



NEWSLETTER

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13th November 2018

Deputy Principals News

YEAR 5 CAMP

Last week 45 of our Year 5 students along with Mr Fallon, Mrs Finter and Chappy Sam embarked on adventures at Camp Fairbairn.

They all sweltered in the heat as students participated in group challenges, the climbing wall, navigation and abseiling. It was a relief when the temperature dropped towards the end of the week and they could enjoy canoeing.

The students learned to work together in teams to solve challenges during the day then assisted with serving meals and cleaning up at night. Chappy Sam's wonderful cooking (including her last night roast) was one of the highlights of camp.

Students also enjoyed the visit to Miners' Heritage at Rubyvale to investigate mining and pan for sapphires. More photos taken over the week have been posted to the school Facebook page.



YEAR 6 CAMP

Year 6's left early Monday morning to travel to Brisbane and had a great first day on the road, visiting the ginger factory at Buderim and arrived safely at their accommodation for the next week. Follow their adventures on our Facebook page.

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Other News

NO FRIDAY SPORT

There will be no Friday sport this week.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY

Swimming classes have commenced for Term 4 and unfortunately we have already had some classes unable to swim due to lack of volunteers to help out with classes.

If you have any spare time, please contact the office as we urgently need your help at the pool.



OPENING SOON IN THE BLUE ROOM

From Monday 26 November during each playtime there are beautiful gifts for all the family to choose from at great prices. Prices range from \$1 to \$8 and will be on sale until stocks run out. All money raised is used to buy resources for Allies students.

P & C News



P & C Multi-Draw CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Donations Needed Please

The P & C will be holding a Multi-draw Christmas Raffle this term and are asking for donations. If you are able to make a small donation of any description, we would be most appreciative.

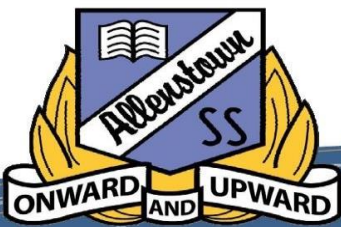
If each family could donate just one item, there would be some fantastic prizes on offer. Some ideas (but not limited to): Christmas decorations; Christmas pudding; Christmas cake; toys; games; books; scratchies; bottles of wine; gift vouchers etc.

Items can be dropped into Prep B in K Block before and after school from now until Week 7. The Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on Thursday 29th November 2018. Raffle ticket books are available from the office. **Please support this multi-draw raffle.**

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P&C MEETING:

The next meeting of the Allenstown P&C Association will be held, **20th November 2018 at 4.00pm** in the Staffroom. All interested parents and family members are welcome to attend.



Fun Time Amusements will be providing the rides for this year's Christmas Fair.

Tickets can be pre-purchased for \$25.00 per person or will be available on the day for \$30.00 per person.

Tickets are available from the Tuckshop – Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am to 1.30pm or you can purchase them online using the Quickcliq link.



On the night of the Christmas Fair, present your ticket and receive an arm band which will enable you to ride the amusements. Please note the rides will not operate during performances on stage. We look forward to a great evening of fun and Christmas festivities for all the family to enjoy.

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Reminders

SMS Unexplained Absences

If your child is absent from school, please reply to the SMS message sent to your mobile phone or contact the office. We have many students who have numerous Unexplained Absences on record.

Please advise the reason for the absence so the student's details can be updated. Unexplained Absences can result in legal action if the absences are not explained.

LATE ARRIVALS

If your child arrives at school after the second bell in the morning, please remind them to come to the office to collect a Late Slip before going to the classroom. This will update the class roll immediately so the student is not marked absent for the morning and you won't receive an SMS for an Unexplained Absence.

It can be quite concerning for Parents/Carers when you have dropped your child at school and you receive an SMS advising they are not in their class.

When students arrive late they can become quite distressed when they cannot find their class as they are already at specialist classes or reading groups. Please encourage your child to arrive to school on time to avoid this happening.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:

We are now taking enrolments for Prep in 2019. Children entering Prep next year should be born between 1st July 2013 and 30th June 2014. Please call the office to get the enrolment forms for your child.

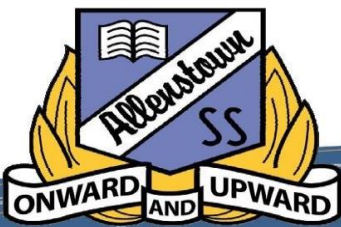
PROOF OF BIRTH

Parents enrolling students in a Queensland State School for the first time (usually in Prep) MUST provide proof of birth. This is best done by bringing a birth certificate or birth extract to the office when lodging enrolment forms. An enrolment cannot be confirmed or accepted until the proof of birth is provided.

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ALLIES DISCO

"Heroes and Villains" DISCO

WHEN: Friday 23 Nov 5.30 to 7.00pm

WHERE: Helen James Performing Arts Centre (Hall)

COST: \$5.00 (incl. drink/chips)

- Tickets will be pre-sold before school outside SEP, B Block Tuesday 20th Nov to Friday 23rd Nov.

WHO: Allies students ONLY

(18+ parents/caregivers of Prep to Year 2 optional)

We know that you will understand that High School students, children from other schools and younger children are not invited.

Parents are welcome to drop students off at 5.30 and then collect them at 7.00pm.

Parents must enter the school to collect children – no child will be sent to a car.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Students are continually coming to the office after having a toileting accident and do not have a change of underwear or shorts/skorts in their school bags.

Please ensure your child brings a change of clothing in their bag every day should they become wet or soiled due to a toileting accident or during playtimes.



Term 4 - Swimming Timetable

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:45 to 9.45 am	PF	5F	4/5W	6D	
9.45 to 10.45am	PB	6S		5/6L	4T
11.30 to 12.30pm	3L	1/2H	2W	1C	
1.45 to 2.45 pm	P1M	3/4B	3C	2K	



LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure all hats, uniforms, lunch boxes, water bottles, swimming gear etc. has your child's name clearly marked on them. Many items are simply left behind by students and never collected which is a huge waste of parent/carer resources.

Please check Lost Property in case there is an item of your child's that you are unaware was missing.

Lost Property is situated downstairs in A Block.

There is also a number of jumpers and winter clothing still in Lost Property. Anything not collected by the end of this term will be donated to charity.

OLD UNIFORMS ALWAYS NEEDED:

As your children grow out of uniforms and shoes they can often be recycled and re-used by other families.

Please consider sending into the office any such uniforms that may be at your house.

QParents

QParents is a secure, online portal created for the parents and caregivers of Queensland State School children. Parents can access their child/ren's student details, report cards; see a child's attendance record, report absences and access invoices and payment details using the QParents phone app.

QParents provide a more convenient way for parents to interact with their school and will help streamline school administrative processes.

An invitation email has been sent to parent/caregiver emails to register for QParents where there will be a link to the QParents website. If you require another invitation email, please contact the office.

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Community News



ORIENTATION DAY - ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

DATE: 5 DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 8.40AM FOR 9.00AM START

STUDENTS ARE TO BE COLLECTED AT 2.50PM

RSVP: 28 November 2018

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport to and from the school for this day.

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Thurs	Prep Transition 12.30-2.30pm	Allenstown SS
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-Various Venues
20 Nov	End of Year Instrumental Music Concert	Allenstown SS Hall
20 Nov	P & C Meeting 4.00pm	Allenstown Staffroom
23 Nov	School Disco "Heroes & Villains"	Allenstown SS
29 Nov	P & C Fair and Christmas Concert	Allenstown SS
5 Dec	RSHS Orientation	Rton State High School
5 Dec	Swimming Carnival 4-6pm	Allenstown SS Pool
6 Dec	Year 6 Awards Night	Allenstown SS Hall
7 Dec	Parade of Excellence	Allenstown SS Hall
7 Dec	Volunteers Morning Tea (following Parade)	Allenstown SS Hall
12 Dec	Classroom 2019 visits	Allenstown SS
14 Dec	Last day of Term 4 2018	Allenstown SS
29 Jan	First day of Term 1 2019	Allenstown SS



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