

12 July 2017

Principals Report

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3:

I sincerely welcome all students and families back to Term 3 of the school year. I hope that everyone had a healthy, safe and relaxing winter vacation. The weather has been very kind to us in Central Queensland.

This term starts with a rush (as usual these days). This 'rush' includes:

- CQ Regional Shield competitions in rugby league and netball – this Thursday and Friday;
- A special parade on Friday celebrating 100 days of Prep for our youngest students;
- School Photos – next Tuesday (18th July);
- Rockhampton District Athletics next week (Tue 18th / Wed 19th);
- The addition of some new staff to our school;

Please keep up with events that are going to include/affect your child. Mark your calendar so that no important dates are missed.

STAFF CHANGES / LEAVE:

The following staff changes/leave is current at Allies for the beginning of this term:

- I am back at full time every day in the principal position;
- Mrs Howard is over at Gracemere State School as acting principal for the term;
- Mr Spyve is acting deputy principal;
- Ms McAllum (our usual guidance officer) is relieving as senior guidance officer for CQ region for the next month;
- Mr Alan Nicholson is relieving guidance officer here at Allies;
- Mrs Shackleton is on some long service leave for the first two weeks;
- Mrs Halliday is on a week's long service leave from her classroom;
- Mrs Dow continues her leave and Miss Howard is replacing her in HPE lessons;

- Mrs Latham, one of our teacher aides is on long service leave for the rest of 2017

In addition to all those I am very happy to announce the addition of two new staff members to Allenstown State School. They are:

- Mrs Terry Thirkettle – joining us as pedagogy and explicit instruction coach;
- Mrs Stacey Lanham – joining us as an extra learning support teacher.

Mrs Thirkettle comes to us from the regional office and has a wealth of experience and expertise. She will be working with staff to enhance their teaching practice and knowledge.

Mrs Lanham is also very experienced and is coming to us from Frenchville State School. Mrs Lanham will primarily work with students requiring additional reading support in Years 3 and 4.

Please welcome these ladies as you encounter them around our school.

NEW TERM, NEW WORK, OLD EXPECTATIONS:

With the start of a new term all classes will be starting on new curriculum units across all the areas of school – English, Mathematics, etc. This work will expect students to build on previous skills and knowledge already learned.

Nobody has ever said that school is meant to be easy – if the work was easy for students then they would not be learning much from it. Our curriculum unfolds in a logical way, building students' knowledge and skills in a step by step approach.

Teachers spend many hours preparing lessons in a logical sequence to ensure that the deepest possible understanding is built by students.

This is why the expectations of our students never change (and will never change). These include:

- ✓ Students attending school EVERY DAY;
- ✓ Students being ON TIME for school;

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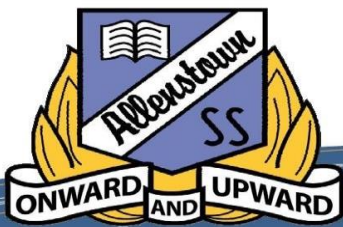
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- ✓ Students HAVING THE EQUIPMENT THEY NEED for school, at school, EVERY DAY;
- ✓ Students listening respectfully and allowing TEACHERS TO TEACH and other STUDENTS TO LEARN;
- ✓ Students following CLASSROOM, PLAYGROUND and GENERAL SCHOOL RULES;
- ✓ Students doing their best TO ENGAGE ACTIVELY IN THEIR EDUCATION (i.e. they are actively trying to learn every day).

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AGENDA:

Once again I would like to remind everyone that our priority school improvement agenda for 2017 are reading and student engagement/behaviour. These two agenda items are where we are putting a lot of energy, training, resourcing and reflection throughout the year.

SPECIAL PARADE THIS WEEK:

This week's parade on Friday morning will mostly be given over to our Preppies. They are celebrating 100 days of Prep – and all that they have learned in those days. Come along – it promises to be heart-warming.

REGIONAL SHIELD FOOTY / NETBALL:

On Thursday and Friday (13th/14th July) we will have teams taking part in the annual CQ Regional Shield competition. Students will compete in several games in their sport over the two days.

Last year our netballers brought home the Regional Plate – one of the levels of competition over the event. Mr Spyve and Miss Howard have been preparing the teams for several weeks now.

All students involved should have brought home final notes with all necessary information already – please ask your children for these.

SUPPORT YOUR FAVOURITE ORIGIN TEAM – QUEENSLAND:

The students are welcome to wear their favourite team colours to school on Wednesday. This is just a fun way to get involved in that great interstate rivalry for the State of Origin.

Once again, **QUEENSLAND** should prevail.

WORK COMPLETED:

Over the holidays several infrastructure jobs were completed around the school. These jobs were:

- The upgrading of air conditioning in B Block – home of Year 4 and 5 classes in 2017. All new air conditioning units have been installed at no cost to the school.
- Mr Perkins has completed the task of clearing the ugly mess that used to exist adjacent to our undercover area. Some grass seed will soon be planted in this area and in future it is hoped to see this area become part of an enhanced all weather play area.

We have also now seen the closing of tenders for the refurbishment work in A Block. We expect to see some start to this work during the next 4 > 6 weeks. The classes from upstairs (6A, 5/6B and 4/5) will be relocated to other areas of the school during the work.

Library News

Reading Ninjas Home Reading Incentive Scheme

This will continue into Term 3. Congratulations to the many students have already achieved the yellow or orange levels last Term. This Term we are changing slightly, with students now being able to record reading seven days of the week, including the weekends!

Please note: the rule of ONE book title or chapter per date remains the same.

Every student has been issued with a **Reading Ninja Reading Record Sheet**, which will need to be completed by parents/carers each night, and when finished shown to Mrs Gill in the Library. **One night's 20 minutes of reading may consist of a chapter or a book, depending on the reading level of the student.**

Once each stage is achieved, students will receive their Ninja dollars and be able to take advantage of the 'pop up shop', which will be open each Thursday, second break. If you have any questions about this scheme, or if your child requires a new reading record sheet, please feel free to see Mrs Gill in the Library.

16 nights	32 nights	48 nights	64 nights	80 nights	96 nights	112 nights	128 nights
Yellow level	Orange level	Green level	Blue level	Red level	Purple level	Brown level	Black level

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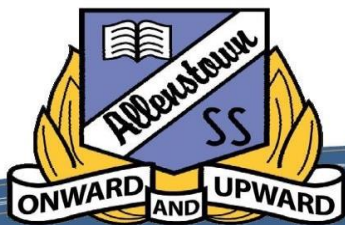
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Book Week 19 - 26 August

Each year, across Australia, The Children's Book Council of Australia brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. During this time Schools, Libraries, Booksellers, Authors, Illustrators and children celebrate Australian Children's Literature.

This year's theme is 'Escape to Everywhere'. We will have a Children's Book Week Parade at 9 a.m. in the Helen James Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday the 23rd of August (Week 7).

Whilst not compulsory, students are encouraged to dress up in a costume that matches the theme: where have books helped you escape to? This could include a favourite character or a costume from a favourite fictional place. Author Tristan Bancks explains what the theme means for him, "It sparks lots of ideas for me. It invites wonder about the world and the wide variety of humans who live here. The theme also captures why I read – to escape – to live inside someone else's mind for a while and to see and feel what they do" For more ideas, on Book Week from Tristan Bancks, go to <http://www.tristanbancks.com/2017/02/childrens-book-week-2017.html>



Other News



SCHOOL PHOTOS - Tuesday 18 July

Photo order forms have been sent home this week. Sibling photo order forms are available from the school office. Students are to bring the form on photo day (Tuesday 18 July) to hand to the photographer. For any enquiries please contact MSP Photography on Ph. 49213322.

Change of details

Have you changed any of your details during the holidays? The school needs to know as soon as families change a phone number, address, emergency contacts or other details that impact on our ability to contact you. Please call the office and update them as soon as possible.

Rockhampton State High School

"Dear Year 6 Parents"

Choosing a secondary school for your child is a major decision that involves careful consideration of what schools have to offer. Rockhampton State High School, the oldest and largest state secondary school in Rockhampton provides excellent opportunities for the education and development of our young people.

We had a great response at our Expo with parents making appointments to enrol their students on the 9 August. We would greatly appreciate it if parents attending appointments could please bring all the information into the front office of Rockhampton State High School now or before the **14 July 2017** with the completed forms and information. We will then photocopy and return original documents.

For parents who would like to enrol their child for 2018 and **have not made an appointment** please contact the school office on 49204333 as soon as possible. We will organise a time for an interview on 9 August from 3.30 through to 6.15pm and an enrolment pack will be sent to you to return to the school by 14 July. We look forward to meeting with you!

Kirsten Dwyer (Principal)



DENTAL CLINIC NEWS

The Dental Clinic is open at Allenstown School and parents are encouraged to take advantage of this cost free service and encourage their children to form healthy dental habits.

For any enquiries please phone 49222673.

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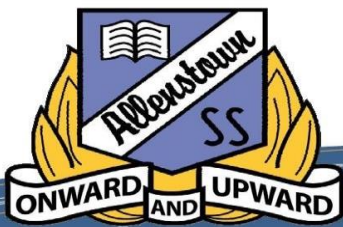
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Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Thursday	Playgroup 8.45am -10.45am	Allenstown SS Hall
18 th July	School Photos	Allenstown SS
19-26 Aug	Book Week	Allenstown SS
23 rd August	Book Week Parade	Allenstown SS Hall
6 th -10 th November	Year 5 School Camp (approx. \$310)	Balance by 27/10/17
13 th -17 th November	Year 6 School Camp (approx. \$450)	Balance by 15/09/17



Beak's Tennis free come and try session Sunday 16th of July 9-10am. For more information or to book, call 0448044305 or message us on Facebook

MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUP

Rockhampton Multicultural Playgroup recommences this week which means the Rockhampton Multicultural Playgroup is back. Everyone with children from ages 0 to 5 are welcome.

When: **Commencing Tuesday 11th July**

Time: **9:30am - 11:30am**

Where: **Rockhampton Islamic Centre, 132 Kent St**

Cost: **FREE**

If you require transport please contact Mahuia on 0470 628 591

Term 2 was the first term for Rockhampton's Multicultural Playgroup, with every Tuesday morning full of activities for the children. Staff from local organisations also attended throughout the Term 2, providing information and education to the families who attended.

Community News



Would \$500.00 help cover the cost of school expenses?

If you are interested in receiving \$500 in matched savings, please contact

Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator

0408 490 984 or 49248125

Email - kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

Multicultural playgroup is a relaxed environment where children can join in on activities, interact with one another and make friends, and also a great place for the parents to interact with other parents, receive educational information about services in Rockhampton and enjoy watch your children play and grow with others.

If you would like further information about the Rockhampton Multicultural Playgroup please contact Natalia on 0423 177 411 or

Email contact@win-australia.org.au.

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