

We welcome our new students and families.

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 Friday 2 February.**

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 This will be distributed as soon as dates are confirmed.

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 2018 until we have enough volunteers in place.**

URGENT NEED: Kari Moller is looking for an assistant to help with preparation work for Tuckshop. e.g pre Friday shopping. Call 0409639867 if you can help.

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.

Uniform Shop

Please note the change in opening hours . The Uniform Shop will now open on **Tuesdays** from 8.30—9.00am in the school Community Room.

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 2018.** Please let the office know if you are interested.

Staff for 2018

Principal		Robyn Corbett
Class Teachers	P— 1	Kristina Cannon
	1—2	Robyn Corbett
		Yvonne Zemaitis
	3—4 –5	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

Mosquitoes

are around so please apply repellent on your child/ren.

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.

2018 Term Dates

Term 1 Mon 22 Jan— Thu 29 Mar

Australia Day

Friday 26 January is a Public Holiday.

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	\$25 per student
School Camp (Based on 2017 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.

2018 School Leadership Team

Congratulations to our new Student Leadership Team for 2018

School Captains : Rynece, Isabella, Jenna & Marli



Thank You to Chris Cannon, Steve Ryan and Glen Anderson for helping out with many of the handy man tasks at the end of last year.

ANNUAL SPORTS SHIRT ORDER

Please return this form to the school office or visit the uniform shop by Monday 5 February.

FAMILY NAME.....

CHILDSIZE

\$30 per shirt

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4,6,8,10,12,14,16

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