

In the first week of school we paused for a day to commemorate the official National Day of Australia. Held on the anniversary of the 1788 arrival of the First Fleet of British Ships at Port Jackson and the raising of the flag of Great Britain by Governor Arthur Phillip, Australia Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on our diverse nation through many community and family events. We trust you took some time to relax as a family and enjoy what the tropical north has to offer.



Cross Country Training helps prepare our students

Term One is a time of preparation for many activities including the school cross country event being held on Thursday 30 March.

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.)

Being prepared for school

We also encourage our students to be well prepared for learning activities. For this reason we ask parents to have their children at school by 8.45am so they can sharpen their pencils and check their equipment and stationery before the day begins. It also gives time for a quick drink or bathroom visit before the day begins and helps us avoid interrupted learning.

Volunteers help accelerate performance

Younger students in Years Prep to 2 also have the opportunity to have their reading heard and sight words checked by a wonderful group of volunteer parents from 8am every morning as a complimentary activity to homework. Over the last few years we have noticed an increase in the performance of our students through revision activities such as these.

P & C Treasurer position

We will be looking for someone to fill Verna Austin's shoes in her role as Treasurer of the P & C at the annual meeting being held in March. If you are interested please contact Debbie Anderson on 0409275789.

School Captain Camp

Our School Captains, Lara, Christopher, Alexis and Jeffrey have stepped up to take on their new student leadership role with enthusiasm. They will be attending a leadership camp at Holloway's Beach Environmental Education Centre from 23—24 February where they will meet student leaders from other schools. They will also formulate an environmental and community action plan that they will work on throughout the year.

Sports and Class Captains

This Friday we will be voting on Sports Captains for Behana (Gold) and Mulgrave (Red) and class captains for the Year 3 / 4 class and the Year 5 / 6 class. Irene Rooke, our Year 5 / 6 teacher will help guide our students with their leadership initiatives throughout the year together with the staff of the school.

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, this Thursday at 2 pm. **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.

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Congratulations Aloomba!

On a day when many are tempted to have a long weekend, our school had 98 % attendance on Friday. We commend you for making education a top priority.

P & C Matters

Tuckshop

Our school Tuckshop also operates through the help of parent volunteers. Information sent home with last week's newsletter, asked for volunteers to help with Tuckshop duties on a Friday and/ or home baking. We have farewelled a number of our regular helpers at the end of 2016 and there is a need to fill this roster on a weekly basis. Tuckshop will not commence until it is viable to run. If you can help and have not returned your form, please contact Narelle Henderson on 0410561867 or Kari Moller on 0409639867.

Don't forget we are testing an on-line ordering system this year to help make the Tuckshop operation more efficient. A computer will be available outside of the office if you have limited access to a computer at home. The tuckshop bag system will be phased out throughout the year. Please contact Kari if you need any further information.

P & C Meeting

The first P & C meeting for the year will be held on Friday 10 February in the school library at 3.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend and share their ideas on matters that are discussed. If you have any matters you would like discussed, please contact Debbie Anderson (President) on 0409275789 so that the matter can be included on the agenda for a future meeting.

We are fortunate to have a very active P&C association in Aloomba school. The P&C help us reach our goals by participating in decision making that relates to parents, teachers and school organisation.

Uniform Shop

We thank our volunteer uniform convenor, Susan O'Shea for the extra hours she worked throughout the holidays to ensure that every child was fitted out with uniforms for the new school year. The uniform shop is open every Monday from 8.30—9.00am in the school community room

Garden Club

This Thursday between 8am and 10am, our Garden Club will spend some time sprucing up our grounds. Please contact Marin Haldane on 0431973346 if you need any further information.

Obstathon

Our student fundraiser, a fun and fitness obstacle course will be held on Thursday 16 March at 11.00am. Donation forms will be sent home with students who have permission to participate.

Please encourage your child/children to seek as many donations as possible before Wednesday 8 March.

Funds raised will go towards student projects. e.g. Dance Fever Classes.

Due Back now

- Emergency Contact and Medical Details
- P & C Membership and Parents Code of Conduct Form
- Student Permission Form
- Tuckshop Volunteer Form

We thank the parents who returned their forms promptly. Please return these forms by tomorrow if you have not already done so.

Bus Conveyance Meeting

If your child / ren utilise the school bus service, you are invited to discuss the current transport arrangements with a Gordonvale Coaches representative at a meeting being held at the school on Tuesday 7 February at 7pm. Contact Susan O'Shea on 0409276294 if you require any further information.

Term 1 Key Dates

Feb2	Thu	Garden Club 8-10am Instrumental Music Meeting 2pm
Feb 7	Tue	Bus Conveyance Meeting 7pm
Feb 10	Fri	P & C Meeting 3pm
Feb 23—24	Thu, Fri	School Captains Camp
Mar 16	Thu	Obstathon
Mar 30	Thu	School Cross Country