

Farewell

The last week of school is a time of celebration as we farewell our Year Six cohort ready to begin their secondary schooling in high schools throughout Cairns. We take this opportunity to wish them well in future endeavours and we will hold onto many special memories that have been made throughout their schooling at Aloomba.

Congratulations to our departing Year 6 students.

Christopher Anderson	Lara Bennett
Marcel Fuller	Alexis Bettini
Jeffrey Nolan-Mundraby	Klaire Metcalfe
Hayden Westerhout	Sienna Way



We take this opportunity to thank our departing families for the valuable contribution they have made to our school. Some have given their time and resources over and above what any school community would expect. From working bees to fund raising activities and classroom help, we have been honoured to have you as part of our team.

Thank you to our departing families

Brett & Jenny Bettini	Barry Bennett
Jocelyn & Matthew Metcalfe	

School Captains' Day at Whitfield

The Aloomba School Captains spent the day at Whitfield State School on Thursday 23 November, where we presented a power point showing our projects and achievements this year. It was great to see what the captains at other schools had accomplished. We have all really enjoyed being school captains this year, and have learnt a lot.

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to the former students who helped at the swimming carnival today. This year we have a perpetual shield donated by Brett Moller for the winning house team.

Christmas Greetings

The staff of the school wish your family a very safe and happy holiday over the Christmas period. May you enjoy time spent with family and friends. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Last week Activities

Wednesday 6 December

School Concert 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start

Please bring-

- ⇒ A fold up chair to sit on
- ⇒ Plate of finger food to share for supper
- ⇒ Water bottle for students & parents

Please let us know if your child cannot attend the evening.

Please note:
There is no BBQ
or drinks this
year.

Thursday 7 December

Games Day

Prep to Year 4 students are welcome to bring board games (not computer games) to school and have a couple of fun sessions where the children play together.



Friday 8 December

Break Up Day Student Morning Tea and Lunch

Each student is asked to bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea and lunch.

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| Prep & Year 1 | Bite size pieces of fruit |
| Years 2/3/4 | Sandwiches, Quiche, etc. |
| Years 5 & 6 | Cakes, Slices |

Please bring food on a disposable plate or in a container that is clearly marked with your name.

If your child has special dietary requirements, please give them their own lunch bag.

Religious Instruction Teachers

Thank you to our team of RI teachers (Janice Melvin, Mary Schraible, Merryl Hardwick, Nikki King, Gary O'Brien and Mary Willison) who have faithfully come to the school every Tuesday this year to teach Religion. We appreciate your dedication.

Rosies & Street Level Youth Care Gifts

We were pleasantly overwhelmed by the amount of beautiful gifts that were prepared by our students to donate to Rosies and Street Level Youth Care. It is encouraging to see our students thinking of others during the Christmas season. Thank you so much.

Free Dress Day—Last day of School

In line with departmental policy the last day of school is Friday 8 December. To celebrate another successful year, students are welcome to wear free dress on this day. All clothes must be sun-safe and include a sleeve. Shoes must also be worn (no thongs). A hat and a bag will also be required.

Uniforms

Our Uniform Shop has experienced bumper sales with many families taking the opportunity to buy the new school shirt ready for the start of the 2018 school year.

Susan O'Shea and Narelle Henderson have kindly offered to open the Uniform Shop for a short period on Friday 19 January from 9am for last minute purchases. Orders for new sports shirts can be placed at this time and for the first two weeks of the school year.

Skorts—Please buy the skorts available from our Uniform Shop and avoid getting the very short, tight skorts available through departmental stores as they are not suitable for school.

Budget

In the first few weeks of Term 1, 2018, we will be asking parents to pay for 3 School Performance Tour presentations. At a cost \$25 per student this represents good value for money with talented performers coming to Alooomba from all over Australia.

Another expected expense for year 5 & 6 students is a \$50 camp deposit which will also be due in February. The balance of camp fees will be due in Term 4 and are estimated to be between \$70—\$100 dependent on P & C subsidies.

Swimming lessons will once again be held in Term 4 with parents of students in Prep—Year 2 contributing to the cost of the lessons.

Book List

If you misplace your booklist over the Christmas holidays, the Mt Sheridan Newsagency and TOSCO have a copy of the list.

Don't forget to get the Australian Curriculum edition of the Maths Plus books as other texts will not be suitable.

If you are not buying Protext exercise books, we would like all books covered. Text books should be covered in clear contact.

2018 Student Leaders

As we thank and farewell our 2017 student leaders we will welcome in another team to 'take the baton'. Our students voted on the 2018 Captains last week. The new captains will be welcomed in to their new role at the Christmas Concert tomorrow evening.

2018 Term Dates

Term 1 Mon 22 Jan— Thus 29 Mar

First Day Back

Students need to have all their books ready for Day 1 as they are organised and used on this day.

Staff Matters

We are so thankful that we have the same dedicated team of staff for 2018.

New in 2018— Michelle Smith will be taking Japanese lessons for Prep—Year 6 students.

School Watch

We need your help.

School Watch is a community based awareness and crime prevention program aimed at safeguarding schools against vandalism, theft and arson. We depend on students, parents and all members of the local community to:

Look, Listen and Report...do not take any further action

School Mobile Phone

OUTGOING CALLS ONLY

The school mobile phone is used to contact parents regarding student absences and activities. As it is not actively manned, please do not use the mobile phone as a way of contacting the school as the message may not get through.

Tuckshop

There will be NO TUCKSHOP this week except for drinks and ice blocks on Friday. We will be looking for volunteers early in 2018. Please let Kari Moller know if you can help (0409639867). Thank you to Kari and Narelle for working so hard this year to make our Tuckshop more manageable for our volunteers. The students loved the extra effort put into 'Red Day' and appreciated the change in menu for the day.

Reports

will be distributed on Thursday 7 December.

**EVERY DAY
COUNTS**

From the first day of school we are in learning mode.
Please plan your holidays in holiday periods.
Friday 27 January is a school day.

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