



NEWSLETTER

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1st May 2018

Principals Report

ANNUAL NAPLAN TESTING – YRS 3 & 5

Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students should be aware that the annual NAPLAN tests will be completed on May 15th, 16th and 17th.

The testing will be done in the morning of each of those days. It is really important that students are at school on time during those days.

The tests are done by all Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students across Australian Schools and are in the areas of:

- Reading
- Language Conventions (spelling and grammar)
- Numeracy
- Writing

Ours students will complete their tests in their usual classrooms during the test periods. Other students may be re-located during those times to ensure quiet for the students in the tests.

Parents with any questions or concerns about the NAPLAN tests should contact either Mr Spyve or myself as soon as possible.

APOLOGY:

I wish to apologise to any parent who may have attended parade last Friday to see their child collect a classroom award. I chose not to award them last week as we only had a few students nominated from our sixteen classrooms. These awards will definitely be handed out this week.

OZ TAG GRANDFINALS

Last Friday we had two teams take part in Rockhampton Primary Schools Oz Tag grand finals. Ours girls were very successful in their game; running out winners 8 – 3 against St Joseph's Park Avenue. The girls played extremely well and led 5 – 1 at the half time break.

Congratulations Girls. Allies girls are the only team to win the trophy twice and the only team to win it two years in a row. Brilliant!!!

The other Allies team, our Number 1 mixed team were not successful. They were overrun by a very classy Parkhurst team but tried their hardest right up until the end.

DONATIONS PLEASE:

We are seeking donations of the items listed below to keep our breakfast club going. Chappy and the SEP staff are now preparing a simple breakfast every school day and this is putting some pressure on our supplies.

Please consider donations of:

- Bread (all for toasting)
- Margarine
- Vegemite
- Jam

These items can be left at the office or tuckshop. Please note that due to allergy considerations we cannot use peanut butter.



GET BEHIND THE FOOTY RAFFLE PLEASE!!!

We have a school family who have very generously donated all the prizes for the current P&C raffle.

First prize is very valuable – tickets to the 3rd state of origin game in Brisbane, with accommodation and other extras included.

Please consider grabbing a book of tickets from the office and trying to sell them – at your workplace; to footy mad relatives and friends; to anyone you know who likes to 'have a go'.

Please, please help us to get full value following such a generous donation from one of our highly supportive families.

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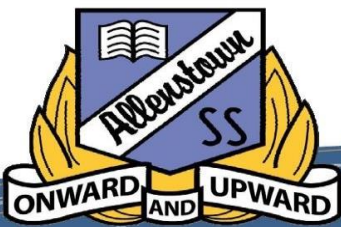
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CONGRATULATIONS REP FOOTY PLAYERS:

Congratulations go to the Allenstown students who played in winning Rocky representative teams over the weekend.

The group of players is: Jai Steere; Oliver Spyve; Caydence Fouracre; Hollie Murphy and Filoreen Fetoa'i.

OLD UNIFORMS PLEASE!!

We would very much appreciate receiving donations of any unused school uniforms.

If you have any shirts, shorts, skirts or shoes that are still useable but no longer fit your child please consider sending them along to the office.

We have had a significant claim on our clothing pool this year and some 'top up' donations would be very handy.



FUNDRAISING PROBLEM

I am ashamed to have to raise this issue with our school community.

Unfortunately we have had four complaints from local residents who ordered (and paid for) cookie dough from the Chaplaincy / P & C fundraiser late last term.

None of these people has had any cookie dough supplied to them. We are unable to locate any students who admit to trying to sell cookie dough near these houses.

Therefore, we have four people who believe that the Allenstown School has treated them very shabbily.

If you can provide any information that may help us resolve this situation please call us.

This is why the P&C are asking only adults to sell the raffle tickets in our State of Origin Raffle.

BEEF WEEK EXCURSION REMINDER:

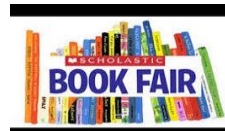
Parents of students in Prep, Yr 3, Yr 5 and Yr 6 are reminded to return Beef Week excursion notes and bus money (\$3.00) as soon as possible.

Please let your child's teacher know if you can attend as a volunteer.

Main points to remember:

- Students will leave school on buses at 9.15am and leave Beef at 2.15pm to return to school
- Prep students need lunches suitable to be kept in an esky:
- Other students need lunches suitable to carry in their backpacks during the day – no refrigeration / cooling is available. Paper / plastic bags should be used to hold lunches rather than bulky / heavy lunchboxes.
- Students do not need any money with them – no chances will exist to make purchases
- All students attending need to be in uniform and have a hat
- All students need a water bottle with them – this is an absolute MUST.

Library News



Allenstown State School Library Book Fair

Monday 21st May

PREVIEW ONLY during the school day; classes timetabled to visit. Students will bring home a Wish List of books they'd like to buy.

Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th May

Book purchases during school day – classes timetabled to visit. Purchases may be made after school until 3pm.

The Book Fair will be CLOSED after 3pm on the Thursday. There will be no access Friday.

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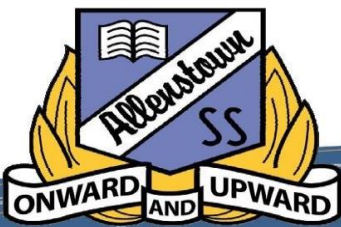
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Wednesday 23rd May at 11 a.m. come along to the school library and be a part of the **National Simultaneous Storytime!** Come ready to sing some other nursery rhymes, too!

Chappy Corner



Chaplaincy High Tea

Proudly hosted by North Rockhampton State High School

Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee fund ten Chaplains in sixteen Rockhampton schools

When: Saturday 26th May 2018 (12 noon to 2pm)
Where: The Master and the Apprentice – Café, Bar and Bistro, North Rton State High School
Cost: \$45.00
Bookings & Payment:
North Rockhampton State High School Administration
Phone 4924 7888
Bookings and payment required by 23/5/18



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Other News

NO SCHOOL – MONDAY 7th May 2018

This day is a Public Holiday.



MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

Mother's Day is nearly here and if your child is looking for a gift for that special person in their life the Mother's Day Stall will be open at school in B Block every lunch break. Gifts are reasonably priced so students can come and have a look to find that something special.



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Allenstown State School P & C are hosting a Mother's Day Brunch. Details are below:

- Saturday 12th May 2018
- 9.30am to 11.30am
- Allenstown State School Hall
- \$5.00 entry fee
- Fashion Parade, Raffles, Lucky Door Prize
- RSVP to the Tuckshop by 9th May 2018

Come along and join in the fun.



ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL EXPO

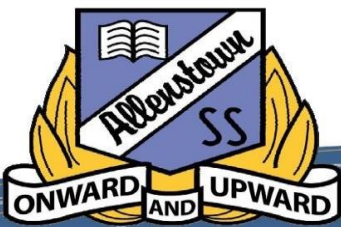
Invitation to Parents of Year 5 and 6 Students

RSHS Expo
Initial meeting in the Assembly Hall
Saturday 26th May 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Please take part in the activities that will introduce you to Rockhampton State High School.
FREE barbecue with drinks on sale.
For more details contact RSHS on Ph 49204333.

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NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

National Road Safety week runs from 30th April to 6th May 2018. This initiative of the Safer Australian Roads and Highways group aims to improve road safety by reminding us all to “**Drive So Others Survive**”.

This week has a particular focus on encouraging motorists to take care in areas where people are working in the road environment, like roadworks and school zones as well as around emergency services personnel.

Visit www.roadsafetyweek.org.au for more information. You could also show your support by

- Making a pledge to drive safely
- Wear a yellow ribbon or pinning a yellow ribbon to your car, bicycle or motorbike
- Joining the conversation at Join the Drive on social media.

We all have a role to play

- SLOW DOWN in 40km/h School Zones
- Always observe the parking signs outside the school to keep children safe
- “Disabled Parking Spaces” are only to be used if the relevant signage is displayed on vehicle
- “Disabled Parking Spaces” are not a “drop off/pick up zone” for students or parents

“YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY” DEPENDS ON EVERYONE DOING THE RIGHT THING

“DRIVE SO OTHERS SURVIVE”

REMINDERS:

CHANGE OF CLOTHES – Please ensure your child has a change of clothes and underwear in their school bag each day in case of toileting accidents. Some students are still being sent to the office as they do not have a change of clothing.

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SCHOOL CAMPS

Year 5 Camp deposit of \$50 due by Friday 12th May. Regular part payment is encouraged with the final payment due by Monday 29th October.

Year 6 Camp payment of \$200 due by Friday 29th June and the balance needs to be finalised by 21st September. Regular part payment is encouraged

Community News



National Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 18th May

Active Kids are Smarter Kids.

Now in its 19th year, National Walk Safely to School Day is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Some of the objectives of National Walk Safely to school Week are:

- To encourage parents/carers to walk to school with primary school age children or park further away and walk them to school to reduce traffic congestion.
- To promote the health benefits of walking
- To help children develop vital road-crossing skills

Until the age of 10, children must always hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road. For more information go to www.walk.com.au

ROCKHAMPTON BASKETBALL

2018 Junior Winter Season launches 17th & 18th May and will run through to early September with practice rounds 3rd & 4th May. For more information phone 4922 5544 or www.rockhamptonbasketball.com.au

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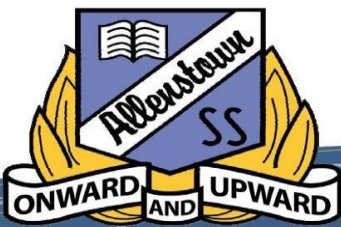
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2018 STATE OF ORIGIN RAFFLE

Allentown State School P & C Association

- Tickets are \$5.00 each and are in books of 10, 20 and 50.
- Sell them to your family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues. Great Prizes on offer.
- To be drawn Friday 22nd June 2018.
- Winners will be notified.

State of Origin Raffle tickets are available for our parents/caregivers to take home and sell and are available from the office now.

Good luck!!!

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Play Group 8.45-10.45am	I Block Allentown SS
7 May	Labour Day	Public Holiday
6-12 May	Beef Week	Rton Show Grounds
12 May	Mother's Day Brunch	Allentown SS Hall
12 May	Year 5 Camp \$50 Deposit Due	Allentown SS
15-17 May	NAPLAN	Allentown SS
18 May	School Disco	Allentown SS
21 May	Rton Eisteddfod- Chamber Group	Pilbeam Theatre
14 Jun	Rton Show Holiday	Public Holiday
22 Jun	State of Origin Raffle drawn	Allentown SS
27 Jun	Reports Cards sent home	Allentown SS
29 Jun	Year 6 Camp \$200 payment due	Allentown SS
10 Aug	School Photos	Allentown SS
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	Allentown SS
29 Oct	Year 5 Camp Final payment due	Allentown SS
5-9 Nov	Year 5 Camp	Fairbairn Dam
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-various venues

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Stressed about back to school costs?

Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

Saver Plus matches your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

You may be eligible if:

- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

Contact Kathy Connaughton
your local Saver Plus Coordinator:
07 4924 8125 / 0408 490 984
or kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

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