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Our students raised over \$2934.15 to go towards student projects. We are very fortunate to have great staff students and parents who made this day a fantastic experience for all.

A special thank you to students who went over and above in raising funds in excess of \$50 for this event.

Prep / Yr1 Matilda, Braxton, Heath, Hugo

Year 1/2 Bruce, Zali, Kayd

Year3/4/5 Ella, Ashley, Bailey, Carolise, Jemma, Grace, Haidyn

Year 5/6 Joshua, Bailey, Marina, Grace, Ava.

We congratulate Joshua Anderson for raising a total of \$270. This is an outstanding effort.

Aloomba ANZAC Service

Thank you to the many families who attended the service yesterday. We are always challenged by the words spoken by our special guest Roy Hartman and we thank him and his wife Dawn for attending and presenting a trophy to the best ANZAC Essay each year.

This years winner is Ruby King.

Our school really appreciated the ANZAC biscuits that were donated for our morning tea.

Gordonvale ANZAC

March & Service

**Wednesday 25 April**

Our school will be marching and participating in the Gordonvale Service being held on ANZAC day. Please meet outside Gordonvale Primary at 9am.

Welcome back to Sarah Reid (3rd year Teaching student) who is working with Mrs Rooke throughout Term 2 and 3.

**Do the youth of today respect the immense sacrifice ANZAC soldiers made for us?**

Yes, Yes we do.

*Young boys lying about their age thinking it was their duty. Young boys never seeing home again. War is terrible—not a game. We all know that. Many of us had great great grand-parents who barely escaped death, were wounded forever or didn't even make it home. We do not know what it is like to stand there amongst smoke and fire, but we know it must have been terrible. We know many of them sacrificed their lives for us. We don't know much about the war but we do know that much.*

*Without soldiers we would not know freedom. We are just young and can't fully grasp the concept of war but we understand they sacrificed their lives for us and all of Australia. We know that without them we would not know freedom. We respect that sacrifice.*

*Numbers of people attending Anzac Day parades were dwindling—in some people's eyes Anzac Day was a chance for a holiday. But more and more schools are having an Anzac Day service and more and more people are attending Anzac Day parades. It is to commemorate all the soldiers—the soldiers who sacrificed everything.*

*War is horrible, so horrible we cannot even imagine. But we do understand they sacrificed their lives for us, our country and our freedom. We know we shall never understand the horrors of just being there but we know we need to respect our Anzac soldiers who were wounded, died in battle or even lost their lives as they prepared or trained for war.*

*So do the youth of today still respect the immense sacrifice soldiers made for us? In my eyes, yes! Yes we do.*

**Essay by Ruby King**

Cross Country

We are missing a number of students today as they represent the school at the Combined Cross Country in Babinda. Our next level of competition is the Mulgrave Cross Country. being held on Friday 4 May at Gordonvale State School. If your child qualifies for this event, please return the necessary paperwork to the school by tomorrow.

NAPLAN

**15—17 May**

For some time, our learning support teacher, Yvonne Zemaitis, has been preparing our students, so that they overcome unfamiliarity with test procedures. Preparation will also help students deal with specific types of questions and will help them perform to the best of their ability.

**As these tests assess educational achievement, it is important to emphasise the need for all students to be present on testing days.**

Please ensure that pre-planned medical appointments or other absences are minimised so that every child is present at school from Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May.

All students must be here on time and settled into class. We need to avoid any disruptions to test areas.



## Book Club

May is National Family Reading Month. Research shows that family reading time is one of the BEST ways to grow a child's interest in the wonderful world of books. Kids who read, succeed!

We will be sending home our next Book Club brochure this week. If you would like to purchase some special books to read together, please place your order by Tuesday 8 May.

## Aloomba Trivia Night

### June 2

We are looking for a number of helpers to volunteer out on the night. Next week we will detail all the positions that need to be filled.

Please see below a list of our catering requirements.

Don't forget tickets are now on sale at Hindquarter Meats in Gordonvale for \$20 per ticket. We have sold 13 tables so far.

We are still in need of many 6 pack prizes. If every family donated one pack, we will be close to fulfilling our quota.

### DECORATING WORKING BEE

If you are interested in helping prepare decorations for the Trivia Night, we are holding a working bee this Saturday 28 April starting at 9am. Contact Jamie Butler on 0437218892 if you need any details.

## Key Dates

25 April	Wed	ANZAC day public holiday Gordonvale ANZAC March 9am
28 April	Sat	Trivia Working Bee 9am start
4 May	Fri	Mulgrave Cross Country
11 May	Fri	P & C Meeting
15-17 May	Tue— Thu	NAPLAN Tests for Years 3 & 5
15 May	Tue	Trivia Night Catering Working Bee
18 May	Fri	Peninsula Cross Country
22 May	Tue	Trivia Night Catering Working Bee
26 May	Sat	Trivia Working Bee
31 May	Thu	Aloomba Track & Field
2 June	Sat	Trivia Night
8 June	Fri	Queensland Day Celebrations P & C Meeting
15 June	Fri	Combined Track & Field—Babinda
29 June	Fri	School Performance Tour

### TRIVIA NIGHT CATERING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday 15 May	Meat Balls & Quiche	
Working Bee @ 9am	School Tuckshop	
Tuesday 22 May	Cup Cakes and Cookies	
Working Bee @ 9am	School Tuckshop	
We have two simple recipes for items that can be baked at home for those that would prefer this option.		
Home Bake	Cheese Cake Slice	
Home Bake	Chocolate & Coconut Slice	
<b>FAMILY NAME:</b> _____ <b>PHONE:</b> _____  Please tick where you can help and return your catering volunteer form to the office by Friday 11 May.		

## Tuckshop

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
4 May	Charlene, Elly	Jodie, Emily

### *Pavers .. a project of the P & C*

You can have your family name cemented in history. During the last year we have collected names of families who would like to purchase a paver. It is now time to commit by placing \$40 in an envelope and returning it with the slip below to the office by this Friday 27 April.

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FAMILY NAME :

I am interested in purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) paver/s @ \$40 each.

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_