

Parents take the Lead

Making decisions and being responsible for these decisions is important for us to have a sense of being in control. We can often make some wrong decisions in life, which doesn't mean we are failures, but it allows us the opportunity to learn and make changes from these mistakes. Children need to experience the feeling of being safe with their parents and carers and to know that they are there to protect and take care of them.

It is a parent's responsibility to make the important decisions in life for young children, which may include: choosing toys that are safe and age appropriate; how much TV and computer time they can have; what time they go to bed etc. As children grow and develop, some of these decisions can be negotiated, such as what they chose to wear, staying up a bit later at night and what jobs they can do to help around the home. These negotiations are important as they help teach children responsibility and about their role in the family.

For children aged 12 months—3 years, it is recommended to provide a limited choice of options to help prevent conflict and tantrums. Give a choice of two items to begin with, eg. "Do you want to wear the blue or purple shirt today?", "you can pick up the Lego or the puzzles" or "you can have an apple or an orange with your lunch." Parents have the opportunity to teach children what is right or wrong by modelling positive behaviours, explaining and through positive reinforcement.

Rules, boundaries and limits allow children to feel safe, loved and secure. It is important to stick with your rules as consistency is the key! When we do discipline our children, we need to remember to be fair and to stay calm.

Contributed by Roz Metcalfe (Family Support Coordinator)

Trivia Night *Six Pack Prizes*

We have received 25 packs of six so far and we have another 75 to go. Please drop your contribution to the office.



Obsthathon 22 March -11 am

Thank you to all the families who have sought donations from their family and friends for the student Obsthathon being held at the school this Thursday.

Please apply sunscreen to your child's face, neck, arms and legs before school.

Students need to bring

- ◆ Old sun safe clothes including a hat
- ◆ Small Towel
- ◆ Plastic Bag

They will get changed at morning tea, so please ensure all clothing is marked with their name.

Parents are most welcome to attend. Please note:

* Younger siblings need to be supervised closely as they are unable to participate in Obsthathon activities.

Cross Country

29 March at 9 am

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help with the Cross Country.

We now have enough helpers.

Please keep these dates in mind as some of our athletes will go on to represent the school in interschool events.

Aloomba	Thursday 29 March
Combined Schools	Tuesday 24 April
Mulgrave	Friday 4 May

Easter Egg Hunt

23 March

This Friday we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for all students at lunch time.

If you can help with the donation of a packet of small wrapped eggs for this lunch time activity, please leave them at the office by Thursday.

**In 2018, our
improvement agenda
is WRITING**

Students in years 2-6 have one session per week in a writing extension program with our specialist teacher Brenda

Keep your children at home day

DOES NOT INVOLVE CHILDREN ATTENDING ALOOMBA SCHOOL.

This widely advertised campaign relates to early childhood educators only. (Child Care Centres) Please send your children to school as we have lessons as normal.

Sports Uniforms

The Red and Gold sports uniform shirts are to be worn on days with inter- house competition. This includes the cross country which is being held next Thursday 29.

Sports uniforms can also be worn to school on our Physical Education Day on Friday each week.

P & C Annual General Meeting

Unfortunately our Annual Meeting didn't take place due to flooding of local roads.

The AGM is now on this Friday 23 March at 3pm.

We invite all parents to this important meeting where we will be voting in our new executive including the P & C President, Vice president, Treasurer, Secretary, Tuckshop Co-ordinator and Uniform Co-ordinator.

IMPORTANT TERM TWO ACTIVITIES

School ANZAC Service

Monday, 23 April at 9am



Families and friends are welcome to come to the School ANZAC Service commencing at **9 am**. Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea after the service. Please mark this date in your diary as we would love you to share this occasion with us. If you are able to make some ANZAC Biscuits for the morning tea, it would be very much appreciated.

NAPLAN May 15—17

Children in Years 3 & 5 are now preparing for NAPLAN tests. Teachers are familiarising students with the test procedures and format so students feel comfortable and confident when sitting the tests in May.

It is important that students understand that this is a single point in time test and it adds to the already substantial information teachers have gathered on their learning.

Please avoid making appointments or holidays for this period.

Emergency Contacts and Medical information

Please ensure that the school is informed of any changes to Emergency Contacts or Medical information relating to your children.

In times of emergency, it is important that we can be in contact with you as soon as possible and that we can give any known medical condition information to emergency services personnel in attendance.

Key Dates

22 Mar	Thu	Obstathon
23 Mar	Fri	P & C AGM (New Date)
29 Mar	Thu	School Cross Country
Fri 30 March -	Tue 17 April	School Holidays
16 April	Mon	Pupil Free Day
23 April	Mon	Aloomba ANZAC Day Service
24 April	Tue	Combined Cross Country at Babinda
25 April	Wed	ANZAC day public holiday
28 April	Sat	Trivia Working Bee 9am start

Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
Mar 23	Kari M, Marin H	Jennifer T, Mel O'D

Tuckshop

If you are able to help with Tuckshop or homebake in Term 2, please complete the slip below and return to the office by this Thursday 22nd March. Call Candice on 0439 697 978 for any roster information.

Tuckshop Volunteer Return

Name:.....Phone:.....

I am able to help with

Tuckshop duties Home Bake

I am happy to be rostered on times per term.

I am not available on the following dates

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