



26th October 2016

Principal's Report

YR 5 CAMPERS RETURN:

The 30 students who attended Year 5 camp at Fairbairn Dam are all back at school alive and well (the teachers and Chappy too). They have now had a taste of some 'out of the box' experiences like climbing rock walls, abseiling down from a 10m high platform and building catapults.

I joined the campers briefly – spending Tuesday afternoon and night and the first activity of Wednesday with them. I saw the group engaged in some great opportunities to develop their personal (and collective) resilience. Some grasped this chance with two hands and others came at it softly and slowly.

On their return on Friday the whole group looked like they had feasted well on Chappy's meals which I believe were very well received.

My sincere thanks go to the Allies teachers (and also the camp teachers) for their perseverance, persistence and patience during camp. Camps are an option for schools to provide and at Allies we are lucky to have a bunch of committed staff who wants students to experience the fullest possible range of learning activities.

LEADERSHIP FOR 2017:

One of the tasks left in 2016 is to select our student leaders for the year ahead.

We will soon be asking our Year 5's to nominate for positions as school captains, sports captains or senior leaders in 2017.

After the nominations students will go through a process of making speeches and being interviewed before the final elections are held. If you have a Year 5 child who is interested in achieving a leadership

position please discuss it with them and help them to prepare to present themselves positively. More details of this matter will be provided to students next week.

Due to the small number of students in the current Year 5 group we may have less leadership positions available next year than usual.

TECHNOLOGY BASED CLASS COMING:

We are waiting for the arrival of a set of 32 brand new iPad Air 2's. These have been ordered as part of a plan to introduce a one-on-one iPad class in 2017.

The bulk of the iPad's will be provided to one class for a term (or semester) whose teacher will then use them to teach across all the curriculum areas (Maths, English, Science, etc).

The rest of the new iPad's will be added to our current fleet for other classes to borrow in sets suitable for small group or individual learning. This will greatly enhance our school's technology stocks and also the opportunity for many engaging learning activities for students.

This is a significant commitment and has cost the school approximately \$18 500. This adds to our earlier upgrade of our computer lab machines this year and positions us well with up to date and well maintained technology.

It is anticipated that Mr Fallon will be the first teacher to run an iPad class in 2017. He recently attended some specific training at the Taranganba School and he will then mentor other Allies teachers as they take up the tech based class option.

It is hoped that we may also be able to offer some adult opportunities to learn more about how to fully use the power and scope of an iPad. Watch the newsletters next year for advice about this.

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2016 SCHOOL CONCERT:

This event is not too far away now – Tuesday 29th November is the date. Mark your calendars now!!

The concert is taking a new direction this year with entertainment by the members of the Choir and the Glee Club. This will be supported by a cast of students performing a Christmas based play. The cast will be helped by many willing crew members, all working to make the night fun, entertaining and well managed.

Make sure you come along and have a look at what promises to be cracker of an end to 2016.

OTHER END OF YEAR EVENTS:

These need to make it on to your calendars also:

- *Year 6 Graduation Night* – Thurs 1st Dec;
- *Prep > Year 5 Parade of Excellence* – Friday 2nd Dec (this will be the final parade of 2016)
- *Year 6 Big Day Out* – Wed 7th Dec
- *2nd Semester Report Cards* – Tue 6th Dec

SPORTS NEWS:

Last Friday our T20 cricket team had another strong win – this time against RGS Red. Our softballers also had a win – against Crescent Lagoon (take that Mrs Howard ☺).

Our basketball teams did not play last week.

This week's games are as follows:

T20 Cricket V RGS Black at Allies oval from 12.30

Softball V Frenchville 1 at Kele Park

Basketball:

Team 1 V RGS Wheatcroft at RGS at 2.00pm

Team 2 V Cres. Lagoon A at Cresso at 1.30pm

Team 3 V Cres. Lagoon Red at Cresso at 1.00pm

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK



Other News



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA NIGHT - "Merry QUIZmas"

Date: 11 November 2016
Venue: Allenstown State School Hall
Time: 6pm Sausage Sizzle for a 6.30pm start
Cost: \$10.00 per person (adults only event)
Maximum of 8 players per table

Team Registration Sheets can be obtained from the Allenstown State School Facebook page or from Allies Tuckateria (Tuckshop).

PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED TABLE

Lots of fun, games and awesome prizes.

Drinks, Nibbles and Alcohol available

Get your team together.

For further enquiries contact the tuckshop.

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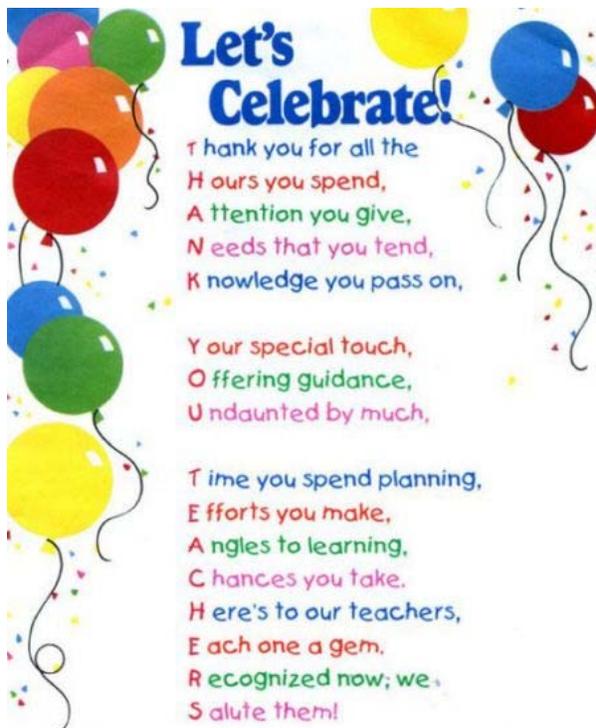
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WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

In this week's newsletter we celebrate World Teacher's Day. Thank you to all the wonderful teachers at Allenstown State School.



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2017 PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

A Prep Information Night for students attending Prep in 2017 will be held on Wednesday 9th November 2016 from 5.30pm in the Prep classroom and should be finished by 6.15pm. If you have a student commencing Prep in 2017 and are unable to attend this session, please contact the office.

Library News



We are participating in Redgum Book Club this term and the catalogue has been sent home with your child. Redgum orders will earn resources and books for our school and with every order your child will receive a free gift.

Open the link [Redgum Book Club term 4 catalogue](#) to view the current catalogue. Redgum also have hundreds more great titles on their website, with books starting from \$2.00. www.redgumbookclub.com.au.

ORDER AND PAY ONLINE BY CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL

(Do not send orders or payments to school)

The catalogue is now open and closes on **Tuesday 8th November**. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school no later than **Tuesday 22nd November**.

Redgum Book Club has nearly 400 titles and products in this catalogue. Below is a selection of new releases:

- *Heart of a Home and Wolf Espionage* – Winners of the 2016 Redgum Book Club Young Writers Awards.
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Double Down*. The latest book in the phenomenally successful Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.

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- *The Bush Santa* – Australian author Mandy Foot's lushly illustrated Christmas picture book.
- *Magnus Chase and the Hammer of Thor* - The hotly anticipated new book from Rick Riordan.
- *Star Wars – Adventures in Wild Space*. A brand new original fiction series set in the Star Wars universe.

Classics in the catalogue include: *Hans Christian Anderson, Enid Blyton – A Faraway Tree Adventure in Santa Claus's Castle, Just Andy, The Jungle Book and Roald Dahl.*

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders this term, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au

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	

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR 4 LEARNING

Always Safe:

- Focus – Sun Safety
- Magpies etc
- Walking up Stairs

POLICE SCHOOLS ARTICLE – October, 2016

Unlocked homes and cars cause property crime to increase – Have you secured your house and car?

On Tuesday October 18, Acting Assistant Commissioner Bruce McNab launched a strategy 'Property Security Partnership' that will focus on reducing the amount of reported property crime in the Capricornia District.

The Capricornia District sustained increases across all major property offences in 2015/16 compared to the previous year. These offences involved burglaries to homes, stealing vehicles or stealing from cars. Items stolen included mobile phones, laptops, wallets and cash. In almost every case the home or vehicle was unlocked at the time of the offence.

It also involved offenders stealing bank cards and using the pay wave function to buy goods. Police want the community to focus on security in and around the home, and this can be achieved through establishing strategies and developing new habits to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of a crime.

How to avoid becoming a victim to an opportunistic offence?

- Ensure that your vehicle is locked when you are not using it, this includes when your vehicle is parked in the driveway, carport, or garage.

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- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle when you are not using it. This may include car/house keys, wallets, GPS devices, money, handbags, computers, or mobile phones.
- Get into the habit every time you return home, and place your car keys, handbag, wallet, mobile phone and personal items in a cupboard or a safe place that is out of sight and is unknown to other people.
- Ensure that your house is visible to your neighbours and passers-by so that any thieves can be observed. This may mean trimming back trees and shrubs.
- Security lighting can be installed around the perimeter of your property, including over entry ways, along your driveway and the back of the house, revealing any possible hiding places for thieves.
- Ensure that when you leave the house it is secured, this will make it more difficult for opportunistic offenders to gain access to your property.
- Have CCTV systems installed in your home, this can be a deterrent for opportunistic offenders and will be able to assist Police with investigations if an offence was to occur.

Unlocked cars

Police want to remind the community that it is an offence not to secure your vehicle when you are not using it. The penalty for failing to secure your vehicle is a \$48 infringement. Police do not want to issue members of the community with infringement notices for this offence, and would much rather work in partnership with the community by implementing strategies to prevent property crime from occurring.

UPCOMING EVENTS		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Playgroup 9-11am	I Block
Every Wed	Prep Transition Program 12.00-2.30pm	Prep Rooms
9 Nov	2017 Prep Information Session 5.30pm-6.15pm	Allenstown SS Prep Classroom
11 Nov	Christmas Trivia Night 6.30pm	Allenstown SS Hall
14-18 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane
14-17 Nov	Xmas Book Fair	School Library
15 Nov	P & C Meeting 5.30pm – 7.00 pm	Allenstown SS
21 Nov	"Lumai Yumba" Health Indigenous Program	Allenstown SS
29 Nov	Allies Christmas Play	Allenstown SS Hall
1 Dec	Year 6 Graduation & Awards Night	Allenstown SS Hall
2 Dec	Prep – Year 5 Awards "Parade of Excellence" Final Parade for 2016	Allenstown SS Hall
6 Dec	Report Cards	Allenstown SS
7 Dec	Year 6 Big Day Out	TBA
8 Dec	Break Up Celebrations	Allenstown SS
9 Dec	Final Day of School Year	Allenstown SS
23 Jan 17	School Resumes	Allenstown SS



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P & C Meeting - 2016

15 Nov	5.30 – 7.00pm
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Come along to the Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Open Day in the Hangar on 30th October from 10am – 12pm.
Canoona Road, Rockhampton (near the Airport)



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.



Football Central Queensland has now taken over the leasing of the YWCA QLD sports and recreation facility in Robinson Street, North Rockhampton.

We have just recently commenced our first season of Futsal with our new club which falls under the FCQ banner- CQ Futsal Club.

Whilst we have had great success for our first season thus far we are still looking for more teams to enter our competition. Currently as it stands today we have well over 150 players who turn up each week to battle it out on the court. With no training days scheduled (coaches may if they wish) players enjoy the friendly atmosphere of turning up each week at their designated time which is released via our Sports Pulse website and just doing what they love doing- putting those skills in to play and playing Futsal.

Futsal is a great off season sport to outdoor football where players really have the opportunity to sharpen their reaction time on the ball, not to mention pathways for players to represent locally and for state with our affiliation through Football Queensland.

Below I have listed the game days and at a minimum how many more teams we would love to join our competition. There are also spaces available for single players to be added in to some teams.

- Tuesday-** Under 10's (8-10 yrs) 2 x more teams
- Wednesday-** Under 14's(12-14 yrs) 2 x more teams
- Wednesday-** Under 17's(15-17 yrs) 1 x more team
- Thursday-** Under 12's(10-12 yrs) 1 x team

If you would like to enter a school team/s or you may have players interested please contact me ASAP.

Registration -\$75.00 through

www.myfootballclub.com.au

Team Game Fees- \$45.00 paid on the night to the team coordinator

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