

## Aloomba is unique

For many of us, when we were students, our school was a place we needed to explore from day one. We investigated every corner of the school and opened every door that was possible. As the time passed, we discovered and experienced everything we could, as we understood that our school was our second home. It was a place that we needed to enjoy.

Even though our core business is literacy, numeracy, science and delivering the Australian curriculum, other activities are interwoven to make the life at school more interesting and engaging.

Aloomba has a number of unique activities

<i>Queensland Day</i>	<i>Ten Pin Bowling</i>
<i>Book Fair Activities</i>	<i>Calanna Speaking Competition</i>
<i>Student Action Plans</i>	<i>Peer Buddy Program</i>
<i>Highly Subsidised Excursion and Bus Travel</i>	
<i>Gyro Cars, Craft, Sport lunchtime activities</i>	
<i>Tennis Lessons</i>	<i>Robotics Program</i>
<i>Enchanted Garden</i>	<i>Pine Car Derby</i>

The P & C play an important role in our school and we thank them for their support throughout the years. This Friday, we will be discussing more ways the P & C will invest in activities and facilities in the coming year. You have the opportunity to make a suggestion on how this can be done. Please leave in the box at the office prior to Friday.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

## Speaking Competition



Last Tuesday Louisa represented the school at the Calanna Speaking Competition Winner. Her speech 'Buckle up, Enjoy your Flight' was very entertaining and was well received by the audience.

We congratulate Louisa for her fantastic presentation.

## Cricket

Congratulations to Daniel who recently played cricket in the TCS team. He bowled the batter out with his first ball. Terrific effort Daniel!

## Ball Games

Next Friday 20 September @ 9am

Parents are most welcome to come along and cheer on their children on the last day of Term 3. Don't forget to put on your running shoes in case there is time for a parent vs student race.

## NAPLAN Results

We recently received our NAPLAN school and class data which indicates, once again, that our students have achieved well in all areas.

In particular we are very impressed with the individual gains that our Year 5 students have made. Relative gain data is compiled by noting a student's achievement in Year 3 and then comparing it to Year 5 (taking into account their development as they mature). Most individual results are outstanding. All of our data reflects that our students are similar or above the national cohort.

(Please note: Our school performance is not published in the media because our Year 3 and Year 5 student groups are less than 20.)

We use this data to help us plan programs. For example, a few years ago we could see that our students did well in Writing but that perhaps they could achieve a higher standard. By providing a Writing Extension program students have indeed progressed and become more confident writers.

This has been a great success and we thank Brenda Dingwall for planning and teaching this to our Year 2—6 students. Individual student reports, Year 3 & 5 were given out last week. We commend your child for their efforts and if there are areas of concern, remember it is a 'point in time' test. Your child's teacher may help to clarify any concerns. Please remember to thank your child's teachers for their amazing work.



## Aloomba's Got Talent

This Friday 13 September @ 9am

This year we have a line up of dance, musical instruments, comedy and gymnastic routines. Parents are most welcome to come along and watch the performances that are being held in the Library.

We thank Mrs Dingwall and her team of willing helpers Ashley, Jett, Chase, Bailey, Will, Seth C, Sophie and Bryson for organising this special event.

## Band Camp

Last week, Louisa and Max had the opportunity to join with other students from around Cairns to play their violin in an orchestra. We thank Mr Hodgetts for his ongoing support for our students.

## School Arrival Time

No child is to be or left at school before 8am. This is a safety issue.

## Homework

Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. Home study does not consist only of written work. It includes reading, spelling and tables and revision of all school work. Children whose parents thoughtfully provide them with a suitable area at home away from the distractions of television etc assist their children tremendously. The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle.

Homework enhances student learning:

- ◆ is purposeful and relevant to student needs
- ◆ is appropriate to their phase of learning
- ◆ is appropriate to the capability of the student
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- ◆ develops the student's independence as a learner

## Budget

Year 5 / 6 Camp Holloway's Beach EEC	\$130
Prep—Year 2 Swimming	\$95

## Celebrating Teacher Aides

Last Friday was Teacher Aide Day and this is a great opportunity to thank our Teacher Aides—Barb Frazer, Ellen Trevor, Grace Parisi and Jenny Bettini for the wonderful work they do. We'd also like to thank our volunteer and relief Teacher Aides—Cheryl Wickham, Ashleigh (TAFE), Bianca (TAFE), Amy Way and Bhree-Anna O'Shea. We're very lucky to have such fabulous support.

## Holidays

Our preference is that holidays are planned for holiday periods so that students can benefit from 100% of teaching periods. For every school absence, teaching is missed and often not caught up, tests have to be performed at a later and planning for special events is interrupted.

## Be Prepared

With the end of the year fast approaching, many parents are preparing their children for high school. As most schools require a copy of recent report cards, may we suggest that you keep a special folder of school achievements for this purpose.

## Thank you

We thank Jen Townson for thinking of us. The donation of crocodile leather that was used in our unique Father's Day gift was very much appreciated.

## MOVIE NIGHT

14th September, Robert Rossi Park

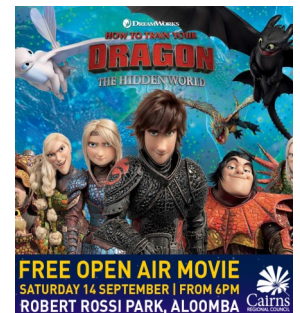
WIN a voucher for  
2 adults & 2 children  
to Fitzroy Island.  
\$2 a ticket or  
3 for \$5



Raffle will be drawn on the night, winner will be sent a text at 8pm. We thank Raging Thunder Adventures for their support of the Aloomba School P&C.

### MOVIE NIGHT PRICE LIST

SAUSAGE ON BREAD	\$2.00
SOFT DRINKS	\$2.00
POPPERS	\$2.00
WATER	\$1.00
TEA & COFFEE	\$1.00
CAKE (1 PIECE)	\$1.00
POPCORN	\$1.00
SMILE	FREE



Please help yourself to sauce and napkins.

Thank you for supporting our school P & C. Your generosity goes a long way to providing vital education and happiness to the next

## Tuckshop

Please mark home baking containers clearly with your name and have your child collect them from the Tuckshop. We have accumulated a number of containers that need to be collected.

## Library Books

Please return all Library books by **FRIDAY 13th September.**

## Key Dates

Fri 13 Sep	P & C Meeting, Aloomba's Got Talent
Sat 14 Sep	Movie Night—Robert Rossi Park 6pm
Fri 20 Sep	Ball Games

## Tuckshop Roster

Friday 13 September	Home Bake
Rachael Petryszn	Emma Alley
Candi O'Connor	Tamlin Honour