

On the first Friday in September Queensland schools recognise the important role teacher aides have in the school by thanking them for their input into our childrens' learning.

We would like to thank our four Teacher Aides ( Ellen Trevor, Grace Parisi, Barb Frazer & Jenny Bettini ) for their invaluable support to students and staff. These four ladies provide a wide range of support for students including those who need additional assistance to achieve their fullest potential.

With over 45 years combined experience between them, we are certainly fortunate to have them as part of our school community.



### Gala Sports Day

Thank you to students from years 4—6 for their demonstration of good sportsmanship and team work at last week's Gala Sports Day.

We also thank the parents who supported their children by transporting them to and from the venue. As it was a full day of multiple games, students were sometimes physically challenged as they played against other schools in the district.

*Our teachers received many compliments about the excellent behaviour of our students, their good manners and displays of kindness and respect.*

Teams were also supported by our PE Teacher, Dwayne Richardson and Year 5/6 Teacher, Irene Rooke on the day. Special thanks to Sam's dad, Martyn Tilley for the time spent training our Year 4 soccer team in lunch times to prepare them for this day.

### Before School Reading and Sight Words

Thanks to our amazing volunteer band of parents ( Michelle, Susan, Emily, Sian, Nadege, Marin, Rachael , Mel, Andrew, Jodie, Kari, Jamie & Narelle ) we continue to see the encouraging results of listening to every Prep—Year 2 student read and say their sight words before school every day. Thank you parents for giving your time to help us our students learn such a valuable life skill and for complimenting the excellent programs offered in the classroom.

Dance Fever lessons will be provided next term for all of our students thanks to the generosity of the P & C and Obsthon student funds. Students need to wear appropriate footwear to participate.

### Pine Car Derby

The school will be holding a Pine Car Derby on Friday 11 November.



Students start with a simple block of wood and an idea. Then it's off to work with their parents to turn the wooden block into the idea.

Donald Murphy, the founder of the Pine Car Derby said, "I wanted to devise a wholesome, constructive activity that would foster a closer father/ son relationship and promote craftsmanship and good sportsmanship through competition."

Since 1953, this has blossomed into all children and their parents building stronger bonds while they design, cut, sand, paint and decorate their cars.

With an estimated 50 million children involved in a Pine Car Derby competition worldwide, this activity is certainly a crowd pleaser.

Aloomba School has previously run several competitions with our own set of rules in place. We encourage families to work together to make their cars and then join in a friendly race off at school. If you are stuck for ideas, do an internet search on 'Pine Car Derby' and you will find a host of ideas to present your cars and how to design the car to get the most speed.

- ◆ Students are encouraged to buy a kit car from the school for \$ 9.
- ◆ The kits are then taken home to be assembled and decorated for Derby Day
- ◆ Parents are welcome to attend the race meet on Friday 11 November at 9am.

Please direct any enquiries to our organising teacher, Cathy Wienert .

### School Performance Tour

The 'Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems' Tour will visit Aloomba on October 21. The cost will be \$6 per student. Parents will be given payment information at the beginning of next term.



*More student opportunities*

## School Holidays

Term three finishes on Friday 16 September at 3pm. We wish all of our families and staff a restful time to recharge the batteries for our final term of the year. Term four commences on **Tuesday 4 October** following the Queen's Birthday public holiday.

Please be reminded the school grounds are out of bounds during the holiday period. We would appreciate your help in maintaining a secure environment during this time. If you notice any suspicious activity, please report to **School Watch** on **131788**.

## Student Free Day

On Monday, October 17, all state schools are having a Student Free Day. Please make arrangements for your children on this day.

## School Swimming in Term 4

Weekly swimming lessons will commence on Wednesday 26 October for all students in Prep to Year 2. Swimming lessons go for six weeks. On Tuesday 6 December, the whole school will have a Swimming Carnival at the Gordonvale Pool.

To minimise the cost for parents, we are currently in the process of applying for a grant to help with the cost of bus transfers and swimming tuition. The approximate cost without a grant subsidy is about \$60 for 6 x 1 hour lessons (based on last years price with a P & C subsidy). We suggest you budget for this amount in case we do not get any grant money.

We ask parents to consider the purchase of goggles and suitable sandals to wear to and from the pool (no Crocs or thongs) over the holiday period.

Please let us know now if your child is unable to participate because of medical reasons.

## Date Claimers



Please take the time to have a look at our Key Dates for Term Four. Our Christmas Concert involves all of our students and attendance at this event is a high priority. Not only will students be presenting items, it is a chance to acknowledge our senior students before they head off to high school. If for some reason your children are unable to attend we would appreciate an early indication so that this can be taken into consideration in planning the event.

## Term 4 Tuckshop Roster

The Term 4 Tuckshop Roster will be distributed this week. Please contact Narelle Henderson on 0410561867 if the dates are not suitable.

## Attending Prep is now compulsory

From 2017, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Prep Year, prior to commencing Year 1. To minimise disruption to schools and families, the new requirement will not apply to children already enrolled in Year 1 for 2017. Since Prep started in 2007, there have been noticeable improvements to learning outcomes for children who participate in Prep. Making Prep compulsory ensures all children develop the knowledge and skills provided by the Prep year that form the foundation for future learning.

## Sporting News

Many of our students have participated in local sports competitions this year.

We congratulate Sophie on receiving the 'Most Improved' award and Will for receiving the 'Spirit' award at the Gordonvale Netball Club. Congratulations also to Amber for her 'Best & Fairest' award in the soccer clubs U12 team, and Hayden for receiving a 'Panther Pride' award.

## Term Three Key Dates

Fri	Sep 16	Aloomba's Got Talent Final 9am Tuckshop Red Day
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## Term Four Key Dates

Mon	Oct 3	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tue	Oct 4	Term 4 Commences
Mon	Oct 17	Student Free Day
Fri	Oct 21	School Performance Tour
Wed	Oct 26	Swimming lessons P-2 for 6 wks
Fri	Oct 28	Halloween Disco
Fri	Nov 11	Pine Car Derby
Tue	Nov 22	School Leadership Day— Holloway's Beach
Fri	Nov 25	Prep Orientation Morning GSHS Orientation
Tue	Nov 29	RI Christmas Service
Tue	Dec 6	Swimming Carnival
Wed	Dec 7	Christmas Concert
Fri	Dec 9	Last Day of School 2016

## Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
16 Sep	Narelle Henderson Jodie Thomas	Tenille Elms Sallyanne Wienert