

We are now well into the Premier's Reading Challenge.

If you have a child moving from the early years into the middle years of schooling, they are now not only 'learning to read' but 'reading to learn'.

Here are some activities that may help you to support your child as they become confident readers of a range of texts and topics:

- encourage your child to read every day, either independently or with you or a sibling - congratulate them on their reading efforts
- encourage your child to locate and read a variety of materials that are of interest to them such as:
- information books and other reading materials about a topic of ongoing interest - the solar system or rainforest habitats
- books by a favourite author, including a series of books about the same characters
- books from a favourite genre, for example, mystery novels
- reading materials related to an interest outside of school, for example, camping: 'how to' texts about camping; brochures and websites of campgrounds; camping gear catalogues
- visit local library regularly and use it as an opportunity to talk to your child about their reading experience, for example, what they like or don't like to read; what is difficult about reading; what is enjoyable about reading
- encourage your child to think and reflect on texts they read and view, for example, *Do you agree with what was written in that article?* or *What was the point/message in that television program?*
- subscribe to or borrow a magazine that interests your child
- read some of the same books as your child and talk about characters, storylines and themes
- share reading materials and experiences that you enjoyed at a similar age
- discuss the different reading materials that you currently read in your work, leisure and family life
- talk about new and interesting words that they have heard/found including words from different cultures
- encourage your child to read a range of electronic materials such as websites, blogs, emails
- assist your child to use computer search engines - critically discuss which websites are useful
- encourage your child to read a range of visual texts such as diagrams, tables, graphs, photos, cartoons and comics
- encourage your English as an additional language or dialect (EAL/D) learner, if they are new to English, to continue reading in their first language, if this is possible, while they are learning to read in English

- read books that have been made into movies and discuss the similarities and differences
- share and discuss interesting parts of the newspaper, for example, cartoons, images and sports results
- ask your child to assist with reading instructions and interpreting diagrams when assembling new purchases
- consider purchasing reading materials as gifts
- support your child to build a personal book collection.

Readers' Cup



Last week Steveigh, Ruby, Marlo and Joshua represented the school at the Readers' Cup. Over the last few months they have been busy reading the books they were questioned on. It was an amazing effort for our small school—3rd out of 46 schools! We thank Ellen Trevor for supervising our students on the day. We are grateful for Cathy Wienert for organising this for our students and for giving up so much of her time to coach them. Year after year, our students do very well in the Readers' Cup Competition and with only a small pool of students from which to choose, we are so proud of our very good readers (and comprehending). We congratulate parents for supporting us with our Home Reading program, Prep to grade six. The whole reading culture of the school is such that our students are all achieving a great standard and this reinforces our stance in valuing reading.

Combined Track & Field at Babinda

We had a team of 27 of our students from years 3-6 represent the school at the Combined Sports Day at Babinda last Friday. Congratulations to those who will go onto the next level of competition (Mulgrave Track & Field) at Gordonvale on 27 July. Aloomba Results: Age Champions: 9yrs—Ashley & Jett, 10yrs—Hannah, 11yrs—Isabella and 12yrs—Eleni. Well done to all students who participated. Aloomba won the Track events, Field events and the Overall aggregate trophy.

Parenting is hard, but you're not alone

- All parents struggle with the stress of parenting and it's perfectly normal. Getting it off your chest helps and you'd be surprised at how many people around you who would be happy to offer some support. Find easy ways to ask for help at www.talkingfamilies.qld.gov.au or follow [@talkingfamiliesqld](https://www.instagram.com/talkingfamiliesqld) to connect with like-minded parents. *Talking Families* is an initiative by the Queensland Family and Child Commission.

Piccones IGA Community Benefits

Aloomba School P & C has been allocated a community benefits number that can be quoted at checkouts at the Pease Street and Edmonton IGA. They are currently

in the process of updating the list displayed at the registers, so it may be a week or so before our school appears on the list. In the meantime take a note of our number and quote it if you would like to allocate community benefits points to our school.

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School Photos

26 July

Please avoid making appointments on this day as we would like all students in attendance.

Library Books

All Library Books are to be returned to the school by this Friday.

Mulgrave Track & Field 27 July

If your child qualifies to represent the district at the next level of competition, they will be required to be transported to Gordonvale for the Mulgrave Track & Field on this day. Further information will be distributed to the children involved.

School Holidays

Saturday 30 June—Sunday 15 July

School resumes on
Monday 16 July

Cairns Show Holiday

Friday 20 July



Welcome back to Bthree-Anna O'Shea
(past pupil & volunteer first year
teaching student)



Qld Day Gum Boot Throw Winners



School Speaking Competition

This year our Year 4, 5 and 6 students will once again be taking part in the school speaking competition. Finalists from the school will go on to take part in the **Calanna Speaking Competition** being held during August.

Topics:

Year 4 & 5 : My five favourite words are...?

Year 6 : If I were in charge I would...?

As these speeches will be written at school you may like to discuss as a family ideas to be included in the speech and ways you could make it more interesting. The speech length is 3 minutes in duration.

Tuckshop Orders

We have had a number of hand written orders appearing at the Tuckshop recently. Please be reminded all orders must be placed through the Flexischool ordering system. This makes the task for our volunteers much easier. Please contact the office if you need any further information.

Report Cards-

Report Cards will be sent home on the last day of term.

Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
22 June	Alley, van Rees	Lauchlan, Way

Key Dates

29 June	Fri	School Performance Tour
20 July	Fri	Cairns Show Holiday
26 July	Thu	School Photos
27 July	Fri	Mulgrave Track & Field
12-13 Aug	Mon	Peninsula Track & Field
15 Aug	Wed	Japanese Speaking Comp
21 /28 Aug	Tue	Calanna Speaking Comp