

Aloomba School Newsletter 30 April 2024

In the last week, we have reflected on those who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.

Our school honours these men and women in a number of ways.

By involving our students in the school ANZAC service held last Friday, students were given an insight in to the sacrifice many men and women made to protect our country.

We thank Roy and Dawn Hartman for coming to our school along with their friends, Rod & Wendy McCrae. Thank you to Dave Chalk for making such a heartfelt speech at the service. We would also like to thank the school choir for their contribution to the service. The students sang beautifully and the words of the song "Lest we Forget" will stay with us for many years to come.

Roy and Dawn Hartman also sponsor a trophy for an ANZAC Day Essay written by one of our year 5/6 students. We congratulate Lael on receiving the prize this year. Her essay is included at the bottom of this page for all to read.

It was wonderful to see our students Konnor, Aaylah, Rylie, Cooper, Chloe, Henry, Heath, Matilda, Kenzie, Paige, Matilda, Addison, Jayden, Matthew, Chelsea-Lee, Lael, Margaret, Aiden, Ozzie, Oliver, Maya, Lyla, Maya, Charlie, Sam, Leon, Trey, Meadow, Fern, Keegan, Andy, Tahnee, Hugo, Joe, Liam, Aria, Jaxon and Jorja at the Gordonvale ANZAC service.

At school in the room near the office, we have an honour board of past Aloomba students and their comrades who served in World War One. This is a constant reminder to us on a local level, how military service affects all communities.

Our special ANZAC garden was built as part of a community action plan by our school leaders a number of years ago and is maintained so that we can honour the ANZACs throughout the year.



The bugles sounded. Dawn light shone in rays across the grainy sand of Gallipoli beach. A cool breeze glided through the solemn crowd. A single tear.

My Gramp's rough hand brushed mine. The wreath, at the base of the cenotaph is adorned in poppies and flowers. The tear rolls, off my face it falls. My boots shine like the sun, specially polished for today. ANZAC day. The one day of the year where we give full recognition to those who fell- lost their lives, fighting for the country. A minute silence begins, for us to remember- and I do. I remember all the stories Gramps has told me. Blood like rivers across the landscape. The horrors forever imprinted in their minds. The smoke that choked their lungs while they struggled to survive. My Gramps made it through. Others didn't. Comrades he got to know. Comrades he loved like brothers. Then I think about all that I've been taught.

Those who died will never be forgotten. Those who survived will never be forgotten. Let their memory live forever. The terror of war will stay in their heads but what they fought for was freedom- so let them be free of the memory of death, let them be free of the weight of war. Through Flander's Field their souls shall wander.

Scars crept all over Gramp's body, a permanent reminder of all that was lost, but also what was gained during those 5 years of war. The crisp dawn air of ANZAC day cleanses the soldiers of their weariness of war. The poppies' aroma drifted through the air as the crowd of hundreds of people recited the ode.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Lest we forget

By Lael

School Photos - 9 May

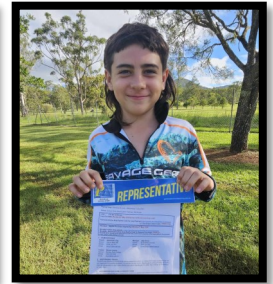
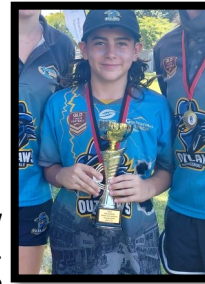
Order Forms for each student were enclosed with last week's newsletter. All students will be photographed on the day regardless of whether an order is placed or not. Please see last week's newsletter for information.



Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Jaxon who not only recently was part of the under 12's touch football team named the 2024 Northern Junior State Champions but also last week made the 10-11 year boys peninsula rugby team where he will be competing in Stanthorpe. Well done Jaxon!

We see Cooper and Ozzy training hard on the tennis court before school a few times each week. They also spend a lot of their afternoons training on the court. Over the school holidays they travelled to the Sunshine Coast and Townsville to compete in tournaments with some outstanding results. Cooper won the Under 10 singles title at the Elite Tennis International Junior Championships at Caloundra and won the Mooloolaba Junior Championships Under 10 singles title. In Townsville, Cooper competed up in the Under 12 competition to improve his skills, strength, and speed and placed 4th. Last weekend in Cairns Cooper won the JDS Far North Region Under 10 singles. Ozzy competed on the Sunshine Coast in the under 10 division. Ozzy is 7 and was the youngest competitor at both events. He played amazing tennis to finish 4th at the Mooloolaba Junior Championships. In Townsville Ozzy competed against his own age group and won the Orange Ball singles title. Last weekend in Cairns Ozzy won the JDS Far North Region Orange Ball singles title. To achieve such awesome results plenty of effort along with hard work and dedication is required. Congratulations to Jaxon, Ozzy & Cooper who have definitely proven that this is true.



Celebrating 125 years on 1 June 2024, 10.30am – 5pm

FOUR WEEKS TO GO

We have a number of folk travelling great distances to be with us and we would like to get our catering numbers close to requirements. You can help by visiting our Try Booking site by scanning the QR code to place your orders for Food and Merchandise.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We still have a need for parents to assist on the day. A volunteer required list along with home bake required on the day was sent home last week. Please complete and send back to the school as soon as possible.

ALOOMBA HISTORY

Did you know Mrs Corbett is writing a book about Aloomba School with a focus on the last 25 years. This book will be launched at the Quasquicentennial and will be available for sale for \$20. All proceeds will go to the P&C.

2024 TIME CAPSULE

We will be placing another time capsule under the flag pole following the celebration day. This is a great way of leaving a message for the generations to come. Next week we will be sending home information if you wish to participate. Cost: Free of Charge.

QUASQUICENTENNIAL MEMORABILIA

Don't forget to pre order special memorabilia to commemorate 125 years of education at Aloomba on the Try Booking Site. Pens \$3, Wine and Whiskey Glasses 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25, Stubby Coolers \$10, Aloomba School Historical Book \$20.



Trinity Coast South Cross Country this Friday - 3 May

Wishing our team of cross country runners all the best as they go on to represent us at the Trinity Coast South meet. To ensure that children are at their optimal fitness level and ready to compete please encourage them to continue training at home. Please remember to wear your Aloomba School shirt, comfortable running shorts and joggers. Don't forget a hat and water bottle. Children are required to be at St Mary's for the event before 8.30am. Upon arrival at the venue please see Mrs Galeano to get your names marked off.

Cleaner Needed—If you know of anyone that may be interested in casual cleaning work at Aloomba School on a Friday (4 & 1/2 hours) please contact the school office.

