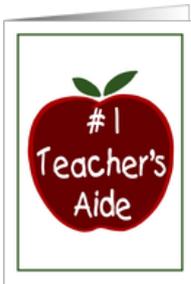


## Staff Appreciation

There is often a lot of talk about what is the most important part of our school. There's an argument to be made that the most important part of the school is the students. After all they are what the school is all about. Ultimately their success depends on the ability of school staff and parents to help them reach their full potential.

We must never take for granted the staff who are also a very important link in the outcome of a school results. As a school community it is important that we take the time to respect and appreciate those who support our children for six hours every school day.

Last Friday was Teacher Aide Day. It is a day schools celebrate the support provided to teachers and students by their teacher aides. At Alooomba, we recognise the skills, abilities and flexibility that teacher aides contribute to the daily life of the school. We thank Ellen, Barb, Jenny, Amy, Bhree-Anna, Bianca, Maddison & Grace for having such a positive influence on our students.



We also have a wonderful team of teachers and support staff who work tirelessly and give so much of their own time and resources into making a difference into the lives of children.

Let's celebrate and appreciate them all.

## Author Visit – Dr Cameron Stelzer, The Story Doctor

On Wednesday 31 October, we have a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron is visiting Alooomba State School to run workshops with our students. All students will participate in a writing workshop focusing on idea formation and inspirations for narratives. Cameron will also be working with the students on drawing and illustration techniques. Year 3-6 students will be exploring techniques to create blockbuster action stories – think gripping suspense scenes, epic action encounters and hold-on-to-your-seat cliff-hangers. Students and teachers are looking forward to a fantastic day!

In conjunction with the Author Visit, Alooomba SS families have a special opportunity to purchase **signed** and personalised copies of Cameron's books at special prices. Individual books are \$15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive an order form on the day of the workshops. Forms and payment can be returned the following morning, Thursday 1 November, to the school office. We thank the P&C for funding this fabulous event.



## Calanna Speaking Competition

Last Tuesday, Eleni went on to the finals of the Calanna Speaking Competition. She received a medal for reaching the finals and we commend her for her effort.

## Movie Night

The Alooomba P & C are organising food and drinks for the council movie night being held in Robert Rossi Park on the first Saturday of the school holiday. Kate Gosper is looking for some parents to help on the night. Please contact her on 0408911176 if you are able to volunteer.

## Help our Farmers

Tanna (Year 3) is going to be there as well taking donations for our struggling farmers. She would appreciate your support on the night.

## Library Books

All library books are to be returned to school this week.

## Pine Car Derby

Included in this weeks newsletter is the order form for Pine Car Derby kits @ \$10 each. Orders are due back to the School Office by Wednesday 19th September. Kits will then be handed out on Friday 21st September. Please contact Glen Anderson on 0409 675 344 or [admin@aloombapnc.com.au](mailto:admin@aloombapnc.com.au) if you require more forms.

## Teddy Bears Picnic

At the beginning of the year our Prep / One students in Mrs Cannon's class were assigned a buddy from the Year 5/6 class. Throughout the year our younger students have been encouraged and supported by our older students in so many ways.

Last Tuesday, students gathered on the front lawn for morning tea with their buddies (and their Teddy Bears). This was a great time of sharing in an informal situation.



## **NAPLAN Review**

The Queensland Government is undertaking a review of NAPLAN in the Queensland context, to better understand the impacts NAPLAN is having on learning and teaching within the state.

The first stage of the Review, conducted in June 2018, focused on consultation with parents.

The second stage is now underway, with consultation extending to students, teachers, principals and other key education stakeholders across Queensland.

Queensland students in years 3 to 10 are now invited to provide feedback on their experiences with NAPLAN, via an online survey. Students wishing to participate will require the consent of a parent or carer, who can assist with completing the survey at home. The survey link is available at

<https://survey.lsia.com.au/s3/2018NapRevStudent>

This project has received ethical clearance from both the Australian Catholic University and the Department of Education. Further information on the student survey and the Review are provided within the survey link.

We would appreciate it if you could take some time to take part in the survey.

## **Bravehearts visit**

We once again welcomed the Bravehearts team into the school today to talk to our children about their personal safety. Now is a great time to continue the conversation with your children about this subject and what they can do to remain safe in their own community. We thank the P&C for making a donation to Bravehearts from our School community.



## **Parent Direct Catalogue**

Over the years the school has received many resources as a result of the Parent Direct Catalogue. Extra copies of the catalogue are available at the office for distribution to family and friends. Don't forget to nominate Alooomba School on check out.

P & C Co-ordinator : Candice (0439697978 )

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## **Alooomba Ball Games**

**Fri 21 September @ 9am**

Mark this date in your diaries. The morning will be very entertaining as our students compete in an inter house competition.

## **Alooomba's Got Talent**

**September 14 @ 9am**

Parents of students in the Alooomba's Got Talent Final are welcome to come and watch their children perform in the library. With a total of 17 acts, there will be plenty of entertainment. Acts include poetry, dancing, musical instruments, jokes, magic and a sign language presentation.

## **P&C Meeting**

**Friday 14th September**

An agenda has been emailed out to all parents of the school. If you did not receive an email or wish to be removed from the email list please contact

admin@aloombapnc.com.au

## **Tuckshop Volunteers Needed**

Parents / Grandparents wanted, to help in the Tuckshop . Contact Kari 0409639867 if you can help. Blue cards for grandparent volunteers can be arranged.

## **Tuckshop Roster**

Date	Tuck Shop	Home Bake
14 Sep	Butler (Volunteer Needed)	Shawcross/ Schweitzer

## **Key Dates -September**

14 Sep	Fri	Alooomba's Got Talent Final
21 Sep	Fri	Ball Games
22 Sep	Sat	School Holidays commence Free Open Air Movie
8 Oct	Mon	School commences—Term 4