

11 October 2017

Principals Report

*****STUDENT FREE DAY*****

Please remember that next Monday (16th October) is a **student free day**.

All staff will be at work on that day but students have the day off. This year may be the last year that this day (3rd Monday of last term) is used as a student free day.

Staff will be involved in a variety of professional development activities during the day. Normal school services are not available during that day so please keep your child home or make alternate care arrangements as no supervision will be available at school.

^^P & C MEETING^^

The next meeting of the Allenstown P & C will be held on Tuesday 17th October starting at 5.30pm in the staffroom. All interested parents / caregivers are welcome to attend.

Agenda items will include:

- ✓ End of year events, celebrations, etc
- ✓ Requests for support with school projects / initiatives or improvement strategies
- ✓ Trivia Night planned for Friday 3rd November

SECOND SEMESTER REPORTING:

We are planning some changes to the way we will provide end of semester reports to parents.

Previously student reports have included descriptions (sometimes quite lengthy and wordy) about the units of work that have been taught as well as student performance in relation to these.

We believe that the reports were not very 'user friendly' and as a result we plan to:

- Send home a copy of the unit of work descriptions approximately 1 week prior to the actual student reports;

- Only include on the student reports for each subject the allocated marks for achievement and effort.
- All comments will be collected together under the heading of general comment. In that we will be aiming to give you a precise account of the skills and achievements of your child.
- The only comments that will remain in the specific subject areas will be those provided by specialists such as music, HPE and LOTE teachers.
- Each student report will also have an individual comment about behaviour included.

The main difference you will notice is that the long comment section next to each subject will no longer appear. The comments sections next to all subjects except Music, HPE or LOTE (Yrs 5 & 6 only) will remain blank.

Please call the office to discuss this matter if you have any concerns. Mr Spyve or I would be happy to talk with you.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

The date for the 2017 swimming carnival has been set for Thursday 23rd November commencing at 4.00pm.

Watch the newsletter for further information regarding this event.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND AWARDS EVENING:

This important annual event is set down for Thursday 30th November. Please watch for further information from the Year 6 teachers regarding this event.

FINAL PARADE OF EXCELLENCE:

The last Parade of Excellence for 2017 will be held on Friday 1st December.

Awards for students from Prep to Year 5 will be presented on this parade. The winners of Year 6 awards from the previous night's graduation / awards ceremony will also be presented to the whole school.

Watch upcoming newsletters for more details about this parade.

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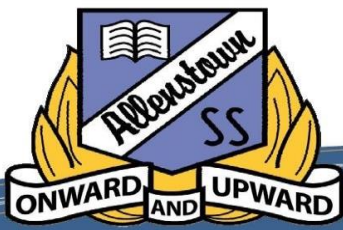
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PREP ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2018:

Please encourage anyone you know with Prep aged children to collect enrolment forms as soon as possible.

We already have 42 students 'enrolled' in Prep for next year. Getting our enrolments completed early will help with staff planning for the Prep classes.

If we happened to have enough Prep enrolments to start a third class next year, we would need time to organise a suitable room and resourcing for this. Early notice of your intention to enrol would greatly help.

ALL ENROLMENTS OPEN:

As well as Prep we are also taking enrolments for all other year levels in 2018. Please pass this advice on to anyone you may know who has students to enrol.

ADVICE OF NON RETURN FOR 2018:

If you have students from Prep to Year 5 who will not be returning to Allenstown in 2018 (for whatever reason) it would be beneficial for us to be advised of this.

It means that when I am planning classes for next year I can accurately predict which students are available for which classrooms. You can confidentially advise this information directly to Mr Spyve or myself by phoning the office.

Other News



YEAR 6 CAMP MEETING – REMINDER *****

An information session for parents will be held in the library this **Wednesday 11th October at 7pm** to discuss any queries you may have about the Year 6 camp.

YEAR 5 CAMP

The final cost for the Year 5 Camp after fundraising is **\$295.00**. Final payment needs to be made to the office no later than **27th October 2017** for your child to attend camp. An information session for parents will be held in the library on **18th October at 7pm** to discuss any queries you may have about camp.



MAGPIE SEASON

We have had a report of a magpie nesting in a tree near Caroline Street. Please be aware when in this area.



RSHS Enrolment Interview Evening

Rockhampton State High School's second Enrolment Interview Evening will take place on Thursday 26th October from 3:30-6:30pm. Please contact the Rockhampton State High School Office on 49204333 to make an appointment and organise an enrolment pack to be back as soon as possible.

Term 4 - SWIMMING LESSONS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:45 – 9:15am		PB	4B	5/6B	
9:15 – 9:45am					
9:45 – 10:15am	4A	2B	5A	4/5C	PA
10:15 – 10:45am					
10:45 – 11:30am	FIRST BREAK				
11:30 – 12:00pm	1C	1A	2/3C	3A	
12:00 – 12:30pm					
12:30 – 1:00pm					
1:00 – 1:30pm	SECOND BREAK				
1:45 – 2:45pm	1B	3B	6A	2A	

If parents/caregivers are able to help with swimming please let your class teacher know. Helpers will be required to get 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.

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

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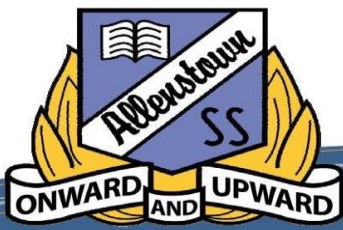
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KEEP US UPDATED

Have you changed any of these details?

- Address
- Phone Number
- Emergency Contacts

Please update any change of details with the office as soon as possible as it is vital that the school can make contact with parents/caregivers when students are ill, injured or distressed. We need to be confident that we can contact you (or your nominated contact person) as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Emergency Contacts also need to be kept up to date. Only people listed on the Emergency Contact list may collect children from school. To avoid confusion, please ensure any friends or family that may collect children from school are on your Emergency Contact list. Please contact the office by phone, email or QParents app to update any of the above details

su chaplaincy

There are two Chaplaincy events coming up this month, the first is a **Chappy dinner** THIS THURSDAY night (12/10) held at the Thai Taste restaurant at 635 Norman Road, the meal costs \$25 and they will take up a donation for chaplaincy on the night.

The next is the **Chappy Frontline Dinner**, on the 23rd October. The guest speaker is Geoff Wilson. If you would like to get a table together to support chaplaincy please contact Sue Hanlon sueh@suqld.org.au

Community News



CQ Strings & Friends Spring Concert

(Dvorak, Faure, Tchaikovsky)

Cap Winds Players

Unison Combined Symphony Orchestra

Sat 14 October, 7pm, North Rockhampton High School
Adults \$10, Conc \$5, Families \$20

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Monday	Step into Prep 9-11am	Prep Building
Every Thursday	Prep Transition 12-2.30pm	Prep Building
Every Thursday	Playgroup 8.45am-10.45am	Allenstown SS Hall
12 Oct	Chappy Dinner	Thai Taste
16 Oct	Student Free Day (No school)	Allenstown SS
17 Oct	P & C Meeting 5.30pm	Allenstown SS Staffroom
18 Oct	Year 5 Camp Parent Meeting 7pm	Allenstown Library
23 Oct	Chappy Frontline Dinner	TBA
6 -10 November	Year 5 School Camp (\$295 – Balance by 27/10/17)	Fairbairn Dam
13 -17 November	Year 6 School Camp (\$390)	Brisbane
16-27 Nov	Life Education Visit	Allenstown SS
23 Nov	Swimming Carnival 4.00pm	Allenstown SS Swimming Pool
28 Nov	Xmas Concert 5.30pm BBQ 6.00pm Start	Allenstown SS Oval
30 Nov	Year 6 Graduation & Awards Night	Allenstown SS Hall
1 Dec	Parade of Excellence Prep – Yr 5	Allenstown SS Hall
8 Dec 17 22 Jan 18	Last day of 2017 First day of 2018	Allenstown SS

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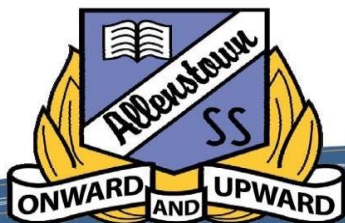
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Allenstown Square Shopping Centre and the Charter Hall Marketing team are running a "LOVE LOCAL" campaign and Allenstown State School has been nominated to participate. The campaign runs from Monday 2 October to Sunday 29 October 2017 so your vote would be greatly appreciated.

There are three components to the *Love Local* campaign:

1. Shop

Shoppers need to spend \$10 (\$50 for Supermarkets) or more in one transaction to receive their unique entry code at point of sale.

2. Win

Shoppers register via the competition website, www.lovelocalandwin.com.au, and use their unique

code to enter the draw to win a \$100 Centre Gift Card (one gift card drawn daily for 28 days).

3. Share

Each entry also allows shoppers to vote for one of three Community Groups to receive a \$1,000 donation at the end of the campaign. The \$1000 donation will be awarded to the Community Group with the highest number of votes.

We would like to thank Allenstown Square and the Charter Hall Marketing team for nominating Allenstown State School for this campaign.



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

It is so important that women of screening age book their 2 yearly appointments. Currently close to 40% of eligible women do not keep up with their screening, and we would like to see that changed in Central Queensland this year. Even if you aren't part of that age group, by sharing with women who are, you can help be part of this change. Women between 40 and 49 and over 75 are also eligible to attend for free.

A breast screen only takes 30 minutes and is a must every two years for women aged between 50 and 74. Book your breast screen today – it's fast, free, friendly and female.

CALL 13 20 50 breastscreen.qld.gov.au

Appointments are available at Rockhampton Breast Screen Clinic. After hours appointments available.

Please don't miss booking a breast screen because we'd miss having you around.



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