

14 November 2017

Principals Report

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR:

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Program, students receive stamps towards positive behaviour rewards.

The PBL data manager has informed me that there have been over 44,750 positive stamps awarded to students so far in 2017. This is equivalent to over 2500 stamps per class room. This is surely a sign that our students are behaving positively often.

YEAR 5 BACK / YEAR 6 LEAVE:

Our Year 5 campers are back from Lake Fairbairn with many stories to tell about their experiences.

From all reports received the students had a great deal of fun and also learned a few things about themselves and others at the same time. The climbing activities seem to have been a big hit.

The camp staff, along with our own Allies teachers were very impressed with the Year 5's commitment, cooperation and effort during the camp. Well done!!

The Year 6 group managed to leave just before 6.00am on Monday morning. They were all looking forward to their Brisbane Trip even though they were a bit weary at that time of day.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS:

During last term the annual school opinion survey was held. The highlights for Allenstown in 2017 are:

- ✓ 100% of parents who responded thought it is a good school;
- ✓ 100% of parents who responded indicated that staff are responsive to their enquiries;
- ✓ 100% of parents who responded indicated that staff are approachable;
- ✓ 98% of students surveyed indicated that their teachers expected them to do their best
- ✓ 93% of students surveyed indicated that the school encourages them to be good community members

The results to all the survey questions will be analysed over coming weeks. The responses will help to inform us of the work which we need to do over the next twelve months.

GREAT NEWS FOR 2018:

Very soon I will be able to make a public announcement about some great initiatives to be implemented at Allenstown in 2018.

The news is particularly relevant to support structures for students and for the continuation of our improvement agenda in reading. Keep watching newsletters for more news to come.

TCC PERFORMANCE:

A couple of our classes are invited to attend a free performance by drama students at The Cathedral College this Friday.

TCC have generously offered to transport our students to and from the performance and to provide them with morning tea.

We sincerely thank TCC for the gesture that has become an annual event over recent years.

The classes to attend were chosen by looking at their positive behaviour data – the two classes with the most positive stamps were chosen to attend. Year 2/3 and Year 3B are the classes attending.

Parents of students in these classes should have received a letter about the performance by now.

REMINDERS:

We are getting closer all the time to a variety of end of year events, such as:

- Swimming carnival (Years 4 > 6) 23rd Nov;
- Christmas at Allies – 28th Nov from 5.00pm
- Yr 6 Graduation & Awards Night – 30th Dec

Please make sure that you have these events marked on your calendars – check for more details in the rest of the newsletter.

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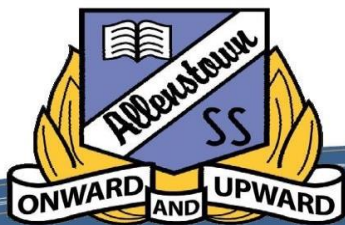
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FACEBOOK COMMUNICATIONS:

We are trying to keep everyone in touch via the use of our Facebook page. This allows us to get information out to you 'instantly' and you can access it almost anywhere.

Please let us know how we are going. There is a question out now on our Facebook page about what you would most like to see.

Other News

NO INTERSCHOOL SPORT THIS FRIDAY

There will be no interschool sport this Friday for all students due to most of Year 6 students being away on camp.

LIFE EDUCATION



Liz, Healthy Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education Mobile Learning Centre will be at Allenstown State School from Thursday 16th to Friday 24th November, 2017. A letter was sent home but only to be completed if you DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND.

This year their visit is fully sponsored by The Smith Family, Communities for Children so there will be **NO CHARGE for students** to attend. We would like to thank The Smith Family for this generous contribution.



END OF YEAR EVENTS PARKING

As we are approaching the end of the school year there are many events celebrated at the school. This means there will be more traffic around the school at various times. Please be mindful when parking that you only park in designated areas and keep local residents driveways clear for them to access.

REMINDERS:

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.

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 46 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.

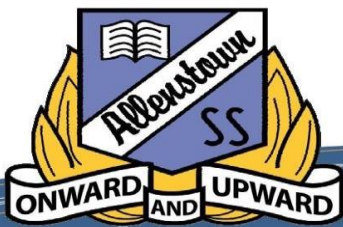
ADVICE OF NON RETURN FOR 2018:

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.

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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.



MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE

We are trying to raise funds in order to purchase and build a new playground for students. Raffle tickets have been sent home to all families in the hope that you will help us raise these much needed funds.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and all tickets either sold or unsold need to be returned to the school by 24th November.

- 1st Prize - \$595 Window Tint from Lawrence's Holden
- 2nd Prize - 12 month pass to Crazy Joker
- 3rd Prize - \$200 Intersport Voucher

Follow our Facebook page to receive updates about other prizes. More books of tickets are available from the office.

The Multi-draw raffle will be drawn at "Allies by Candlelight", our Christmas celebration on 28th November 2017.



Allies by Candlelight

Tuesday 28th November 2017

at the Helen James Performing Arts Building

5pm - BBQ & 6pm - Start

Grab your family and come on down to Allenstown State School for a great night of entertainment, Christmas Carols, Games, Christmas Photo Booth, Food and Drink stalls, and the Huge Christmas Multi-draw Raffle.

Come dressed in your best Christmas colours and outfits. You do not want to miss this great night!
See you there!



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KEEP US UPDATED

Once again – a reminder to make sure that we have the latest details for your family regarding contact numbers, address, emergency contacts, etc. 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.

Community News



A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

It's that time of year again everyone...

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Your favourite MSP crew will be at The Gracemere Shopping World to take some great photos of your family with Santa and Mrs Claus.

We will be there from Thursday the 23rd of November to Sunday the 24th of December.

Thursdays & Fridays: 2pm-6pm

Saturdays & Sundays: 10am-4pm

If you present this notice to the MSP staff you will receive 15% off your photo package! *One discount per family*



NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK 13-19 November

We can all recycle right!

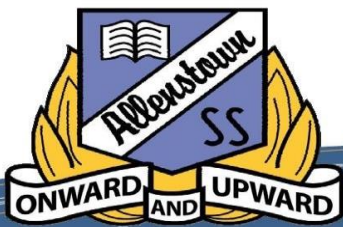
Every can, piece of paper, cardboard box, plastic container and glass bottle we put in our yellow lid wheelie bin can make a difference.

Where does your recycling go?

The recycling truck empties your yellow lid bin each fortnight and takes your recyclables to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) located in Parkhurst, Rockhampton.

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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	



“Celebrating 50 Years”

Sunday 5 Nov 2017 – Sunday 28 January 2018

Mervyn & Moya Gold Room & Range Room

Rockhampton Art Gallery

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
13 -17 Nov	Year 6 School Camp	Brisbane
16-24 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 Multi-draw raffle drawn	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



CALL 13 20 50 breastscreen.qld.gov.au

Appointments are available at Rockhampton & Gladstone Hospital BreastScreen Clinics and the Mobile Unit is currently at Yeppoon Hospital until December 2017.

After hours appointments are available.

Women between 40 and 49 and over 75 are also eligible to attend for free.



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

Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator
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