have placed cans in the bin to help raise the funds.

Steve Ryan has been spotted on several mornings picking up tree debris from the school grounds. Thank you so much for helping us with our grounds care.

We appreciate all parents who do manual tasks like this that make a huge difference to our school environment. Sometimes your efforts are not seen.



Date: August 16

Cost: \$6 per student.

Please return money and the green “Ghana, Beat my Drum” slip, sent home with last week’s newsletter, in a sealed envelope or zip locked bag by Tuesday 9 August.

## 2017 Prep Student Enrolments

All current school families who have siblings that will be starting Prep next year now have their enrolment forms to complete. As a requirement of enrolment, the child's immunisation record and birth certificate must be sighted by the school.

Please return all forms to the school by Friday 29 July during office hours. (8am –1pm)

## Gala Sports Day Friday September 9

Some of us remember the 'good old days' at school when every Friday afternoon you boarded the school bus to play competition sport against other schools.

Unfortunately this was not very time or cost efficient and schools began to play most sport within their own school grounds with students from their own school.

Gala Day provides schools like Aloomba the opportunity to play against other schools in a series of games held on the one day.

Our Year 4 students will be playing Soccer and our Year 5/6 class will be playing Touch Football.

To play soccer, our Year 4 students need to have a pair of shin guards. As training will commence next Wednesday lunch time, it would be appreciated if they are equipped by this time. If your family does not have shin guards, ask around as students from Year 5/6 used them last year.

Parents will be required to drive their children to and from the sporting venues at Gordonvale and Edmonton on Gala Day, Friday 9 September.

We thank Martin Tilley for volunteering to coach our soccer team and giving up his time every Wednesday to do this. We are very fortunate to have such an experienced coach on board.



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## Sporting Schools Program—Tennis

We have been very fortunate to secure funding through the Commonwealth Government's Sporting Schools Program for a series of 45 minute tennis lessons for all of our students on the last five Fridays of this term.



Not only will we have an accredited tennis coach to help us, we are also receiving a large package of tennis gear from Tennis Australia.

Students will need to bring their personal water bottles with them on these days to eliminate the need for trips to the tap during the lesson.



Term Three

Key Dates

**DUE  
THIS  
FRIDAY**

Fri	July 29	School Opinion Surveys due
		2017 Prep Enrolment Forms due
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
Fri	Aug 19	Sporting Schools Tennis Program Commences
Tue	Aug 23, 30	Calanna Speaking Competition
Fri	Sep 2 9am	Aloomba's Got Talent Final
Fri	Sep 9	Gala Sports Day

## Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
29 July	Mandy Wienert Tania Cotterell	Barry Bennett Jenny Bettini