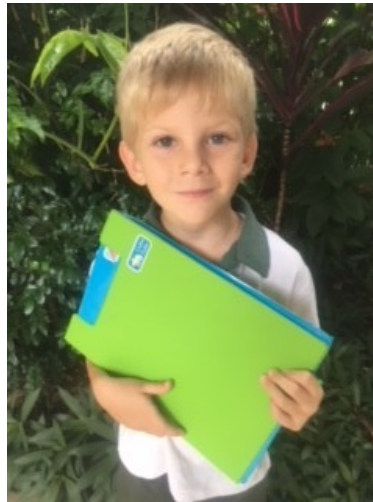


School Student Leadership Badge Presentation

It was wonderful to have the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland and State Member for Mulgrave as our special guest last Friday. We appreciate the time taken out of his busy schedule to be part of our school student leadership presentation. Thanks also to the many parents who came along to our special parade.



P & C Annual Meeting

**Friday 9 March in the Library at
3pm.**

Don't forget this Friday is the Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Citizens Association of Aloomba School.

We acknowledge all the hard work many of our parents have put into making this school what it is today. Through your support is so many ways we have been able to provide our students with many wonderful opportunities to improve and enhance their education. A special thank you to our 2017 executive and convenors :

Debbie Anderson, Marin Haldane, Vicki Winkelmuller, Rachael Petrysyn, Kieran Fuller, Susan O'Shea, Kari Moller and Narelle Henderson.

We welcome all parents to join us on Friday as we welcome in a new executive for the coming year and reflect on all that has happened throughout 2017.

Basketball Dance

During Physical Education lessons this term our students are learning combined basketball and dancing skills. This is a very popular activity worldwide and our students are loving learning new skills.



Obsthathon

22 March at 11.00am

You only have to have a look at the stations planned by our students to get excited about our 2018 Obsthathon.

*Commando Crawl, Jungle Madness,
Slip and Slide Terrifying Tunnel*

Ninja Zone

Gyro Car Slalom

Jelly Surprise

Farm Frenzy

Ducky Dive

Grenaidia



Students are encouraged to continue to seek donations from family and friends. Please return your forms together with the money by

Wednesday 14 March.

Parents are most welcome to attend. Please note: Younger siblings will not be able to use the Obstacle course and must be under close supervision throughout the event.

Extra Student Free Day

Due to the Commonwealth Games being held in Queensland, an extra Student Free Day is being held on Monday 16 April. Please make arrangements for the care of your children on this day.

Welcome Back

Maddison Hanigan, TAFE Teacher Aide student, has started working here every Friday as part of her training. Maddison spent most of her primary school years at Aloomba so it is lovely to welcome her back.

School Captains' Action Plans

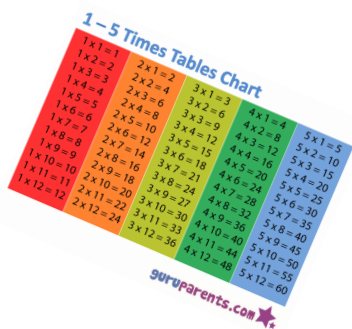
Our school Captains' have committed to organising two events this year as part of their leadership training.

Community Plan Students will raise many to support Ronald McDonald House in Townsville.

Environmental Plan Our local frog hospital will benefit from this year's environmental initiative.

Benefits of ROTE learning

Rote learning is a memorization technique based on repetition. Through repeating the same information several times, students are able to quickly recall the meaning of the material. The two biggest examples of rote learning are the alphabet and numbers.



We find rote learning very beneficial in recalling number facts. As this technique has been used extensively throughout the years, many of you will remember the times table pinned around the house as a reminder to learn your times tables.

We have found that students who have learnt their number facts from Prep and can recall them automatically and accurately have a distinct advantage ahead of those who have not learnt them.

If you would like to assist your children please refer to your child's homework sheets for what your children are learning and encourage them in improving their number facts skills.



Trivia Night Promotional Posters

We would like to sell 180 tickets for the Trivia Night on June 2. If you would like to display a promotional poster in your workplace, please see the office for a copy.

Term 1 Key Dates

9 Mar	Fri	P & C AGM Meeting
22 Mar	Thu	Obstathon
29 Mar	Thu	School Cross Country

Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
9 Mar	Emily R, Candice O'C	Mel O'D, Emily R



Alooomba Cross Country

Thursday March 29

9am

Training

We believe it is important for students to train students for this event to eliminate injury and fatigue. Students are encouraged to do training at home so they can reach their full potential.

Parent Volunteers Wanted

This year our Cross Country is being held on 29 March (the last day of school for Term 1) commencing at 9am. We are in need of a lot more volunteers. If you can help please return the form below to the school office.

Yes,
I can help with the Cross Country on Thursday 29 March.

Name.....

Mobile Phone Number

Please return to the office by Friday 2 March.