



13th March 2018

Principals Report

BULLYING INFO CONTINUES:

This week I will provide information (see following) about the types of bullying that can occur.

TYPES OF BULLYING:

Bullying is usually described by the type of behaviours involved, so we talk about verbal, social or physical bullying.

Bullying is sometimes also labelled by where it occurs or what type of harm is done. These words can be used alone or in combination and may be confusing.

The most common ways bullying is described are:

- Verbal – name calling, insulting someone about certain characteristics (eg; height, weight, gender, race, culture or religion)
- Physical – hitting or otherwise hurting someone, shoving or intimidating another person, damaging or stealing their belongings
- Social – consistently excluding someone, sharing information or images that will have a harmful effect on the other person

Bullying can be described by:

- Setting – online or in person
- Means – direct or indirect (direct occurs between the people involved whereas indirect can be spreading rumours, passing on insults or bullying someone else for a friend)
- Visibility – overt (seen) and covert (hidden)
- Harm – physical or psychological
- Context – home, work or school

CLASSES TALK ABOUT BULLYING:

By the time this newsletter gets to you I will have spoken with all the students from Year 5 and Year 6 about Bullying.

The point that I am stressing with them is that Bullying:

- Must be talked about by everyone;
- Must be acted upon to stop it happening;
- Occurs in all kinds of places – schools, homes, sports clubs, workplaces;
- Has very bad effects on victims (even if these effects can't be seen);
- Can make victims feel worthless, powerless and make them give up hope;
- Must be reported – and may have to be reported a few times before action is taken against the bullies;
- Should be reported to a trusted adult – parent, grandparent, teacher, other school staff member, sports coach.
- Students should persist with their reporting until action occurs and they feel safe.

HOLIDAYS APPROACHING:

The Easter vacation period is rapidly approaching. Thursday 29th March is the last day of term and 30th March is Good Friday.

Students return to school on Tuesday 17th April.

The government has declared Monday 16th April a special pupil free day due to the Commonwealth Games.

Teachers and other school staff will spend the day involved in professional development activities such as moderating student assessment.



A BLOCK WORK:

You may have noticed the scaffolding right up to the top of the A Block roof. This is allowing workmen to access the 'fleche' (what we commonly and mistakenly call the bell tower).

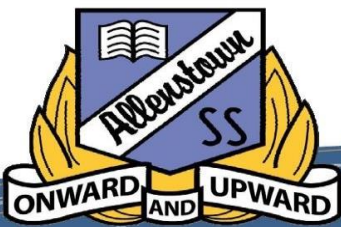
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We have had issues for some time with heavy rain entering the roof space via the fleche. This water finds its way through the ceiling and into our classrooms. This should be a 'thing of the past' when the work is done.

The flooring people have been busy in recent days. All the concrete steps are being covered with non-slip vinyl. They are also adding metal nosing strips to further reduce the risk of slipping in the stairwells. The concrete areas of flooring up at the top of the building are also being covered in this vinyl.

Noise and the chance of slips should both be greatly reduced when we get back into the building.

NEW AWARDS FOR WEEKLY PARADE:

This week we are introducing some new awards on Friday parade. They will be:

- Golden Goggles – best HPE class of the week
- Golden Guitar – best music class of the week
- Fortune Cat – LOTE class of the week
- Attendance shield – best overall class attendance rate for the week (this continues from 2017)

These awards will complement the individual student awards that are given for following the Allenstown 4 A's.

I'm sure that the awards will be closely contested as classes try to win 'bragging rights' over other classes.

With the positive comments I have been hearing from our specialist teachers lately I think they will have trouble identifying the 'best' class of the week in their learning area.

HONOUR BOARD TO BE UPDATED:

On Wednesday this week a local company will be updating the honour board at the back of our hall.

The names of student leaders will be brought up to date and we are very happy to see this happening.

Be sure to check it out on parade morning (Friday).

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Allies Sports Report

Interschool Sport Results from Friday 9th March

OZ TAG Results

Boys Team defeated St Joseph PA	11-2
Girls Team defeated Mt Archer 2	13-0
Mixed Team 1	Bye
Mixed Team 2 defeated Depot Hill 2	14-0
Mixed Team 3 lost to R'ton Grammar	2-8

SOCCER Results

Allies 1 defeated Crescent Lagoon Blue	4-1
Allies 2 defeated Crescent Lagoon Red	7-1

Friday 16th March Sports Draw

Oz Tag – Playing at Saleyards Park – Walking

- Boys Team v Frenchville 3
Field 5 12.38pm
- Girls Team v R'ton Grammar Black
Field 7 1.52pm
- Mixed Team v Crescent Lagoon 1
Field 1 12.38pm
- Mixed Team 2 v The Hall
Field 3 1.15pm
- Mixed Team 3 v Crescent Lagoon 4
Field 2 1.52pm

Soccer – Playing at Allenstown

- Allies 1 v Crescent Lagoon Red
at Allenstown 12.40pm
- Allies 2 v Crescent Lagoon Blue
at Allenstown 1.35pm

Other News



YEAR 6 CAMP DEPOSIT DUE

Students wanting to attend the Year 6 Camp this year need to pay a **\$50 non-refundable deposit** to the office **by Friday 23rd March 2018** to ensure their place on camp.

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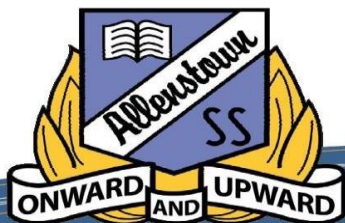
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**Fundraising has never tasted so good!
Bake your very own delicious cookies!!**

All funds raised will go towards Allenstown Chaplaincy Service - (our school Chaplain makes a difference).

Thank you to all the families who have purchased Cookie Dough. Current scheduled day for pick-up of your order is Wednesday 28th March 2018.



On Friday 16th March 2018, Australian schools will stand united in their communities to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

Bullying prevention is everyone's responsibility. School staff can do a great deal to prevent bullying and protect students, but can achieve much more if they involve everyone in the school community. Family involvement can extend the bullying prevention messages into the home. For more information go to the Bullying No Way website

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au>



The P & C Annual General Meeting is fast approaching where all positions will be vacant. The P & C is always looking for new faces as a casual volunteer or an official volunteer. Please consider nominating for any of the positions available or just becoming a P & C member. Follow our Facebook page for upcoming meeting dates. Children do better when parents/caregivers are involved.

Our P & C has an important job to do and we would love you to be a part of it. P & C is an essential part of the school. Everyone is most welcome.



Volunteers are a vital part of the school community and any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. We always need volunteers in the following areas:

- Swimming Supervision
- School Tuckshop
- P & C
- Classroom help

Please consider giving as little or as much time as you possibly can to assist your student and many others. Contact the office for more details.

REMINDERS:

Unexplained Absences – SMS text messages are sent each school day if your child has an Unexplained Absence. Please advise the school by one of the contacts listed below, when your child is not at school:

- Reply to the SMS message sent by school
- Report the absence on the QParents app
- Phone the office as soon as possible (A message can be left at any time)

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.

ROAD SAFETY 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

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VERY IMPORTANT

School hats!

They all look the same, they are difficult to name and they are hard to hang on to. To try to improve the situation we are calling on you to help out by clearly naming your child's hat. Here are some suggestions.

- ❖ **Putting** their name in 3 cm block letters under the brim of the hat using a white "paint" pen so that it is more obvious if a student is wearing the wrong hat.
- ❖ **Sew** a button or a motif or in some way personalize your child's hat being mindful that it is part of a school uniform.
- ❖ **Reminding** your student regularly of tricks to hold onto their hat, e.g. Keep your hat **IN** your bag, **NOT** on your bag, when you are outside and in the library keep your hat on your head.
- ❖ **Insisting** that your child search for their hat if misplaced. Most have not been stolen and if clearly named are often returned.



PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is on every Wednesday morning 8.45am to 10.45am in I Block (near the Prep Building)

We ask that you bring a hat and water bottle each week and wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy! A fruit snack is provided for each child. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to meeting you and your little people at playgroup. Everyone is welcome.

**A child's best learning is at the start of the day.
 Every Day and Every Hour counts**

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but....

He/She is only missing just.....	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 Year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a Half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a Half years

1 or 2 days doesn't seem much but....

He/She is only missing just.....	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....	Which equals...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Finishing Yr 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Finishing Yr 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Finishing Yr 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Finishing Yr 4

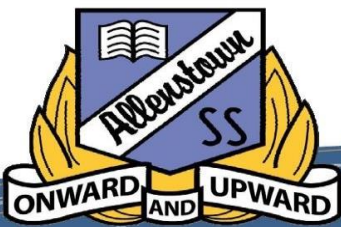
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Community News



DENTAL CLINIC – back at Allies

The dental clinic at Allenstown State School has reopened. The Clinic is open from Monday to Thursday each week.

All enquiries - Ph 49 222 673.



If you are interested in receiving \$500 in matched savings to buy Education items for your children, please contact

Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator

0408 490 984 or 49248125

Email - kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au



FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018 TRIVIA NIGHT

Fundraising for School Chaplaincy

Where: The hall @ North Rockhampton SHS
Berserker St

When: Friday 16th March 2018

Time: 6pm Sausage Sizzle - 6:30pm Trivia Starts

Cost: \$10 Per Person - 8 Max Per Table

Bookings essential!

To book a table contact: James

Text: 0409384392

Email: jamesh2@chappy.org.au

To celebrate the 2018 Commonwealth games come dressed in your sports gear to win a prize!



Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Play Group 8.45-10.45am	I Block Allenstown SS
16 Mar	Bullying – NO WAY	All Schools
21 Mar	Prep Vision Screening	I Block
23 Mar	Year 6 Camp \$50 Deposit due	Allenstown SS
28 Mar	Cookie Dough delivery	TBA
29 Mar	Last day of Term 1	Allenstown SS
16 Apr	Student Free Day	NO SCHOOL
17 Apr	Term 2 commences	Allenstown SS
29 Jun	Year 6 Camp \$200 payment due	Allenstown SS
10 Aug	School Photos	Allenstown SS
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-various venues

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