



12th October 2016

Principal's Report

GREAT START TO THE TERM:

We experienced a very positive start to the term last week. Students appeared well engaged in activities and behaviour was good all round.

I hope that this continues over coming weeks – when behaviour allows learning to occur it is a positive result for the whole school.

Please talk often with your child about what you want for them to get from school. I am sure that we all want something similar – an education that allows each child to reach their fullest potential and become a fully functioning member of our society.

Please speak with your child's teacher early in the term and discuss with them what the individual goals are for your child.

REVIEW OCCURS SOON:

In the fourth week of term the school will be participating in a day long review process. This review is to gauge the progress that has been made by the school in some specific priority areas since the full review that was conducted last year.

We will be presenting some of the data and other information we have about how we have been working in our key improvement areas for 2016 – reading and behaviour.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY IS BACK:

We have received the data from this year's school opinion survey process. This process asks students, staff and parents to rate many questions about how schools operate.

I am pleased to say that Allenstown has received one of its most overall positive reports for several years – from all groups. Some of the highlights include:

- 100% of parents (who responded) said their child likes being at Allenstown;
- 100% of parents agreed that teachers at Allenstown expect their children to do their best at school;
- 100% of parents agreed that they could talk to their child's teachers about their concerns;
- 98% of students agreed that their teachers motivate them to learn;
- 98% of students agreed that their school work challenged them to think;
- 100% of staff agreed that social, cultural and racial diversity are respected within Allenstown school;
- 98% of staff believes that the staff at Allenstown is well supported.

There is much more information that we will use in planning future activities and events at Allenstown. The above are just some highlighted aspects that show the positive attitudes that exist about Allies over the period of 2016. Please help us to 'keep the ball rolling' by speaking up about our school.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

I am spending two days out of school this week. While away I will be attending training in a special educational review tool that can help schools to identify ways to improve performance in a whole range of areas.

This is part of my personal commitment to Allenstown – to lead an improvement agenda for the sake of all children. It also reflects the wish of all Allies staff members to see all children succeed and to help all children to learn every day.

ALLENSTOWN 4 A'S:

One of the things you should know for sure about Allies School is our '4 A's'. This stands for:

Always Respectful
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Always Present

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Teachers discuss these regularly and teach the students the expectations around how students should behave or perform within each area. Students are also clearly told of the rewards and consequences for operating within or outside of these four expectations / rules.

Rewards can include awards in class or on parade, 'Gotcha's' or even privilege bands.

Consequences can include withdrawal from an activity or event, referral or even suspension in extreme cases.

We now have clearly displayed reminders of our '4 A's' all around our school grounds – see if you can spot them next time you are up at the school.

Our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) team meet regularly to discuss student behaviour and the data that is collected. This team drives our work in behaviour which has been our second priority area for improvement in 2016. And – it's working. Data is showing pleasing trends over the year to date.

SPORTS RESULTS / GAMES THIS WEEK:

Last week saw a mixed bag of results:

- The T20 cricket team won their first game 207 – 187 against Crescent Lagoon Blue
- Our 1st basketball team won against RGS Black 16 – 4
- Our softballers lost narrowly (3 – 4) against Mount Morgan 1

This week's games are as follows:

Basketball:

- Allenstown 3 V Girls Grammar White at Hegvold (1.00pm – Ct 2)
- Allenstown 2 V Girls Grammar Gold at Hegvold (12.30pm – Ct 1)
- Allenstown 1 V Crescent Lagoon Blue at Crescent Lagoon School (1.30pm)

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Cricket:

- Allenstown V Crescent Lagoon Red at Allenstown School oval from 12.45pm

Softball:

- Allenstown V Berserker at Kele Park

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 17th October is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be attending Professional Development on this day so there will be no classes for students. Please make alternate arrangements for your child/ren's care as there will be no supervision provided for students at school on this day.

However, children attending the Year 5 Camp to Fairbairn Dam will need to catch the bus from school on Monday 17th October 2016.

PARADE DAY CHANGING:

Parade will now be on every Friday morning. It will run from 8.45 > 9.15am every Friday.

LEARNING STARTS AT 8.45am DAILY:

Please be aware that at Allenstown our teaching and learning activities commence daily at 8.45am. The bells ring at 8.35 for students to go to rooms and get ready for the day but at 8.45am the teachers start the learning activities of the day.

NO HAT NO PLAY!

Please ensure that your student has a hat (not a cap) to wear to school each day.

Hats can be purchased from the Tuckshop for \$12.00 each.

SWIMMING CAPS

Swimming Caps must be worn in the pool during PE lessons.

Swimming Caps can be purchased from the Office for \$2.00 each.

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UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Change of Address
 Phone Numbers
 Emergency Contacts

The office has not been able to contact some parents/caregivers due to phone numbers not being current. It is very important that this information, especially phone numbers, is kept up to date and current. Please contact the office of any changes.

SWIMMING TIMETABLE – Term 4

Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8.45 to 9.45am		PB	3/4C	PA	
9.45 to 10.45am	4A		5A	4/5B	5/6C
11.30 to 12.30pm	1A	P/1C	2B	3A	
1.45 to 2.45pm	3B	1/2B	6A	2A	

Adult Helpers urgently needed

Prep – Year 1 (Minimum 5 Adult Helpers)
 Years 2-3 (Minimum 3 Adult Helpers)
 Years 4-6 (Minimum 1 Adult Helper)

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Helpers will be required to hop into the pool. If the required number of Adult Helpers is not present for a lesson, students will be unable to go swimming on that day.

Students are required to bring their swimmers, a swim shirt, a swimming cap, goggles and a towel. Students will not be permitted to swim without a swim shirt or swimming cap.

UPCOMING EVENTS		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Playgroup 9-11am	I Block
Every Wed	Prep Transition Program 12-2.30pm	Prep Rooms
17 October	Pupil Free Day	Allentown SS
17-21 Oct	Year 5 Camp	Fairbairn Dam Emerald
19 Oct	Year 6 Camp	Allentown SS
	Parent Meeting 7-8pm	Library
14-18 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane
14-17 Nov	Xmas Book Fair	School Library
21 Nov	"Lumai Yumba" Health Indigenous Program	Allentown SS
1 Dec	Year 6 Graduation & Awards Night	Allentown SS Hall
2 Dec	Prep – Year 5 Awards Parade	Allentown SS Hall
7 Dec	Year 6 Big Day Out	TBA
8 Dec	Break Up Celebrations	Allentown SS
9 Dec	Final Day of School Year	Allentown SS

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QLD TERM DATES - 2016

4 Oct - 9 Dec	10 Weeks
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P & C Meeting - 2016

18 Oct	5.30 – 7.00pm
15 Nov	5.30 – 7.00pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES



DENTAL CLINIC

The Dental Clinic at Allentown State School will close for the rest of this year. They will be back in March, 2017.

The dental staff will be operating out of Park Avenue State School Clinic. If you need to contact them for any appointment, please ring 49222729.



Come along to the Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Open Day in the Hangar on 30th October from 10am – 12pm.

Canoona Road, Rockhampton (near the Airport)

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JUNIORS	SENIORS
U10-U12'S '10-'06 BORN: FRI NIGHTS	WOMEN'S MON NIGHTS DIV 1-DIV 3;
U14-U18'S '03-'00 BORN: THURS NIGHTS	MEN'S TUES NIGHTS DIV 1-DIV 4
JU12-U18'S \$60 12 MONTH BQ REGISTRATION, \$150 COURT FEES	\$60 12 BQ REGISTRATION, \$207 COURT FEES
U16'S \$30 12 MONTH BQ REGISTRATION, \$140 COURT FEES	

FOR PLAYERS WHO HAVE EXISTING BQ REGISTRATION THEY WILL JUST NEED TO PURCHASE COURT FEES PRODUCT.

PLEASE CONTACT ROCKHAMPTON BASKETBALL ON 4922 5544 TO JOIN A TEAM, OR HEAD TO WWW.ROCKHAMPTONBASKETBALL.COM.AU TO REGISTER.

Archer Park Rail Museum - Family Fun Day

DATE: Sunday 23rd October 2016
 TIME: 9am – 1pm
 COST: \$2 Entry– 14 years and over
 TRAM RIDES \$2.50

Come along and enjoy the displays and market. Ride the Purrey Steam Tram; see the Diesel and Steam engine and heritage rail carriages.

There will be morning tea and sausage sizzle, vintage, classic and ford cars, military museum stall, live music, rail memorabilia, exhibits and lots more.

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