

Term One for 2018 concludes this Thursday. We wish you all a very relaxed and happy Easter holiday break. Some are taking this opportunity to attend Commonwealth Games events held in Cairns while others are heading out west camping. Whatever you do over the holidays, we trust you will have a refreshing and safe time together.

School returns on Tuesday 17 April following a Pupil Free Day on Monday 16 April.

Hats off to our Year 5/6 Class

There is never a dull moment in our senior class. We thank Irene Rooke for leading a team of willing students who have worked tirelessly throughout Term One. During this time they have organised a Handball Competition, run lunchtime activities for our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students, organised the Obstathon and the Cross Country. They have also commenced planning for the Ronald McDonald House Action Plan and the Frog Safe Environmental Action Plan.

Our younger students have requested purchasing more Gyro cars with Obstathon money and have requested a Teddy Bear Picnic with their buddies as well as a Colouring In Competition.

It is anticipated that involvement in organising all these activities will build leadership skills and encourage positive interaction between all of our students.

We thank them for giving up their lunch periods on many occasions to give their time to others.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to Kari Moller for helping organise this special activity. We also thank the parents who donated eggs.



Aloomba Cross Country

In the event of wet weather, the **Aloomba Cross Country will be held this Thursday**. Please bring a change of clothes, a towel and a plastic bag for damp clothes if the day is rainy.



Obstathon

As many of our students could not be physically present due to flooding of local creeks and rivers the Obstathon was postponed from yesterday to next term. We do not want anyone to miss out on this fun event.

We have now set Thursday April 19 as the new Obstathon date.

Basketball Hoops Program

The students who participated in this program with Cam "Trigger" Tragardi have all really enjoyed their time learning new basketball skills. With the Commonwealth Games Basketball and the Harlem Globetrotters coming to Cairns in the next month we have excellent opportunities to view some first class basketball.

P & C AGM

Thank you to all the parents who attended our AGM. We congratulate our new office bearers for the coming year:

President:	Debbie Anderson
Vice-President	Candice O'Connor
Secretary:	Chandell van Rees
Treasurer:	Marin Haldane
Uniform Co-ordinator:	Narelle Henderson
Bus Co-ordinator	
Tuckshop Co-ordinator	Kari Moller
Fund Raising Co-ordinator:	Jamie Butler
IT Co-ordinator:	Kieran Fuller

We thank you for putting up your hand to take on a role in an organisation that is run completely by volunteers. As we understand at times your commitment requires putting in hours of work, we would also like to thank your families who stand behind you in your role.

Cross Country

This Thursday, 29 March at 9 am

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help with the Cross Country. Please meet at Mrs Rooke in the Library at 8.30am to find out what you will be doing on the day.

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend and watch the students run the cross country.

All Students must wear joggers, their school hat and their red or yellow sports shirt. They will also need to bring a water bottle. **Please be reminded**

- ◆ If your child cannot participate for any reason, a written note will be required for exclusion. This includes training activities.
- ◆ Students need to have joggers, hat and water bottles at school this week for training sessions.
- ◆ Prep to Year 3 children will be running a modified course and are included in the Cross Country Event.
- ◆ All participants will get points for their sporting house so we encourage active participation by all students.

Cross Country at Babinda Tuesday 24 April

If your child qualifies for this event (Born 2006—2008), we will ask you to fill out the necessary paperwork at the conclusion of the Aloomba Cross Country. Parents who are not in attendance are asked to return the paperwork by the first day of Term 2.

Extension Writing

This term during extension writing classes on a Tuesday all children in years 2-6 have been working on making our writing better. How? Through improving our grammar, manipulating our sentences and extending our vocabulary. We can now reduce sentences down to their bare bones to extract meaning to aid comprehension, or extend them to increase reader enjoyment by engaging in creative descriptive language. We have built vocab walls and, any words unknown to us have sent us diving into our dictionaries! We are becoming better writers through this process, while discovering that playing with words can be fun.

Aloomba ANZAC Service

Families and friends are welcome to come to the School ANZAC Service commencing at **9am on Monday 23 April**. Parents and friends are welcome to stay for morning tea after the service. To help with catering, we would appreciate the donation of ANZAC biscuits so they can be shared amongst our students, parents and guests.



At the ceremony the school choir will sing and our special guests Mr Roy and Mrs Dawn Hartman will present a trophy for the best ANZAC essay.

Aloomba Trivia Night

- ◆ It is now time to get your team of 6 together and buy your tickets from Hindquarter Meats at Gordonvale. (\$20 per ticket)
- ◆ Promotional posters are available at the office if you would like a copy for your work place.
- ◆ We are still in need of many 6 pack prizes. Please leave at the office.

Key Dates

29 Mar	Thu	School Cross Country
Fri 30 March -	Tue 17 April	School Holidays
16 April	Mon	Pupil Free Day
19 April	Thu	Obstathon
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

There is no Tuckshop this week due to the Good Friday public holiday on Friday.

If you would like to volunteer for Tuckshop next term and have not returned your form, please contact Candice on 0439697978.