

We care for our students' safety

Every morning at 9am our rolls are marked. This allows us to assess who is at school and who is missing from the class.

A list of student absences is given to the teacher shortly after this time. If a child is away and the school has not been notified, the school is obliged to contact the family immediately to find out why the child has not shown up at school.

Regardless of whether students have been dropped at the front gate by parents, cycled, walked or caught the bus to school, we are very aware that mishaps or acts of child abuse can happen between the time they leave home and arrive at school.

For this reason it is of utmost importance that parents inform the school every day their child is away. This includes if your child is going to be on known extended leave (e.g a hospital stay), please contact the school with the dates the child will be away prior to their departure.

Once alerted to an unexplained absence, staff will attempt to contact parents by text message in the first instance. If we do not receive a response, we will endeavour to make contact through another means.

Recently we have had several times where we have had to use the emergency contact list, to ascertain that our students are safe. It would be appreciated if you could help us by making contact before 9am so this time consuming and concerning process can be eliminated.

Not only is it our obligation to contact parents in times of unexplained absences, we do it because we care about the welfare and safety of our students.

We love volunteers

We thank the following parents for helping us cover our reading scheme books over the last few months:

Susan O'Shea, Vicki Winkelmuller, Michelle Koenig, Emily Rossi, Jodie Thomas

Thank you also to the many parents who have volunteered to hear Reading and Sight Words before school:

Susan O'Shea, Emily Rossi, Sian Smith, Lisa Atkinson, Jim Newman, Nadege Walker-Lacroix, Rachel Fairweather, Karrah Krauss, Simone Curley, Charmaine Mohammed, Narelle Henderson, Mel O'Donoghue, Jocelyn Finden, Charlene Patrick, Andrew Lauchlan

After many years volunteering as a Catholic Religious Instruction Teacher at Aloomba, Mrs Hazel Thorne has retired from her position. We thank her so much for the positive influence she has had on our students and her willingness to volunteer on a weekly basis for so many years. Our students and staff are very sad to see her leave and wish her well in her retirement.

Misplaced your Newsletter?

Our newsletter is uploaded to the school website every Tuesday.

Visit aloombass.eq.edu.au and go to the Calendar and News tab.

Cross Country Training

We believe it is important for students to train for this event to eliminate injury and fatigue as well as enhancing our students' own personal performance. For this reason we will be training our Year 3-6 students every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday until the end of term.

Please ensure students have a **hat** (not cap) and **good running shoes** at school every day. (Our Prep—Year 2 students will be running a modified course.

Help Wanted

We will need a team of parents to help us monitor the school cross country being held in Robert Rossi Park and adjoining roads. If you can help, please contact Irene Rooke.

Future Enrolment confirmation

Do you know of any families within the Aloomba catchment boundary who would like to start their children at this school in the next few years? Please get them to contact the school so that their names are on our future enrolment list.

Confirmation of younger siblings of our current students is also required. Please contact the office.

School Performance Tours

Invoices for \$25 per child were sent home last week. Please make payment by March 1.

P & C Positions being vacated

Our Annual General Meeting is being held on 10 March. At this meeting we will be voting in a new executive. Parents holding the Vice president, Secretary and Treasurer positions have indicated they will not be standing for re-election. If you are interested please contact Debbie Anderson on 0409275789.

Obstathon

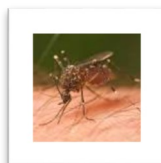
Our student fundraiser, a fun and fitness obstacle course will be held on Thursday 16 March at 11.00am. Donation forms have been sent home with students. Please encourage your child/children to seek as many donations as possible before Wednesday 8 March.

Yr 5/6 School Camp will run from Monday 12 June - Thursday 15 June. Please mark these dates in your diary.



Garden Club open for Kids!

Our **Garden Club** continue to make a difference to our school. This Thursday before school the parent garden group is welcoming students to help plant seeds. If you'd like to join in please bring an empty egg carton to school. If anyone has any materials (e.g. hay, compost, mulch, cuttings, seedlings) they would like to donate please contact Marin Haldane on 0431 973



MOSSIE ALERT

Please apply mosquito repellent to your child/ren before school. There are a few pesky mossies around under buildings and bushes.

Happy Valentines Day

The best feeling in the world is to know that your children are smiling because of you.

Term 1 Key Dates

Feb 23—24	Thu, Fri	School Captains Camp
Mar 10	Friday	School Performance Tour
Mar 16	Thu	Obstathon
Mar 30	Thu	School Cross Country

Lunch Time Activities

Our student Sports Committee have commenced training our Prep and new students in the use of and the rules of using our Gyrocar fleet. It is hoped most students will be licenced shortly.

A range of other lunchtime activities is also planned to keep our students active and entertained during the lunch recess.

TUCKSHOP STARTS THIS FRIDAY

Ordering through the school For this week only, orders placed at the office will be accepted up until 3pm Wednesday. In the following weeks orders need to be placed by 9am Tuesday. Please provide paper bags for each lunch break with your child's name, class, lunch break and order clearly marked on the front. Money should be included in a sealed bag/ envelope.

Flexischool Orders are due by 5pm Wednesday every week. Visit www.flexischools.com.au to set up your account and order on-line. The Tuckshop will provide bags for your order. If you need to cancel an order due to illness, please access the Flexi-school Parent Enquiry Line on 1300361769. Cash refunds through the Tuckshop will not be available.

On Roster this Week Tuckshop *Kari Moller, Tania Cotterell* Home Bake: *Amy Way, Kristina Cannon*

Term 1 Menu

Cheese Sandwich	2.00	Sausage Roll	2.50	Pikelets with Butter & Jam (3 pack)	1.50
Ham Sandwich	2.00	Mini Sausage Roll	0.80	Popcorn	0.50
Tuna Sandwich	2.00	Large Pie	2.60	Seasonal Fruit	0.50
Ham / Chicken / Tuna Mini Wrap including salad	2.50	Crumbed Fish	2.00	Fruit Cup	2.00
Ham / Chicken / Tuna Full Wrap including salad	5.00	Potato Gems (5)	1.00	Fruit Toast	0.70
Pizza Ham & Pineapple Bacon & Cheese	2.00	Pluto Pup	3.00	Tub Vanilla Ice Cream add Chocolate or Strawberry Topping	1.50
Soft Beef Taco Boats Select & add salads	2.00	Fresh Corn on the Cob	1.00	Frozen Yoghurt	2.00
Add Salad Beetroot, Tomato, Cucumber, Lettuce, Carrot, Cheese e.g. Beet, Tom, Carrot 90c	0.30	Party Pies (max 3)	0.80	Home Bake	0.50
Tomato & BBQ Sauce	0.30	Chicken Nuggets (max 3)	0.50	Up & Go Banana/ Chocolate/ Strawberry	2.00
		Chicken tenderloins	2.00	Plain Milk	0.50
		Hash Browns	0.60	Flavoured Milk Chocolate/ Strawberry	1.50
				Milo Cup	1.20
				Poppers	1.50
				Quelch Pole	0.50
				Juicies Icy Pole	1.50