


QUASQUICENTENNIAL TIMES

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January 2024

Aloomba School turns 125 years old

CELEBRATION DAY

1 JUNE 2024

10.30am – 5pm

Join the Community Celebration

At the time when the sugar industry was starting to emerge in Aloomba in 1898, a small group of local men formed a committee and petitioned the state government to establish a provisional school in Aloomba. By 1899 the school was opened with an initial enrolment of 32 students.

Aloomba School has seen hundreds of students benefit from the vision of our pioneers and we have so much to celebrate.

We would love the community to join us for a celebration event being held at the school on June 1 2024 from 10.30am to 5pm.

This is an opportunity to reconnect with fellow students and parents and have a tour of the school. This will not only showcase our current education facility but will also take you on a journey down memory lane.

We hope you will be able to join us on this special day. More details of the program and catering will be published at a later date.

Planning is under way

We would love anyone who is interested in helping with the celebration to join us. Our next meeting is being held at the school on Thursday 1 February at 7pm.

History Recorded

Our local school has been through two world wars, numerous cyclones and flooding events and has educated most of the local children of Aloomba over the last 125 years.

There are numerous stories to be told with many of them recorded in 'The history of Aloomba and its School' written by Arthur Hesp as part of the celebration of 75 years of Aloomba School and 'Down Memory Lane' written by Ailsa Morris to help celebrate 100 years of education at Aloomba.

Robyn Corbett (Principal 2001 – 2024) has kindly offered to record some more history of the school for the quasquicentennial celebration. Although this book will focus on the years 1999 – 2024, she is interested in any stories or recounts of happenings in earlier years.

Photos of events are also most welcome for consideration.

Time Capsule Opening

The time capsule placed under the school flag pole in 1999 will be opened at the celebration.

If you know of anyone who has material in the capsule, it would be appreciated if you could let them know.

Roll Call

Past students are encouraged to join us for the roll call. Registration details will follow.

History Book Sponsorship

We are looking for about 50 families/ individuals/ businesses who have had connection with Aloomba School to sponsor a page in the history book being written and launched at the quasquicentennial celebration.

For your \$20 sponsorship for a page, you have the opportunity to write a short note and include your name. (limited to three lines) The following are a couple of examples from the centenary book.

'Congratulations to the Aloomba State School on your centenary from past and present McAlloon families of Aloomba.'

'This page is sponsored by Gordon Stiff, England.'

Generations of Families

We are interested in hearing from families who have had at least 4 consecutive generations attend Aloomba School. This includes families who left to go to Meerawa School when it opened in 1931 and then returned to Aloomba School when it closed.

Senior Students

We would like to know the names and contact details of past students over the age of 80. Your assistance would be appreciated.

Enquiries to 125 Committee :-

Phone: 40433888 8am – 1pm

Aloomba School

Email: 125@aloombapnc.com.au

Please return this slip to the Aloomba school office or scan and email to 125@aloombapnc.com.au

Name..... Email Phone.....

I have a historical account or photo you may be interested in (attach information)

I would like to sponsor a page