

Throughout the year it is our desire to provide a variety of learning activities that enhance our students enjoyment in their learning place. Term two always has a lot of sporting activities with the Cross Country and Track and Field events being held. As we head towards term three this emphasis will shift with our older students being involved in speaking and reading competitions. We encourage families to get behind these activities and enjoy training together for the event. Whether it is going for an afternoon run or listening to your child present a speech or read a book, good family relationships can be further enhanced by spending valuable time together.

In the words of Saint John Chrysostom—

*Enjoy the little things.
There are so many of them.*

Mulgrave Cross Country

This Friday **May 5**

We have a large contingent of students who have qualified to participate in the Mulgrave Cross Country this Friday. We wish Isabella, Jorja, Christopher, Sienna, Eleni, Ollie, Kate, Lilly, Jaimee and Marlo all the best as they run against students from other schools on the south side of Cairns.

Details regarding the day have been given to each student participating in the Cross Country.

Playground Working Bee



Several years ago our P & C were fortunate enough to secure a Community Benefit Grant to fund the establishment of new playground equipment. As we wish to maintain this wonderful asset that is used extensively during the lunch recess for the years ahead, we asked a team of volunteers to help touch up some paint last Friday.

We thank Jim Newman, Barry Bennett, Charlene & Jaxon Patrick, Lachie, Marlo & Harper Walker-Lacroix, and Debbie, Glen, Christopher, Sophie, Daniel & Jessica Anderson for assisting with the painting project.

NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5 students

Tuesday May 9— Thursday May 11

NAPLAN provides a snapshot of how your child is progressing and helps schools identify how education programs are working. So it is vital that all students in Years 3 & 5 get on board and give NAPLAN a go.

For some time our learning support teacher, Yvonne Zemaitis and our classroom teachers have been preparing our students, so they overcome unfamiliarity with test procedures. Preparation will also help our students deal with specific types of questions and will help them perform to the best of their ability.

It is very important to emphasise the need for all students to be present on testing days.

Please ensure that pre-planned medical appointments or other absences are minimised so that every child in Years 3 & 5 is present at school from Tuesday 9 May— Thursday 11 May.

All students need to be at school by 8.45 am to be organised, so that other students in Years 3 & 5 can start their tests by 9.00am. Classes have been arranged so that those sitting the tests may be supervised in rooms other than the classroom. Please ensure children have a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast and have all items (pencils etc.) organised and ready. Children need to be calm and not stressed or worried. We have done all the preparation and we only ask that children try their best which is the same as every day. We will be using the Community Room for testing. If your child is still doing reading and sight words in the morning before school, we would appreciate an earlier arrival so that they can be completed by 8.45am.

Tuckshop Volunteers Required

From time to time our Tuckshop Volunteer Roster has to be amended due to unforeseen circumstances. This Term we have seen two of our willing volunteers have to excuse themselves from rostered duties. This has left a big hole in the roster that needs to be filled. If you are currently on the roster and could do another day, or if you would like to join the Tuckshop Volunteer Team, please contact Narelle Henderson on 0410561867 if you can help.

Mothers' Day Stall

Thursday 11 May from 12:30pm

Thank you to those who have donated items. We are creating some beautiful home-made and upcycled gifts.

Please note: Due to NAPLAN testing we have had to make a change of time.

The Mothers' day Stall will be held next week on **Thursday 11 May, at lunch time.**

Children will be able to choose from a range of lovely presents and cards for mum. This will save you shopping and support the P&C.

Year 5 & 6 Camp Deposit

Students in Years 5 & 6 need to make their \$50 Camp deposit by tomorrow to secure their place on camp. Our preferred method of payment is through B Point payment.

Take Charge of Bullying

Two free information sessions for Parents/ Carers of primary school children are being held at

Hambledon House

Wed 10 May 5.30 –7.30pm

Gordonvale Community Hall

Thu 25 May 6.30 –8.30pm

Each session will give an overview of what bullying is and some effective tools that we can use to assist children to become more resilient and not be a possible target for bullies in the education system .

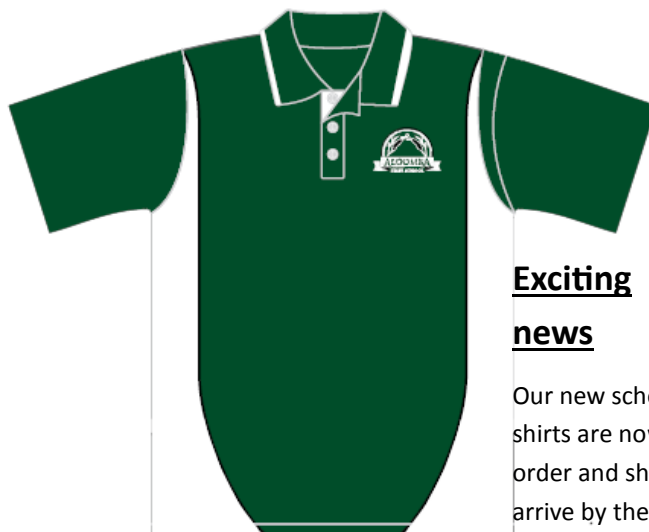
Tea/ Coffee and a light snack provided

Bookings essential donna@innatepd.com

Please see the school notice board for further details.



Thank you to Justin & Jessica Greenwood for donating the use of your machinery and man power to clean up the large pile of gardening debris from the corner of our school yard. The staff also appreciate the levelling of the entrance to the car park.



Exciting news

Our new school shirts are now on order and should arrive by the end of term.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

	Tuckshop	Home Bake
May 5	Michelle Koenig Paula Fuller	Jenny Bettini Nicola King

TERM TWO KEY DATES

Day	Date	Event
Friday	5 May	Mulgrave Cross Country
Tue— Thu	9 –11 May	NAPLAN for years 3 & 5
Thursday	11 May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday	19 May	Peninsula Cross Country
Friday	26 May	Cancer Research Fund Raiser
Thursday	1 June	Aloomba Track & Field
Friday	2 June	Queensland Day Celebration
Thursday	8 June	Australian Performance Tour ' Australian Folklore'
Mon-Thu	12-15 June	Year 5 & 6 Camp—Holloway's Beach
Fri	16 June	Combined Track & Field (Babinda)