

Why Homework?

The purpose of homework is to bridge the gap between the student's learning at home and at school.

Students are bombarded with many other exciting options to spend time after school and we understand homework is vying for your children's attention against some tough competition.

To compete with these distractions, parents are encouraged to emphasise the importance of homework with your children.

Students develop study and time management skills.

By managing their time and planning their homework sessions, students are well prepared to enter places of higher education including high school and university. Completing homework from the start of primary school, enables homework to become a habit (not a chore). As most work is done independently, students take on responsibility for their educational process.

Teachers keep track of progress

Homework is another way of how teachers can track students' progress. By submitting homework students also learn responsibility and diligence, often with consequences if the homework is not returned or is not up to standard.

Students engage with their studies

Students at Aloomba have a full learning timetable. Allocated class times is not always enough time for students to engage with their school work. Homework time is time for revising the weeks content through a new set of eyes and a clear head away from the distraction of school friends and the school environment. Parents are also given the opportunity to get involved by providing additional insight and assistance when required.

It helps produce results

At Aloomba, we have seen many positive signs that indicate it is well worthwhile and we appreciate the support of parents who make it a priority.



DUE 24 AUGUST

Our school prides itself not only on academic success, but also creating a school ethos that supports relationships with each other and the wider community. We encourage all students to think of others by supporting fund raising and action plan activities that support local charities and P & C initiatives.

As our parents are now stepping up to organise three fund raising events this term and we are enthused by the positive role models they are to our students. The whole school will shortly reap the benefits of many individuals who are working hard to make a difference.

We encourage you to support the P & C by helping out at one or all of the following events:-

School Marquee Hire—Pyramid Race

Many years ago the school acquired Mobile Meeting Equipment through the Community Benefit Fund. This equipment has been hired out to charities at a reduced rate with money going to P & C Projects.

We have been asked again to support the Pyramid Race organisers by erecting and dismantling the marquee.

If you are able to help, please return the slip in this newsletter. We need a team of six on Friday and Sunday. We have only had one reply so far.

The school is set to raise \$430 for this activity.

Father's Day Stall 31 August

With Fathers Day fast approaching and our P&C committee are working hard on creating some wonderful "stache" packs which will be available at the school's Father's Day Stall on **Friday 31st August**.

If you can help us fill these "stache" packs with peanuts and Jerky etc please drop your donations into the school office by **Friday 17th August 3.00pm**.

Thank you for supporting the P&C - your help is very much appreciated.

Council Movie Night 22 September

If you would like to assist with catering for this event please contact Chandell van Rees on 0402622968.



Speaking Competitions

Interschool Japanese Speaking Competition – August 15

Our team of students are being prepared by Mrs Michelle Smith for this competition against other primary schools in the region. We thank her for her ongoing commitment and dedication in making Japanese a much loved subject amongst our students and for encouraging our students to take part in this competition.

School Speaking Competition Aug 16

We have been impressed by many of the speeches that have been written for our school competition by our students. Our years 4 & 5 are speaking on “My five favourite words are....”

See if you can guess who these speeches are written by:

Dragon, gobbledegook, kerfuffle, skedaddle, pigsty

Friendship, smile, trust, happiness, kindness

Football, friendship, fun, fast, fishing

Friends, imagination, adventure, family, laughter

Friendship, Australia, marvellous, imagination, life

Calanna Speaking Competition Aug 28

Four students from each category (Yrs 4 & 5, Year 6) will be selected after the School Speaking Competition to represent the school at the Calanna Speaking Competition being held at St Mary’s School commencing at 6pm.



Key Dates - August

10 August	Fri	P & C Meeting @ 3pm
15 August	Wed	Japanese Speaking Competition
16 August	Thu	School Speaking Competition
17, 19 August	Fri Sun	Pyramid Race Marque Erection 5pm Dismantle 10am
28 Aug	Tue	Calanna Speaking Competition
24 Aug	Fri	Premier’s Reading Challenge Finish
31 August	Fri	Father’s Day Stall

P & C Meeting this Friday August 10

All parents and carers are welcome to join us in the school library at 3pm. Your contribution to the school community is valued.

Uniform Options

Our school uniform is a source of great pride. Most of our students wear it proudly and this encourages a sense of school identity and discourages negative peer pressure and one-upmanship amongst students.

We are noticing an increase in the variety of winter options and footwear creeping into the school. Unfortunately this puts pressure on many of our families who are respecting our preference for uniform options and then have to address reasons why “others are allowed when I’m not!”

Our school handbook states :-

Footwear: Closed in black shoes/ joggers and white socks.

Winter Options: Bottle Green Jumper/ Jacket

We would appreciate your support in this matter.

Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuck Shop	Home Bake
10 August	Rossi, St George	McAuliffe, Way

Pyramid Race Marque Volunteers

As a fund raising initiative we are after a group of parents to help erect and dismantle the school marque for the Pyramid Race.

Six volunteers are required

Friday 17 August @ 5pm

Sunday 19 August @ 10am

Please return this form to the office if you can assist.

Pyramid Race Volunteers

FAMILY NAME:

PHONE:

Yes, I can Help

Friday 17 th @5pm Sunday 19 th @ 10am