

We hope you enjoyed your long weekend with your children. Our staff had a very profitable day yesterday as we took the opportunity without students to plan and learn from each other.

Cathy Wienert and Kristina Cannon recently attended a professional development day with Apple. They came home inspired and enthusiastic about the many ways I Pads can be used in the classroom. We once again acknowledge the generosity of the P & C for providing enough I Pads to complete a class set. With access to this equipment, we can provide so much more.

### P & C Thank You to Staff

On behalf of the Alooomba P&C and all of the Alooomba Parents, we would like to say a great big 'Thank You' to all of our wonderful Teachers and Teacher Aides for all of your hard work and dedication working with our children. You all do such a fantastic job educating, supporting, inspiring and challenging our children with activities both inside and outside the classroom. Your enthusiasm, perseverance, time and effort are greatly appreciated, and are evident in the knowledge and enjoyment of school our children have. Happy World Teacher's Day.



### Swimming Lessons start next week

Swimming lessons start on Monday 29 October. P-2 students need to bring their togs, towel and a plastic bag to school every Monday of the swimming term. It is strongly encouraged that students wear swimming goggles throughout lessons. These are available from the pool shop or local sporting outlets. If you wish to pick up your children from Gordonvale at 2.15pm, please inform your child's teacher so we can arrange for their school bag to be transported to the pool.

### Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who recently participated in the UNSW ICAS Mathematics test.

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| Max—Distinction | Sophie—Credit |
| Ruby—Merit      | Marlo—Merit   |

### Race Day Thanks

The P & C have been given an extra boost to their bank account thanks to a handful of parents helping erect the marquee at the Gordonvale Races. This money will go towards one of the many projects that benefit the students of our school. Thanks to all involved.

### Year 5 & 6 Camp

Our year 5 and 6 students are now gearing up for an adventurous camp at Lake Tinaroo in the second last week of school. With many outdoor activities planned, parents are reminded to discuss the exemplary behaviour requirements for participation in this camp over the next few weeks. Invoices will be issued shortly for payment of camp fees.

### Student Enrolments

As we have a number of families outside of our school catchment zone who would love to join our school community in 2019, we would appreciate knowing of any proposed student movements at the end of the year. Please inform the office ASAP.

### Support a Farmer

Our year 1/2 students have written some lovely letters to our farmers in need. Money will be distributed to three families associated with the school in drought affected areas of Queensland. We are positive this will give them a boost knowing others are thinking of them.



### Empty Christmas Tree

Once again we will be having an empty Christmas Tree at our Christmas Service being held on Tuesday 27 November. Students can bring a small gift of toiletries wrapped in clear cellophane that will be donated to young people living on the streets in Cairns.

*Did you know.....*

Repeated studies have shown that we get more pleasure from spending money on other people than ourselves. It has also shown that it can change the mindset of self-centred children. By being kind, children become happier and have more meaningful relationships with others.

## P & C Secretary - Position Vacant

Great news! Emily Rossi has volunteered to take the minutes at our P & C Meetings. We are still looking for someone who could help with correspondence. Please contact Debbie Anderson, our P & C President on 0409275789 if you can help.

## Author Visit

On Wednesday 31 October, we have a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron is visiting Aloomba State School to run workshops with our students. P/1/2 students will participate in a writing workshop focusing on idea formation and inspirations for narratives. Cameron will be working with Year 2-6 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, Aloomba 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 **Office**.



## Key Dates—October & November

26 Oct	Fri	P & C School Disco
29 Oct	Mon	Swimming Commences (P—2)
31 Oct	Wed	Author Visit
9 Nov	Fri	Pine Car Derby P & C Meeting
20 Nov	Tue	Prep Orientation Day
27 Nov	Tue	RI Christmas Service

## School Disco

### **FRIDAY 26 October**

The Halloween Disco is this Friday night the 26<sup>th</sup> of October from 6-8pm. This is a great night for students and families to party together, dress up in crazy costumes and demo their dance moves. Skip dinner duty and pre-order a disco meal deal using the order form below.

Please be reminded that the disco is for Aloomba students only. All students must be accompanied by their parents and siblings closely supervised. Students and their families must remain in the undercover area for the duration of the evening and the playground is out of bounds.

Helpers are welcome from lunch time on Friday to decorate and the end of the night to pack up. Cupcakes or other treats (slice, fruit kebabs, jelly cups) can be delivered to the school on the morning of the disco or on the night. If you can assist, please contact Greet on 0422 836 879.

PRE-ORDER and return money BY TOMORROW –  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> OCT

### **\$7 disco meal deal includes:**

1 sausage, 1 drink, 2 treats and 2 glow sticks.

### **Family Name :**

	Price	No.	Total
Disco meal deal	\$7		
Sausage	\$2.50		
Drink	\$2		
Treat	\$1		
		Total order	

## **Book Club #7**

Information relating to our last Book Club for 2018 was distributed last week. Please have orders returned by 30 October.

## **Tuckshop Roster**

Date	Tuck Shop	Home Bake
26.10.18	Rossi, Alley	McAuliffe, Lauchlan