

## Message from the Acting Principal \* Cathy Wienert\* October 31 2017

Parents often ask, "What can I do to help my child do well at school?" The Department of Education and Training website outlines five easy things to help improve your child's learning. One of these is...

### Talk with your child everyday about their day

Children who talk openly with their parents about their day, such as what happens at school and current age appropriate events have better educational outcomes.

Other activities like discussing books, films or television programmes or eating meals together around the table are also associated with better student reading performance in school.

### TIPS - THINGS YOU CAN DO

- Talk with your child about what's happening at school – activities, programmes, what they are learning and even what happens in the playground.
- Watch age-appropriate TV with your child and talk about what you watch together.
- Have dinner at the table with the TV off and talk about what happened in everyone's day.
- Talk with your child about history, news, or any subject that interests them.

If you find it hard to get your child to talk to you about what is happening at school, try these ideas: Instead of asking "How was school today?" ask "What was fun? What was the worst part of the day? What's something new you learned today?"

Take ideas from their homework and try to discuss those.

Strike up a conversation while you are doing something together, like washing up, gardening or taking the dog for a walk.

By having meaningful conversations with your child regularly you are helping them to: learn new words, understand the world around them, develop confidence when speaking to others, build their general knowledge, learn how to take turns, reflect and make sense of what they have seen and heard, think more deeply about issues and solve problems.

Our lives become very busy and we often forget to simply talk to each other. This is one of the simplest, most cost effective ways to bond with our children and help them do well at school. Enjoy a fascinating conversation with your child today.

<https://www.education.gov.au/>

### WORLD TEACHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

A big thank you to Nadege Walker-Lacroix, Kristina Cannon, Mel O'Donoghue, Jessica Greenwood, Amy Way, Kari Moller, Michelle



Koenig, Elle Power, Narelle Henderson, Marin Haldane, Sian Smith, Sonia Anderson, Kym Gordon, Vicki Winkelmueller, Jenny Bettini and Debbie Anderson for preparing a wonderful morning tea to celebrate World Teacher's Day last week. All of the food was fabulous and it is a great way to show the teachers how much we appreciate all that they do for our children.

### P & C STUDENT DISCO

We were overwhelmed by the number of families who helped out on the night. Thanks so much to all involved. Our students are very appreciative of your efforts and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

### UNSW GLOBAL TESTING

We congratulate the following students for their outstanding results in the UNSW Tests held recently.

Mathematics Distinction: Sophie  
Credit : Chris, Marlo, Ruby, Maxamilian

English Distinction: Chris, Ruby  
Credit: Marlo Merit: Sophie



### SWIMMING

### for Prep—Year 2

every Wednesday

### Students need to bring to school

**Swimming togs** (please do not wear under uniform)

**Goggles** (highly recommended)

**Towel**

**Plastic bag for wet clothes**

Students can wear sandals to school..... no thongs please

If you are collecting your child from the Gordonvale Pool, please let the school know by 9am so that school bags can be taken to the pool.

## **PREP ORIENTATION MORNING—Nov 16**

Our 2018 Prep cohort are invited to this very important information and introductory session being held from 9.00am—11.00am.

Please ensure all new children have their own morning tea.

Uniforms will be on sale from 8.00am – 9.00am for our new Prep families.

**The uniform shop will not be open Monday 13 Nov.**

## **P & C VOLUNTEER GATHERING**

The P & C invites all parents who have volunteered throughout 2017 to a social gathering to be held at the Parkview Tavern, Gordonvale on Friday 17 November commencing at 6.30pm.



To help confirm numbers please RSVP to Debbie Anderson by Monday 13 November on 0409275789.

Volunteers will need to fund their own food and drinks on the evening. Sorry—no courtesy bus available this year.

## **ALOOMBA SCHOOL**

## **ACKNOWLEDGES**

## **TUCKSHOP WORKERS**

Throughout Queensland thousands of tireless tuckshop workers are unsung heroes, so on the first Friday in November each year they get a collective pat on the back during Tuckshop Day.

Sometimes we forget to notice the important contribution tuckshop workers make to the everyday operation of schools.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for all their hard work. In particular, we acknowledge our two convenors, Kari Moller and Narelle Henderson. From ordering food and organising menus and volunteers you have both put in a lot of hours to make the Aloomba Tuckshop operational. We appreciate having a Tuckshop that caters for our families every Friday of the school year.



## **Shining Path**

by Ruby King ,Year 5

*See the crab crossing the beach,  
Towards the golden shining path,  
As it desperately tries to reach,  
The place where pixies laugh.*

*Sail across on your beautiful boat,  
The boat made from shell,  
Just let it gently, slowly float,  
And you know all is well.*

*The shining path surrounded by blue,  
Surrounded by the deep, deep sea,  
Use your shell as your canoe,  
And you know you are free.*

*Float to the land of the sun,  
The world of yellow and gold,  
The land of forever fun.  
Where you never get old.*

## **TUCKSHOP**

	Tuckshop	Home Bake
3 Nov	Jamie B, Karrah K	Marin H, Kristy McA

## **KEY DATES for your CALENDAR**

Day	Date	Event
Wednesday	weekly	Swimming for Prep—Year 2
Tuesday	7 November	Australian Performance Tours “Great Galaxies”
Friday	10 November	P & C Meeting 3pm
Thursday	16 November	Prep Orientation Day
Tuesday	28 November	RI Christmas Service Empty Christmas Tree
Wednesday	29 November	Gordonvale High School Orientation
Monday	4 December	Dance Fever Presentation
Tuesday	5 December	Swimming Carnival
Wednesday	6 December	End of Year Concert