

New Beginnings

It was wonderful to see all of our students starting the new school year with enthusiasm. We welcome our new Prep cohort, Nate, Leto, Ryan, Hugo, Colton, Brax, Jessica, Leila, Emilia, Zali, Eva, Braxton and Kayla.

For many the new year represents a time of new beginnings, a new school, a new class, a new teacher and higher expectations. We trust your children are ready for the full year of learning ahead and we look forward to the time we will spend with them in the learning environment.

Aloomba School has always had a fantastic group of supportive parents for which we are very thankful.

You will notice with this newsletter we have enclosed paperwork to be completed by you and **returned to the school by the end of this week.**

Emergency Contacts and Medical Details

The school is very aware that many of our families shift house, change phone numbers or change the people they have as emergency contacts for their children.

Every year we like you to have a look at our records and make any changes you feel are necessary. We like to have at least two other people we can contact in the event of an emergency who are not the parents of the child.

A check of any medical details would also be appreciated. If your child has developed a medical condition since their enrolment form was filled out, it is important the school knows about it. Additional information is required for some conditions and we will contact you if this is the case.

Parents and Citizens Membership

There is no expectation on the amount of volunteer work that is required by being a member of the P & C. This form ensures you are covered by insurance whilst volunteering.

Parents Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct has been adopted to aid all members of the school community to work as a cohesive group in partnership with the school. Our current P & C President is Debbie Anderson. (0409 275 789)

Student Permission

Every year, our school has a number of activities that are held off site. We also have a number of visiting programs that require parental permission. To eliminate the need to send out individual permission forms, we ask parents to sign a permission form for most events at the beginning of the year.

Parent Volunteers wanted

Reading and Sight Words

Over the years we have many parents offer their time to hear our students read and say their sight words. This has been extremely helpful and gives our students an extra opportunity to accelerate their literacy skills. All parents are welcome to volunteer—not only those from the lower grades. We need to fill a roster five days a week from 8.00am to 9.00am. If you can help please see Grace Parisi.

Tuckshop

Our Tuckshop provides a service to the school every Friday. The Tuckshop is completely staffed by volunteers. If you can help, please return the slip on the back of the Tuckshop menu to the office. **Tuckshop will not commence in 2017 until we have enough volunteers in place.**

Gardening Club

Please see Marin Haldane (Parent) if you would like to be involved in this active group of parents. Combining exercise and fellowship with one another, this group is aiming to further beautify our school grounds.

Book Covering

We always have Library books that require covering. At the end of last year the school purchased a new reading scheme. This equates to many books needing covering. If you can assist, please contact the office or library staff.

Great Expectations

We try our hardest to provide the best for students at Aloomba. We acknowledge that without the support of parents some of our goals are more difficult to meet.

We would like your support in the following ways:-

Homework We rely on parents to supervise the homework.—e.g. reading practice, sight words (for younger grades) and the learning of spelling and number facts.

Attendance is of utmost importance. We expect that all students attend school and are not absent unless they are sick. If your child is sick or going to be absent from school for any length of time, the school must be informed by a quick phone call or a note by 9.00am on the morning of the absence.

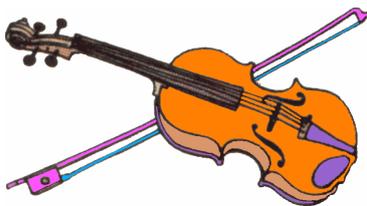
If you do not inform us we are obliged to contact you to make sure your child is safe. 'Unexplained absences are flagged as 'unexplained' on the Ed Qld database and could have further repercussions.

Arrival and Departure Times Students need to be at school by 8.45am so they can prepare themselves for the day. School begins at 9.00am and finishes at 3.00pm. Students should not arrive before 8.00am.

Staff are rostered on for bus duty. If unforeseen circumstances delay the collection of your children in the afternoon, please call the school to avoid confusion and upset.

Instrumental Music

If you have a child who is interested in learning the violin during school hours, we will be having a meeting with Rob Hodgetts, our instrumental teacher, early in Term 1 **We would like as many students as possible to take up the offer of instrumental music in 2017.** Please let the office know if you are interested.



Staff for 2017

Principal		Robyn Corbett
Class Teachers	P— 1	Kristina Cannon
	1—2	Robyn Corbett
		Yvonne Zemaitis
	3—4	Cathy Wienert
	5—6	Irene Rooke
PE Teacher		Dwayne Richardson
Music		Brenda Dingwall
LOTE		Michelle Smith
Instrumental Music		Rob Hodgetts
Guidance Officer		Christine Thompson
Teacher Aides		Ellen Trevor
		Grace Parisi
		Barb Frazer
		Jenny Bettini
Cleaner		Auroline Devey
Administration		Merryl Hardwick
		Linda Halliwell

Booklists

It is very important that every child has every book on the Booklist for the beginning of the school year. We sorted through our books yesterday and we are now well into the learning phase.

Australia Day Public Holiday

Thursday 26 January is a Public Holiday. Please be reminded that Friday is a normal school day with children engaged in learning for the full day.

2017 Term Dates

Term 1 Mon 23 Jan—Fri 31 Mar

Budgeting for the future

At Aloomba we endeavour to keep extra student funding to a minimum. With the help of our active P & C this is possible. To help you budget for upcoming expenses we provide the following as an estimate of costs that you can expect this year.

Annual Arts Performance Cost \$25 per student

School Camp (Based on 2016 Cost) approx. \$150
for years 5 & 6 only

Swimming Lessons x 6 \$ 80 per student
for years Prep—2 only

These costs may vary slightly depending on P & C and Sporting Schools grants and activities undertaken.



It is always lovely to hear from our past students after they complete high school. Some pop in to visit and share with us about their journey through high school and their future ambitions. We wish them all well as they embark on the next phase of their life which will include university, TAFE or work.