

National Reading Month

Every teacher knows that reading is at the forefront of all we do for the whole school year. For the month of May we encourage you to help celebrate the joy of reading with your children by exploring different opportunities available to them. This is a great time to visit a council library or have a special time of reading together as a family.

We look forward to hearing your stories of how you motivated your children to read while having a bit of fun in the process.

Book Club orders are due on Tuesday 8 May. Our preferred method of payment is by credit card LOOP. See the Book Club brochure for details. Every order earns 20% back in rewards for our school.

Combined Schools

Cross Country Results

Overall School Winner: Alooomba

Following the Combined School Cross Country many of our students qualified to run in the Mulgrave Cross Country being held this Friday.

We congratulate

Age Champions :

Ollie van Rees, Jorja Way, Hannah Cook

Combined Schools Representatives from Alooomba:

12 Years	Marlo, Brett	Eleni, Lilly
11 Years	Ollie	Jorja, Ava, Andie, Jaimee
10 Years	Dallas	Hannah, Louisa, Mia

We wish them well in their race against other schools from the southern side of Cairns.

Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
11 May	Fisher, Costas	McAuliffe, Way

Key Dates in the next fortnight

4 May	Fri	Mulgrave Cross Country
11 May	Fri	P & C Meeting

NAPLAN

15—17 May for years 3 & 5

All students need to be at school by 8.45am to be organised, so that those students in Years 3 & 5 can start their tests by 9.00am. Classes have been arranged so that those not sitting the tests may be supervised in rooms other than the classroom. Please ensure children have a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast and have all items (pencils etc.) organised and ready. Children need to be calm and not stressed or worried. We have done all the preparation and we only ask that children try their best which is the same as every day.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can do on the day.

We will be using the community room for testing. If your child is still doing reading and sight words in the morning before school, we would appreciate an earlier arrival so that they can be completed by 8.45am.

Important Reminders

Students are not to be away unnecessarily – every class is undergoing tests.

It's so hard to catch up children with normal day-to-day work and they are disadvantaged as they've missed the teacher instruction.

Many children seem tired after weekends so please ensure they are well rested and go to bed early the night before school days.

Please do not plan holidays out of school holiday times. It is hard to find time to reteach your child when they miss vital lessons.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for school., including jumpers that must be the bottle green colour. This means no nail polish or jewellery and hair is tied back neatly and off the face. Distractions, such as these, are a hindrance to learning and can create an atmosphere of one-upmanship for some students. It also makes life difficult for those parents who do dress their children correctly, as they then have to address this issue at home.



Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!

Gordonvale ANZAC Day

It was great to see so many students at the Gordonvale ANZAC March and Service. We thank our teachers Irene Rooke and Kristina Cannon for accompanying them on this special day.

We thank the following students for coming to the parade to represent the school :-



Haidyn, Hugo, Liam, Jack, Bailey, Marina, Sophie, Daniel, Jessica, Poppy, Max, Jorja, Brax, Will, Eleni, Jemma, Andie, Nate, Rynce, Grace R , Matilda, Jenna, Jaimee, Isabella, Ella and Mackenna.

Uniform Shop Closure

The Uniform Shop will not be open on Tuesday 8 May.

Uniform Jumpers

Please be reminded the Uniform shop sells green jumpers that form part of the school uniform for \$20.

Trivia Night

Last week we sent home an extensive list of ways you can help for the 2018 Trivia Night. If you are new to the school in the last two years, you may notice the level of P & C activity around the school ramping up.

Some years ago it was decided that instead of having lots of little fund raisers a concentrated effort would be put into a major fund raiser every second year. Previous trivia nights have resulted in over \$10 000 being injected into the P & C accounts to be spent on your children.

Yes, it is a lot of hard work.

Yes, it provides a lot of income for our P & C.

Yes, all of our students benefit.

We welcome as many parents as possible to get on board.

We are still in need of 60 **six pack prizes**. Every round we award a the winning team with a box of goodies to divided between the six players. Packs of six prizes makes it an easily divisible prize. These prizes do not have to be big ticket items. They can be as simple as a six pack of drinks/ pens/ pasta etc.

Please return your response indicating what areas you are happy to help out with by Friday 4 May.



ANZAC Ceremony Diary Reflections

Today we had our ANZAC Ceremony. I loved hearing the choir sing "Lest we forget." They were very good. I felt good that Ruby got a trophy. ANZAC day is the best day of my life. I loved the poem. ANZAC day is a special day to pray for who fought in wars. I loved it.

Zade

Today we had our ANZAC Ceremony. I liked the song "Lest we forget" even though it was sad. I loved tasting the ANZAC biscuits. I was really looking forward to see who won the ANZAC essay. I liked hearing the instruments that they played when the soldiers went to bed.

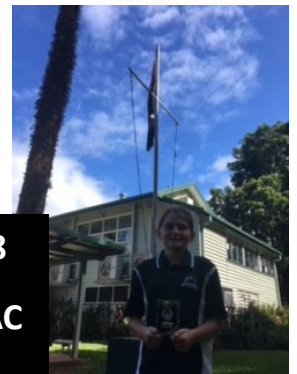
Ada

Today we had our ANZAC Ceremony. My favourite two things were the choir when they sang "Lest we forget" and the ANZAC biscuits. I loved Mr Hartman's speech.

Pearl

Today we had our ANZAC Ceremony. My Auntie Kelly and her son Read (he is zero) came along too. My Grandma came with my brother Daley. There were so many ANZAC biscuits that the whole school got two biscuits each. The choir sang "Lest we forget." It was beautiful. When the soldiers went to bed a man would play the bugle. Ruby got a trophy because she did the best essay.

Mackenna



**2018
ANZAC
DAY**

Trivia Night

We have one month to go for our major fund raiser. We need a team of over 30 parents to help make this another successful evening. Previous Trivia Nights have injected over \$10 000 into the school community so this is a very worthwhile venture.

Please consider how you can help and return this form to the school by this Friday 4 May.

Please tick the squares where you are willing to help.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

	BEFORE THE NIGHT	
3	Prize Collection from outlets around Cairns	
3	Prize Presentation	
3	Raffle Tickets assembly and distribution	
8	Tablecloth Ironers	
	ON THE NIGHT	
4	Fund Raising Helpers	
4	Kitchen Helpers	
3	Finance Helpers	
2	Prize Helpers	
2	Scorers	
	SET UP & PACK UP	
10	Thursday 31 May Marquee Erection @ 5pm	
10	Saturday 2 June Combined Working Bee @ 8am	
10	Sunday 3 June Combined Working Bee @	

Raffle tickets will be distributed to every family in the school prior to the Trivia Night. Your help in selling the tickets would be very much appreciated.

	DECORATING	
5	Saturday 26 May Working Bee @9am	
5	Friday 1 June Working Bee @	
5	Saturday 2 June Working Bee @ 8am	
	CATERING	
5	Tuesday 15 May Meat Balls & Quiche Working Bee @ 9am School Tuckshop	
5	Tuesday 22 May Cup Cakes and Cookies Working Bee @ 9am School Tuckshop	
5	Friday 1 June Baking Working Bee @9am	
	CATERING HOME BAKE	
10	Home Bake	
	AFTER THE EVENING	
2	Thank you Certificates	

	TICKETS	
	Encourage your family and friends to buy a ticket for the Trivia Night from Gordonvale Hind Quarter Meats . \$20 per ticket, tables of 6. We would like to sell 180 tickets	
	PRIZES	
60	We still require 60 packs of 6 small prizes	
	PROMOTION	
	Posters are available for distribution. Please see the office for a copy.	

FAMILY NAME:	CONTACT PHONE:
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