

## Wet, Wet, Wet

Over the last week we have experienced a lot of rain. On wet school days, students are to keep dry for the duration of the day by not playing in the school grounds. This includes before school and lunch periods. Extra activities are planned by our school staff for the lunch breaks to keep students busy and entertained. Please ensure your children have appropriate rain cover ( marked with their name) for these days.

If a child presents with wet or muddy clothes, parents will be contacted immediately for a replacement set of clothes.

## School Holidays and Term Dates

This year we will be having a couple of unusual occurrences on our school calendar.

In term two will welcome students for an extra week with 11 weeks of learning scheduled.

Term One	Monday 22 January - Thursday 29 March	10 Weeks
Term Two	Tuesday 17 April - Friday 29 June	11 weeks
Term Three	Monday 16 July - Friday 21 September	10 weeks
Term Four	Monday 8 October - Friday 14 December	10 weeks

Due to the hosting of the Commonwealth Games there will also be an additional Pupil Free Day on Monday 16 April.

Also note Monday 22 October is a Pupil Free Day.

## Student Absence Notification

The class roll is marked every morning at 9am. The office will be informed of any students whose parents have not notified the school for the reason for their absence.

In the interests of child safety, staff will contact parents by text message to ask them to immediately contact the school stating the reason for their child/ ren being away. If contact is not made, emergency contacts will be contacted to ensure children are accounted for. This is a State Government requirement that we must comply with.

To eliminate a lot of unnecessary concern, we ask all parents to contact the school by 8.55am if they know their child is going to be away from school. This includes the consecutive days of absence. Phone 40433888.

## P & C Meetings

We appreciate the many parents who take the time to come to P & C Meetings to discuss P & C matters. At Aloomba, the Uniform Shop and Tuckshop is completely run by volunteers who operate under a framework decided at these meetings. Whether it is the price of uniforms, tuck shop menu or fund raising initiatives, most decisions are made by a broader group of parents. We always welcome new ideas and encourage as many parents as possible to make a positive contribution to this very important school body. The next meeting is our AGM being held on Friday 9 March at 3pm.

## Student Leadership Initiatives

### Obstathon

Every year our student leaders have the opportunity to raise funds through organising the school Obstathon. Under the guidance of our Year 5/6 teacher, Irene Rooke, they plan a different course each year with safety considerations of utmost importance. All students can get behind their effort by seeking donations with all money raised going towards a project/s the student body agrees on.

Donations are due on Monday 19 March.

### Bread Orders

For some years our students have organised a bread delivery to Aloomba every Wednesday and Friday from the Babinda Bakery. Parents and staff are welcome to place an order by Monday afternoon for a delivery in the same week.

Please write your name, money enclosed , preferred day of delivery and your order on an envelope and drop it in the box outside the school office.

Bread White 680g	4.20	Grain 680g	4.50
White 880g	4.70	Grain 880g	4.80
Wholemeal 680g	4.30		
Wholemeal 880g	4.80	Bun Loaf	4.60
Cream Bun / Finger Bun	2.20		

## Can recycling

Have you ever noticed the crate on the school fence inside the staff car park? We welcome the donation of aluminium cans. Our students make over \$30 each and every time this bin gets emptied. Thanks to Carl Winkelmuller for faithfully emptying the crate every time it gets full. We appreciate your kindness.

## **Aloomba Cross Country**

### Parent Volunteers Wanted

Our school cross country is held for all year levels with our Prep – Yr 2 children running a modified course. With the race being held in Robert Rossi Park and the road verge along Fixter Road, we need a number of volunteers to help stage the race. If you are available to help, please contact Irene Rooke. You will need a mobile phone so we can keep in contact with you throughout the race.

### Student Preparation

We love to see our students being fully prepared for this sometimes challenging race. Our students in Years 3 – 6 will be training for the rest of the term on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Parents are encouraged to also motivate their children to do some practice at home.

## **Payment for School Activities**

At Aloomba we endeavour to keep costs of school activities to a minimum. With the support of a very active P & C we have been blessed by countless subsidies over the years.

If you have been issued an invoice e.g. School Performance Tours, Swimming Lessons, Camp, our preferred method of payment is through the B Point payment method as detailed on your invoice. It is important that your name is included in your payment details.

Alternatively, cash or cheque payment can be made through the school office. Please include the correct change where possible. All money must be in a sealed envelope with your child's name, cash enclosed and activity clearly marked.

As we have given parents a budget of school costs for 2018, we would appreciate payment by the due date.

## **What is Kids Garden Club?**

On Wednesday morning before school, 2 garden helpers and bunch of enthusiastic students get into gardening. We've done some fantastic projects around the school grounds and were planning our year ahead. If you're interested in learning more about what we do and how to get involved, please come along to a 30min information session on Wed 28th of Feb starting at 3.15pm. Meet us at the playground after school for a quick garden tour and question time. For any enquires please contact Marin Haldane on 0431 973 346.

## **School Performance Tours**

Please make your payment (\$25 per child) before Wednesday 21 February.

## **Trivia Night**

Don't forget we have several working bees scheduled to help prepare for the evening. 3 March, 24 March, 28 April, 26 May.

Next week we will let you know may other ways you can help.

## **Term One Tuckshop Roster**

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
16 Feb	Candice O'C, Kari	Amy W, Mel O'D
23 Feb	Kyli F, Chandell v	Jodie T, Candice
2 Mar	Charlene P, Elly P	Kristy McA, Megan S
9 Mar	Emily R, Candice O'C	Mel O'D, Emily R
16 Mar	Karra K, Jamie B	Nedege W, Kari M
23 Mar	Kari M, Marin H	Jennifer T, Mel O'D

## **Term 1 Key Dates**

22-23 Feb	Thu—Fri	School Captains' Camp
23 Feb	Fri	School Performance Tour
22 Mar	Thu	Obsthon
29 Mar	Thu	School Cross Country