



NEWSLETTER

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9th November 2016

Principal's Report

HALF A TERM LEFT

We now only have half of the last term left in the 2017 school year. In those five weeks we will be:

- Sending Yr 6 students to camp in Brisbane;
- Writing report cards for semester 2;
- Graduating Yr 6 students out of primary school;
- Celebrating great behaviour by a large number of students;
- Answering trivial questions at the Christmas Quiz Night;
- Sorting classes and teachers for 2017;
- Finishing interschool sports for 2016;
- Planning lots of new things for the 2017 school year to come;
- Etc, etc.

As you can see even with only a few weeks left there are lots of tasks to be completed.

Please keep up to date with the days and times for various events that you may wish to attend as school draws to a close on Friday 9th December.

HEAT HITS HARD

With the start of some very hot weather we are encouraging students to find shade and drink water regularly. We have had some cases of students becoming heat stressed already.

We will absolutely not let any child out into the playground without a hat during coming weeks (this is our normal every day rule).

BOOKLISTS FOR 2017

The class booklists for 2017 are being finalised at the moment. These will be sent home with the newsletter in approximately two weeks' time.

IMPROVED BEHAVIOUR OVERALL

It has been pleasing to note a decrease in incidents of poor student behaviour over recent months.

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During our recent school review many staff and students were quizzed about behaviour and 99% responded that student behaviour was better now than in Term 1. This is also shown in our data from the referral room where there has been a very pleasing drop in the number of students attending.

Help us to keep this trend going – appropriate behaviour leads to better student engagement and means that teaching and learning can progress without interruptions.

We are trying hard to build a positive culture for learning at Allies – be a part of the journey with us. Encourage your child to be on task, working to the best of their ability and following the 4 A's daily.

The 4 A's are of course:

- ✓ Always Safe
- ✓ Always Respectful
- ✓ Always Learning
- ✓ Always Present

UPCOMING WORKS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Over coming weeks a number of important facilities projects will occur around the school. These will include:

- Installing new electrical pits near the hall and chook pen;
- Renewal of the electrical mains between C Block and the swimming pool plant shed;
- Renewal of the electrical connection between the pool plant shed and the change rooms;
- There is also an exciting project that will happen just after school finishes – it involves some beautification around the undercover area. Look for this in the New Year.

While the above works are being completed we will have workmen and tools in and around the school. Please keep away from the defined work areas and help your children to act safely near any work while entering and exiting the school.

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ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS

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

EXPLAIN ABSENCES PLEASE – REPLY TO THE TEXT MESSAGES

Some of you by now have received the school text messages regarding unexplained absences. Please reply as soon as possible so that we know that you know about your child not being at school. This is a very important safety consideration and is the key reason that the government and Department of Education provided schools with the funds for SMS services.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR 4 LEARNING

Always Respectful

I wear the school uniform correctly and with pride
I label my school belongings
I use good manners and appropriate language
I show courtesy and considerations to everyone

PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

As the school year is coming to a close, there will be many reasons to visit the school during the next few weeks for parades, interviews, graduation celebrations, swimming carnivals, book fair, trivia nights etc. so we ask all Parents/Caregivers be considerate of the need that residents living near the school, have access to get their vehicles in and out of their properties at all times.

Please don't park in the "Disabled Parking Spaces" or use these parking spaces as a "drop off/pick up zone" for students unless displaying the relevant signage in your vehicle. Make every attempt to follow all lawful traffic directions and signs.

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Congratulations!

The Allenstown State School community would like to congratulate Cadence Fouracre on winning "Player of the Final" in the under 10 years Girls Division 1 at the Red Rooster 2016 Touch Football Challenge.

Cadence's team "Tutti Fruitti" have been undefeated all season and competed against many teams from other regional areas at the carnival held in Rockhampton on the weekend. They continued their winning streak by taking out the entire carnival with the 10 girl team. What a great effort.

QParents

QParents is a secure Web and Mobile App that allows parents/caregivers of Queensland State School Students to access information about their child/ren and to communicate directly with their school. Only QParents account holders and their authorized delegates can access student information. QParents provides online access to information such as:

- Report Cards
- Attendance Details
- Invoices
- Payments can be made directly online through QParents
- Behaviour
- Student Photos
- Enrolments

If you require more information on how to register for QParents please contact the office.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

- Change of Address
- Phone Numbers
- Emergency Contacts
- Email Address

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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).

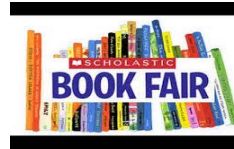
PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED TABLE

Lots of fun, games and awesome prizes.
Drinks, Nibbles and Alcohol available

Get your team together.

For further enquiries contact the tuckshop

Library News



Allenstown State School Library Christmas Book Fair

Monday 14th November

PREVIEW ONLY during the school day; classes timetabled to visit. NO purchases after school on the Monday, please. Students will bring home a Wish List of books they'd like to buy. Once you've made a decision you can:

1. Send money into school in a sealed, labelled bag **OR**
2. Pay online or by phone and record the receipt number on the back of the Wish List. Make sure you select 'Book Fair'. Send the Wish List back to school. Make sure the receipt number is recorded on the back, as well as your details.

Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th November

Book purchases may be made during the school day – classes will be timetabled to visit. NO purchases at lunchtimes.

Purchases may also be made before school, from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. & after school, until 3 p.m.

The Book Fair will be closed after 3pm on the Thursday.

There will be no access Friday

**Book Fair Week will be a celebration of reading!
There will be scavenger hunts and competitions.
Keep an eye on the Newsletter, and for posters
around the school, for more information.**

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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	

Swimming caps are available from the office for \$2.00 each. Correct money would be appreciated.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



DENTAL CLINIC

The Dental Clinic at Allenstown 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.

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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
23 Nov	Swimming Carnival Years 4-6	Allenstown SS Pool
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

P & C Meeting - 2016

15 Nov	5.30 – 7.00pm
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