7th September 2016

Principal’s Report

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:
Mr Lachlan Spyve has won the role as acting deputy principal at Allenstown for term 4. This is the period that Mrs Howard will be away at Crescent Lagoon as acting principal.

Congratulations to Mr Spyve. He will assume this role on Tuesday 4th October.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING:
The school leadership team (Mr Lynn, Mrs Howard, Mrs Aspinall and Mrs Tanzer) will be participating in the second phase of some specific leadership training this Thursday.

The team have already undergone some training with Mrs Lynne Foley. The aim is to assist the team in developing their skills to lead an improvement agenda for Allenstown School. This time we will be joined by Mr Spyve so that he can ‘catch up’ with the rest of the team.

ABSENT NEXT WEEK:
Please be aware that I will be away from school myself next week. I am taking a week of long service leave to pursue some travel to the far north of our state.

Mrs Howard will be acting principal at Allenstown during the week.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017:
We already have a good number of students enrolled for Prep in 2017. It is hoped that we will have enough Prep students next year to allow three separate classes to operate. To do that we need a minimum of 63 Prep students.

If you know of anyone intending to enrol a preppy for 2017 please encourage them to collect an enrolment package from the office. Spaces are filling; however, we are always happy to accept new students.

YEAR 5/6 SPORT:
This week is another week of getting sorted for the third and final interschool sport season of 2017.

The sports for students to choose this time are:
- Basketball (mixed, competitive)
- Softball (mixed, competitive)
- T20 Cricket (mixed, competitive)
- School based sports (skills based, mixed, non-competitive)

Yr 5 & 6 students should have returned preference forms by now. Late forms may mean that students miss out on their first choice.

NO DISCO THIS TERM:
Just a reminder – there will not be a school disco this term due to Family Fun Night being held in the last week of term

FAMILY FUN NIGHT:
This event is coming fast – Wednesday 14th September!!
The P & C are looking for donations to help out with some of the fundraising stalls. Items needed include:
- Potted plants and / or herbs / vegies
- 1.25L soft drinks
- Cakes, biscuits, slices, etc for the homebaked stall
- Chocolates (small wrapped bars) for the chocolate toss
- Prizes suitable for the multi-draw raffle

Any of these items can be sent to school for safekeeping – please direct them to Kylie and Kelly at the tuckshop.

$30 Prepaid Tickets are available at the “Tuckshop” before 2.30pm each school day or $35 on the night
**FROM THE CHAPLAIN’S DESK**

*The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.*

Sydney Harris

**BILLY G’S GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH DELIVERY DATE HAS CHANGED!!!!!!**

**THE NEW DELIVERY DATE IS**

**MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER.**

Pick up will be from The Helen James Performing Arts Centre (Hall) from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Chappy Sam through the office on 49300111.

We thank you for making our Billy G’s Fundraiser a huge success and supporting our year 6 camp!

**HOLIDAYS APPROACHING:**

Students attend school for the last day this term on **Friday 16th September**.

Students return after the spring vacation period on **Tuesday 4th October**.

Please note that **Monday 3rd October** is a public holiday in Queensland.

The last term runs from Tuesday 4th October until **Friday 9th December** when we break up for the Christmas holidays.

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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR 4 LEARNING**

**Always Present** - Got to be in it to win it. This week students revisit how they can earn “Gotchas and stamps”

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**LOST PROPERTY**

If your student is missing a lunch box, water bottle, hat, coat etc. please check Lost Property at school as there are many “unnamed” items. Any items not claimed by Friday 16th September will be donated to charity.

**COMBINED SCHOOLS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERTS**

Congratulations to all of our Instrumental Music students for their assured performances at this year’s Combined Schools Strings Concert (Wednesday 17th August) and Combined Schools Band Concert (Thursday 18th August).
In collaboration with several state primary schools from the southside cluster, our students attended full day workshops at Allenstown State School and worked positively with Instrumental Music specialists to prepare several challenging works for their evening performances. The concert programs were entertaining and varied, and included pieces such as "Tick Tock", "Can Can", "Pirate Pete", "Roar", "We are the Champions" and "Geronimo".

Instrumental Music Students Comments

Nara - "There were so many people at the concert. The piece that I loved playing the most was "We are the Champions". My mum enjoyed the concert just as much as I did."

Eve - "The concert was fabulous. I loved it. I got to spend time with my friends. I am a Junior player and I played "Oriental Overture", "Moody Monster", "Bobbing Blues" and "In the Groove". I loved "In the Groove".

Omar - "My favourite song in the concert was "Pirate Pete". Playing in the concert wasn't very scary as I was too focused upon my music to notice the crowd."

Delta - "Everyone loved "Pirate Pete" and "We are the Champions."*

Jasmine - "My favourite song was "Tick Tock" because we got to do clock sounds with our tongue. I also felt a bit nervous and happy when I played. It was fun with the other schools. I play the viola and I really liked the concert."

Lilly-Ane - "I am in my second year of playing an instrument. My favourite piece in the concert was "Oriental Overture". The other pieces were "Bobbing Blues", "Moody Monster", "In the Groove", "Tick Tock" and "Hoedown".

Florean - "Last week, I played my violin in a concert. The song that I liked best was "Tick Tock". I thought it was the best first concert in the world."

Abbey - "I liked "We are the Champions", "Pirate Pete", "In the Groove", "Hoedown" and "Oriental Overture" because of the melody."

Montanna - "My favourite pieces were "Pirate Pete" and "We are the Champions". My grandma came to watch me."

Tara - "I liked the song "Pirate Pete" best. I was scared at first. My dad said that if I was scared, look at him. It was awesome."

MAGPIE TERRITORY
(Children's Environmental Health Protection)

It's Magpie season and they may swoop on intruders. This is normal defensive behaviour during the breeding season and lasts up to six weeks.

Protect yourself:
- Move quickly through this area—don’t run.
- Wear a hat or carry an umbrella.
- Wear sunglasses for eye protection.
- Bike riders—dismount and walk.
- Don’t act aggressively—this will only make things worse—they are only protecting their young.

More information can be found on the following website:

QLD CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 4-10 SEPTEMBER

Protecting children is EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

More information can be found on the following website:
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

Last Tuesday, 1A, P1/C and 1/2 were visited by the Fries! We were lucky enough to all have a hold of the BIG FIRE HOSE! Even the teachers had a GO!!! We also learnt about FIRE SAFETY!

Remember to ensure that you all have smoke alarms for your protection! Thank-you to our local FIRIES for protecting us every single day!

In week 8, selected primary students from Years 5 & 6 visited Rockhampton SHS to participate in the EXCEL Workshops which incorporated a range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematic (STEM) activities. The EXCEL program is a new excellence course that will commence in 2017 which will incorporate a range of STEM related equipment and resources into the curriculum to provide engaging learning experiences for students. The aim of the workshop was to allow potential students to see Rockhampton SHS’s facilities, work with our enthusiastic staff and collaborate with students from other schools who will also be attending Rockhampton SHS in coming years.

To start the day, students were engaged in a range of Science activities. This included conducting flame tests to identify what chemicals are used for different coloured fireworks, dissecting cow’s eyes, and creating a bubble through the use of dry ice.

Digital Technologies saw students focus on coding programs which is a fundamental component of STEM. Through the use of scratch and other coding programs, students used our Ollies, Sphero’s and drones to manoeuvre these devices through a range of obstacle courses that were created and designed using engineering and mathematic skills.

From all accounts students thoroughly enjoyed the learning outcomes and opportunities that were provided to them whilst here at Rockhampton SHS. The eye dissection and use of the Ollie’s and Sphero’s were notable highlights from student feedback.

I would like to thank primary staff who coordinated the EXCEL students and also to parents/guardians who drove students to and from Rockhampton SHS. The days were a great success with all students having a great time whilst here at Rockhampton SHS. We look forward to working with our Cluster Schools in the near future.

Finally, to be accepted in to the EXCEL program in 2017 students need to complete an Expression of Interest form and include student NAPLAN results and their latest Report Card. Classroom teachers have a copy of the Expression of Interest form if your student does not have a copy. These documents are to be submitted to Rockhampton SHS by Friday 14th October, 2016. Should you have any further questions regarding the EXCEL program, please contact Marty Krehlik (Deputy Principal Rockhampton SHS) on 4920 4333 or mkreh2@eq.edu.au.
PLEASE CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT
If you wish to receive the newsletter by email each week please contact the office by phone or email to have your name added to the bulk email list.

UPDATE DETAILS
Have you changed your mobile phone or moved address recently? Up to date details are extremely important in the case of an emergency.

Please remember to update any new details with the school as soon as possible or register with QParents to get the phone App.

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

P & J’s YARD CARE
(For all your yard care needs)
Lawn Mowing Edging
Hedging Pruning
Tree Lopping Gardening
Weed Control Waste Removal
Handyman

Phone 0457 579 240
Servicing Rockhampton & Surrounds

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PARADE – Wednesday 8.45am
(Helen James Performing Arts Centre)

Tuckshop – Open Monday to Friday (8.15am to 1.30pm)

P & C Meetings – Third Tuesday of each month
(5.30pm in staffroom)

Student Banking - Thursday
Would $500.00 help cover the cost of school expenses?

Come along and find out if you are eligible to join the Saver Plus program and receive $500 for education expenses for your children.

Wednesday 7th September  2.30pm - under A Block

To be eligible to participate in Saver Plus you must be 18 years or over; be a parent or guardian of a student attending school or starting next year, or be attending or returning to vocational training yourself; have a current health care card or pensioner concession card; and have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Saver Plus Coordinator, Kathy Connaughton
0408 490984 or 49248125 or kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

DEPOT HILL CAR RALLY & FAMILY FUN DAY

When: Saturday, 10th Sept. 9am- 3pm
Be at the school by 8.30am for registration
Where: Start at Depot Hill State School
Meet near the oval.
Cost: $20 per car
All enquiries to 4922 1795

CQ REGIONAL EXHIBITION 2016
Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art

2016 Central Queensland Regional Exhibition showcasing the outstanding artworks by the region’s talented senior visual art students.

Welcome remarks by Mayor Margaret Strelow
Exhibition opening by Trudy Graham (Assistant Regional Director, Dept of Education & Training)

Venue: Rockhampton Art Gallery, Victoria Parade
Date: Friday, 9th September 2016
Time: 6.00pm
RSVP by 7th September to 4936 8248 or gallery@rrc.qld.gov.au

Beak’s Tennis

Beak’s Tennis holiday programs available over both weeks of holidays for all ages and skill levels.

or more information or to enroll for term 4 coaching call 49361021