

## Health Alert—Whooping Cough

A note was sent home last week informing you of the existence of whooping cough in the school community. Please be aware that children who have been immunised may still get whooping cough but probably presents as a cold/ cough (the “whooping” may not be evident). An individual may produce all, some or none of the whooping cough symptoms. It starts like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, sneezing, a mild fever and an occasional cough. Older children or adults may just have a mild cough that doesn't go away.

We need to protect the newborn babies in our school community, so we really need all parents to be vigilant in getting their child tested if symptoms are evident and informing us.

A course of antibiotics for 5 days kills off enough bacteria so that whooping cough is not spread. If no antibiotics are taken whooping cough can be very contagious for three weeks.

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## Cairns Show Public Holiday

### 21 JULY

We encourage families to visit the Cairns Show outside of school hours. In addition to the ‘fun of the fair’ there are always many interesting and educational displays to be seen. The Public Holiday on Friday has been set aside so that all families can spend many hours together enjoying this community event.



## Pyramid Race

We need a team of six strong people to help erect and dismantle the school marquee for the Pyramid Race. If you can help at 5pm on Friday 18 August or 10am on Sunday 20 August, please fill in the form below and return to the school office by Thursday 20 July. By volunteering you help our P & C raise over \$400.

### Yes, I can help

Friday 18 August @ 5pm

Sunday 20 August @ 10am

Name:

Phone:

## Looking Forward

Due to the Commonwealth Games, Monday 16 April 2018 has been declared as an additional 2018 Student Free Day.

## TERM 3 EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES

### Student Leadership Initiatives

**GYRO CAR DERBY** Commencing Wed 26 July at lunchtime for Prep–Yr 2 students.

**BUTTERFLY DAY Friday 11 Aug**  
Students can wear blue and donate a gold coin to help protect the Ulysses butterfly.



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## Life Education

### 18–19 JULY

We are so thankful to have Healthy Harold and his Life Education Team visiting our school today and tomorrow. It is our hope that our students will be further empowered to make healthy and safe choices through participation in the program. We appreciate the funding donated from the P & C to cover the costs of bringing Life Education to Aloomba.

Thank you also to the parents who attended the special Parent Information Session this morning. We trust you will be further equipped to share your new found knowledge with your family.

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## Garden Club

### THURSDAYS

If you get to see our new vegetable gardens located at the back of the toilet block, you will see a great variety of plants that are blooming. It's great to see our students nurturing and enjoying their garden in the mornings before school. All students are invited to join the Garden Club held on Thursday mornings before school from 8am–9am.

### PRODUCE FOR SALE

Lettuce, parsley, coriander, thyme, rocket and very soon cherry tomatoes will be available to buy—\$2 a bunch/bag on Thursday mornings before school. Look out for our scarecrow—Amy—who has been entered in the Cairns Show. She's such a beauty!

The Tuckshop appreciates using the chemical free produce from the school garden

## School Speaking

This term our students from Years P –3 will have ‘Talkabout’ lessons with our teacher Brenda Dingwall. Students will learn about enhancing friendships through good conversations, communication and chat.

Our year 4—6 classes will continue to work on their speeches for the :-

## School Speaking Competition

### 8 AUGUST

Now that the speeches have been written, it is important to keep practising. Mrs Dingwall has given students many tips to make their speeches interesting and engaging.

## Japanese Speaking Competition

### 10 AUGUST

On the 10th August students in years 4- 6 will be competing in the MLTAQ (Modern Languages Teachers Association Queensland) Japanese speaking competition.

The competition is open to all schools in the Cairns district and will be held at the Cairns School of Distance Education.

There has been a lot of interest in this event by many of our students, but we can only enter 4 students from each grade. Mrs Smith has been meeting and practising speeches with interested students and will choose the top 4 students from each grade to represent our school. The speeches are set self introductions. After each speech the judges will ask the students 2 questions in Japanese which they must answer also in Japanese. Judges will be listening for fluency and excellent pronunciation.

## Calanna Junior Speaking Competition

### 22 & 29 AUGUST

Our top 4 speakers from each age level (Yr 6 and Yr 4/5) in the School Speaking Competition will qualify to participate. They will compete against individuals from a different school in Cairns.

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## Tennis Lessons

We have been very fortunate to secure a Sporting Schools grant for term three. For 6 weeks on a Friday, every student will be given a tennis lesson by a qualified coach. Students need to wear suitable shoes, a hat and have their own water bottle to participate. Lessons commence on Friday July 28.

## Aloomba excels at Athletics

We congratulate the following students who qualified to represent the Mulgrave District at the Peninsula Championships.

Lara Bennett	1st	11 yrs G Discus	16.22m
Alexis Bettini	2nd	11Yrs G Long Jump	3.64m
Oliver van Rees	1st	10yrs B 1500m	5:36.95
	2nd	10yrs B 800m	2:50.10
Hayden Westerhout	1st	12yrs B High Jump	1.27m
Eleni Winkelmueller	2nd	11yrs G 1500m	7:07.61
Jaimee Gordon	2nd	10yrs G 1500m	7:38

Other placings:

Blake Curley	4th	Shot Put
Hayden Westerhout	5th	100m, 5th Long Jump, 12yr B Relay 1st
Isabella Westerhout	4th	High Jump

Combined Schools placed 2nd overall.

Marlo & Sienna were also highly commended for their assistance in transferring marshalling sheets all day by staff from other schools.

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We also congratulate Ollie who participated in the State Cross Country Championships on the weekend. He placed 33rd out of 60 participants.

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## New Uniforms now available

New Green Shirts \$30                      White Shirts \$22

New Style Size 10 Skorts \$20

The uniform shop is open from 8.30—9.00am on Monday.

## TUCKSHOP

There will be no Tuckshop this week due to the Show Holiday.

## KEY DATES for your CALENDAR

Day	Date	Event
Tue-Wed	18-19 July	Life Education Van Visits
Fri	21 July	Cairns Show Holiday
Thu	3 August	RSPCA EMU visit