

14<sup>th</sup> August 2018

## Principal's News

### SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY:

Don't forget that we are in our annual School Opinion Survey period. Over the last couple of weeks information has been provided to you about how to access this online survey.

It is a very important tool. You can use it to inform us of your opinions about how things are going here at Allenstown. Staff members and students from Years 5 & 6 are also responding to the survey.

### ATTENDANCE FIGURES LOW:

Our attendance figures are still excessively low. Too many students are missing too much school without good reason.

Our attendance now is:

- 89.9% for all students
- 86.7% for Indigenous students
- 87.7% for Year 6 students
- 89.0% for Year 3 students

Allenstown, like all state schools, has a target of 95% attendance for all students, all the time.

We are currently contacting families with excessive absences to try and change these figures.

**Remember – learning can only take place if students are at school and on time.**

### FOOTY GRAND FINALISTS:

The Year 6 Rugby League team has made the grand final of the Rockhampton Interschool Rugby League Competition.

They achieved this with their gritty and determined game against Crescent Lagoon last Friday. The Allies kids won 4 – 0 in a game that went end-to-end for the whole forty minutes.

The team will now play in the 6B Grand Final in two weeks (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August) against the winner of this week's preliminary final (between Crescent Lagoon and St. Mary's).

We do not know the time of their Grand Final yet. Congratulations go to the 6B team and their coach, Mr Spyve for a great season of footy.

The 5B team played in a knock-out semi-final last Friday against Berserker. These teams also played a very hard fought game. The scores were locked at 20 all with about fifteen seconds left in the game. Berserker crashed over for a deserved try and converted the goal after the bell for a 26 – 20 win.

The 5B team (and coach, Mr Spyve) should not be disappointed with the end to their season. They played well throughout all their games and finished on a high note. Mr Piskor, coach of the Berserker team, complimented our team on their tough but fair game.

### FACEBOOK FEED FOR INFO:

Please check our school Facebook feeds daily for updated information about school events and happenings. This is the most instant access we can give you to news about what is going on at Allies.

### PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:

We are now taking enrolments for Prep in 2019. Children entering Prep next year should be born between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Please call the office to get the enrolment forms for your child. Let your friends, relatives and neighbours know also – a reminder is always helpful. The early enrolment of children helps us to make clear decisions about classes for the new school year.

### 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 in to the office any such uniforms that may be at your house.

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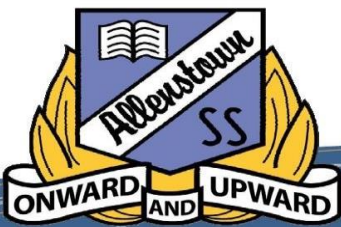
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## **DONATIONS TO HELP WITH BREAKFAST:**

Every single morning at school, toast is cooked and provided if students want it.

The toast is made with bread donated (mostly) by Brumby's at Allenstown Square. The toast is buttered and spread with either vegemite or a variety of jams. The spreads are sometimes donated but occasionally have to be bought.

You could help to provide a simple but filling breakfast to Allies students each day. Simply donate some butter or margarine and spreads such as vegemite and jams (peanut paste cannot be used due to allergy concerns).

Your donations can be left at the office or with the staff in B Block where the toast is made.

## Deputy Principal's News

### **2018 School Opinion Survey**

If you have already completed your *Parent/Caregiver Survey*, thank you and please disregard this notice. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until Friday, 24 August 2018. This is your opportunity to have a say about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Your response is completely confidential.

If you haven't received any survey access details yet, please contact Mrs Finter at the school office on 49 300 111.

## Library News



CBCA Children's Book Week August 20-24, 2018

### **Book Week Parade:**

**9 a.m. Tuesday the 21st August, in the Hall**

**Theme: "Find your Treasure"**

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**Dress up as a character from a book you treasure. When talking about finding treasure, many people think of pirates! So we might see a few pirates at this year's Book Week Parade.**

*Please remember it is not a requirement that families go to great expense to create a costume. Please feel free to create a costume using what you already have at home.*

## Other News

## ALLIES GOT TALENT

### **"ALLIES GOT TALENT" AUDITIONS START SOON**

Can you sing, dance, use a hula-hoop, play an instrument, do a magic trick, stand-up comedy, cheerleading routine or do something really cool that you would like to show others? You can go solo, in a small group or a whole class.

Then this could be your opportunity to stand on the stage and show off your talent. Auditions will be held in the lunch breaks this Term on Mondays and Wednesdays in weeks 6, 7 & 8, with the Finals held on Wednesday night 19th September 2018.

**Watch this space!!!!**



### **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

The students at the SEP have once again voted to run a Father's Day Stall. All gifts range in price from \$2 to \$8 and money raised goes towards equipment and other resources for students.

Students can purchase gifts at each lunch break during the play time from Monday 20 August until Friday 31 August. The stall is set up in the Green Room behind the library.

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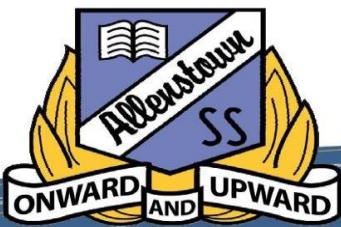
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All items are new, some have been purchased for resale and others have been crafted by friends of the school. If you would like to donate items to the stall they would be gratefully received.



## A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Recently on photo day we took the following special group photos:

- School Leaders
- CQ Regional Shield Rugby League
- CQ Regional Shield Netball

These presentations are a group photo presentation with the children standing/sitting together and their individual photos below.

The special group photo presentations are available for purchase for only \$29 each by collecting an envelope from the school office.

These envelopes will be sent to the school within one week and will be personalized to each student, they will also have information regarding cut off dates for these photos.

Send the completed envelopes directly to the MSP office, they are not to be dropped at the school office. You may expect your class photo orders in approximately 28 days.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your photo day experience with us, we would love to hear your feedback on 4921 3355 or by email at [schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au](mailto:schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au)

**Keep smiling!!**

## Reminders

### After School Swimming

This program is scheduled to run in Term 4 for 8 weeks in the Allenstown school pool. A blue note has been sent home to all families. Please complete the form and return it to the

office as soon as possible if you would like your child to participate in this program. Places are limited.

### Early Arrival and Late Collection at School

#### School Hours 8.45am to 2.45pm

#### Dropping off

If students arrive at school before 8am they are required to wait outside the office until collected by a staff member on duty and proceed to the undercover area in A Block.

#### Collection

It is important that you arrive to collect your child/ren on time as children learn your routine and know when their parents/carers are due. They can become distressed if you are late.

We understand that sometimes delays are unavoidable, therefore if students are not collected by 3.00pm they will be sent to the office to wait for collection so there is no need to phone the office if you are going to be a few minutes late.

However if a child is not collected by 3.15pm and we have not heard from the parents/caregivers, the office will attempt to contact them or others on the emergency contact list. If contact cannot be made then we may need to contact the authorities for further direction. It is very important to keep all contact details current.

## Community News

### ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE RODEO

**SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**  
**MAIN RODEO AT 5:45PM**  
INTER-SCHOOL EVENTS FROM 12PM  
\$10 PER PERSON | UNDER 16 FREE

**FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST**  
**SBC BOYS RODEO**  
TRANS TASMAN ROUND 2  
COMMENCES 5PM | GOLD COIN DONATION

**CENTRAL SUZUKI** **WIDELAND**  
TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT

**APRA AFFILIATED RODEO INCLUDING**  
OPEN BULL RIDE | JUNIOR BULL RIDE  
TEAM ROPING | SADDLE BRONC | ROPE & TIE  
OPEN BAREBACK | OPEN SADDLE BRONC  
LADIES BARREL RACE | LADIES BREAKAWAY  
ROPING | STEER WRESTLING | JUNIOR BARREL  
RACING | JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING | TRANS  
TASMAN RODEO FINAL | FATHER/MOTHER SON  
STEER CATCH | 2ND DIVISION BULL RIDE

FOOD & BAR AVAILABLE | CHILDREN'S RIDES AND STALLS | ENTERTAINMENT | COURTESY BUS AFTERWARDS | SORRY - NO ESKIES OR CAMPING ALLOWED

**MORE INFO:** [stbrendans.qld.edu.au](http://stbrendans.qld.edu.au) | 07 49399485 | [rodeo@sbc.qld.edu.au](mailto:rodeo@sbc.qld.edu.au)

**SPOTLESS** **Barlows Earthmoving** **Hestelcor** **Office National** **NRE** **Sail Inn** **The Bulletin** **Queensland Country Life** **rbm**  
**STRAND HOTEL** **MOODigital** **Livingstone** **PR** **SPORTSMAN'S** **HUTCHINSON**

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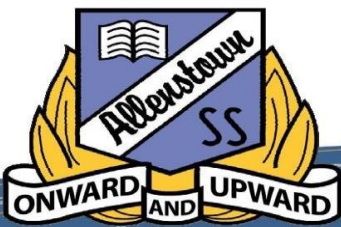


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## SIGN ON DAY

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Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings,  
 dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

For more information contact:

0408 490 984 or 1300 610 355

Email - [kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au)



Where: **Emu Park Surf Life Saving Club**  
 When: **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 &  
 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
**09:00 to 11:00**  
 Who: **Nippers DoB between 1 October 2004 and 30 September 2013**  
 Bring: **Identification – birth certificate and driver license**  
**Togs, towel, goggles, sunscreen for pool evaluation swim**  
 Cost: **Family membership - \$220**  
**Stinger suits, hi-vis rashies, nipper caps, togs, t-shirts on sale**  
 Season start: **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 09:00**  
 Come and try: **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct**  
 Contact: **Kurt Goodwin – [JAC@emuparkslsc.com.au](mailto:JAC@emuparkslsc.com.au) – 0409792372**

## ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM

Denison Street Rockhampton  
 (Between Archer and Cambridge Streets)



**SUNDAY 26th August 2018, 9am to 1pm**

Ride on the world's only Purrey Steam Tram (operates 10am to 1pm) heritage railway carriages, steam & diesel engine, rail memorabilia, exhibits, live music, market stalls, vintage/Ford/classic cars, lots more.

Food on sale!

Adults \$2 (14yrs+), Under 14 FREE

Purrey Steam Tram Rides \$2.50

## Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Playgroup 8.45-10.45am	Allenstown SS (I Block)
Every Wed	Step into Prep 12.30pm – 2.30pm	Allenstown SS (I Block)
14 May-24 Aug	Premier's Reading Challenge	Allenstown SS/Home
30 Jul to 24 Aug	Parent Opinion Survey	Allenstown SS
20-24 Aug 21 Aug	Book Week Book Week Parade	Allenstown SS Allenstown SS Hall
22-23 Aug	Combined Schools Concert Workshop	Allenstown SS
19 Sep	Allies 	Allenstown SS Hall
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
21 Sep 8 Oct	Last day – Term 3 First day – Term 4	Allenstown SS
29 Oct	Year 5 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
5-9 Nov	Year 5 Camp	Fairbairn Dam
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-Various Venues

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