



15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## Principals Report

### PLAN FOR EXTREME WEATHER:

Please be assured that at Allenstown we have plans for the health, safety and well-being of your children in any adverse conditions, including the predicted extreme hot weather.

Our plans include actions such as increased emphasis on drinking water, only allowing play in shaded areas, allowing uniform shirts to be worn 'untucked' and limiting sun exposure during the middle of the day.

The Rockhampton District School Sports Association also has a policy regarding cancelling or adjusting interschool sports in extreme weather.

These actions are all aimed at giving your child the best and safest experience they can have while at our school.

### RETURN TO FULL TIME WORK:

I am pleased to be able to report that my doctors have approved me to return to full-time work next week. I thank everyone and especially Mrs Howard, Mr Spyve and the school staff for their patience and support during my rehab time.

While I will be back to full days of work I will be absent for 3 days next week. Between Wednesday and Friday I am part of a team reviewing a school in the Bundaberg area. This is a great opportunity for me to see in detail how a school similar to ours is operating.

### CLASSES NOW ALL OPERATING:

I sincerely thank everyone for the smooth transition to our 16 class setup for the rest of 2017.

Mrs Pearson started work with her Year 2 class on Monday and all the transitions went very smoothly thanks to the planning of Mrs Howard and Mr Spyve.

The new class has some lovely new desks to work at and we are expecting a delivery of new chairs by the end of the week. A new set of computers is also on the way to make sure this class is fully resourced.

Please make sure that you make Mrs Pearson feel welcome at Allenstown – be sure to introduce yourself to her.

### HOMEWORK REVIEW

Last week the staff started a review into our homework practices. We plan to have a very clear and explicit homework policy / procedures document ready to send to all families in the next 2 – 3 weeks.

This document will detail what homework may be set at each year level, how / when it should be completed and what the rewards / consequences for completing it (or not) will be.

### ALLIES TOUCH FOOTY TEAMS:

One of our teacher aides, Miss Cassidee Haynes, is once again keen to coach an Allies school team (or two) in the local touch competition. The next season, starting in March, is played on Friday evenings. Miss Haynes hopes to enter a girl's team in the U12 age group.

A letter will be sent home with interested students in the near future. If we have too many students there may need to be a selection process. Our P & C have come to the party with some brand new uniforms for this year (many thanks).

There will be a cost to players for the season and the fee would need to be completely paid before the season starts. A commitment to training (at school during lunch breaks) and games (Friday afternoon / evenings) is also essential.

### THANK YOU ALLIES P & C:

The P & C have committed to purchasing a new classroom fridge for the new Year 2 class. This will give us a full set of class fridges for student lunches. Thank you for your continuing support.

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## NEW ENROLMENTS STILL COMING:

As well as our already increased numbers we have more new students starting at Allentown this week. We have new children arriving to join Prep, Year 3 and Year 5.

## THANK YOU SWIMMING HELPERS:

While we are fortunate to have a school pool (one of only 3 state schools in Rocky) we rely heavily on volunteers to be able to run swimming in Terms 1 & 4 each year.

We appreciate the time given by our helpers to make sure that student / adult ratios are met. We are quite sure that you also enjoy our cool pool water on these hot days (good deal hey).



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR 4 LEARNING

**Always safe-** moving around the school - This week the focus for classes is moving around the school in safe manner including when, where and how to line up.

## Other News



## ALLIES TUCKATERIA NEWS

**Ice Cream Cones** – Tuckshop has now added a single serve low fat ice cream cone to our menu for \$1.00.

Tuckshop in the Hall is open on Tuesdays from 3.00pm until 4.00pm for the AFL and Soccer Clinics that are currently taking place. Soft drinks, water, fruit, snacks and icy cups are available.



**Krispy Kreme** – Just a reminder that Krispy Kreme orders are due in by 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the latest. These can be dropped into Kylie with the monies owing at the tuckshop. Also can you please make sure you put your child's name and grade on the top of your order forms?

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**P & C Meeting** – The next P & C Meeting will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 in the Admin office at 5.30pm. Come along and see what we are planning for this year. New ideas are always welcome. We all want the best for our children during their schooling years and being a P & C Member can be very rewarding. It is also a great way to learn what's happening at the school and to have your say so please take the time to come to this meeting or future P & C meetings.

**AGM Meeting** – The AGM Meeting is fast approaching in March 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. Children do better when parents/caregivers are involved. Everyone is most welcome.

**Our P&C has an important job to do and we would love you to be a part of it.**

**P&Cs are an essential part of the school**

P&C volunteers are dedicated parents and community members who want to contribute to the management and improvement of their school.

The Parents and Citizens' association (P&C) is managed by an executive committee who, with other P&C members, work closely with the school principal for the benefit of the students at the school.

**What do P&Cs do?**

- Consult on school policy decisions
- Financial planning and budgeting
- Manage tuckshops and uniform shops
- Assist with school functions
- Manage outside school hours care
- Plan events and fundraising activities
- Apply for grants

P&C membership is free and you can choose whether to attend the regular meetings. Even if you are not able to attend meetings, being a P&C member is a great way to learn what's happening at the school and to have your say.

**Children do better when parents are involved**

We all want the best for our children, and recent research has shown that students whose parents are actively engaged with their education do better and are happier at school.

You can show your children how much you value their education by being involved in the P&C.

Your skills and hobbies could be put to great use and volunteering even a small amount of your time will benefit your own children and other children in the school community. You could also gain work experience and develop new skills.



Attending P&C functions provides an opportunity to network with the principal, teachers and other parents so that you can discuss the issues that concern you and share your ideas and experiences.

P&C members suggest and implement positive changes at the school - and the funds we raise have a lasting impact through building improvements and providing classroom "extras".



## LOST PROPERTY

Please check that your child brings their lunch box and water bottle home each day as Lost Property is accumulating quite a number of these items. Many of them have no name so cannot be returned to their owner. Please ensure that all school items are clearly marked with the student's name so they can be returned. If you don't have a felt pen or marker either ask the classroom teacher or the office for one so the

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item can be named. Lost Property is located downstairs in A Block.



## THE LATEST NEWS

Why wait until the newsletter arrives at home on Wednesday afternoon. Keep up to date by receiving the latest School Newsletter by email as soon as it is ready. If you wish to receive the newsletter by email each week please contact the office to have your name added to the [bulk email list](#).



## PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has started back this year in the School Hall, every Thursday of the school term from 8.45 - 10.45am. All are welcome to attend - Grandmas, Grandpas, Uncles, Aunts, Mums and Dads, and of course, children aged 0-4years. The cost of the session is \$2, which covers morning tea. We ask that you bring a hat and water bottle each week and wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy!

## SWIMMING TIMETABLE – Term 1:

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
8:45 – 9:15am		56B	4B		
9:15 – 9:45am					
9:45 – 10:15am		4A	5A	45C	
10:15 – 10:45am					
10:45 – 11:30am	FIRST BREAK				
11:30 – 12:00pm	P1C	1A	234C	3A	
12:00 – 12:30pm					
12:30 – 1:00pm					
1:00 – 1:30pm	SECOND BREAK				
1:45 – 2:45pm	12B	3B	6A	2A	

## P & C Meeting Dates

P & C Meeting	21 Feb 2017	Admin Office 5.30pm
P & C AGM Meeting	March 2017	TBA

## OLD TERM DATES - 2017

Term 1	23 Jan – 31 Mar	10 Weeks
Term 2	18 Apr – 23 Jun	10 Weeks
Term 3	10 Jul – 15 Sep	10 Weeks
Term 4	3 Oct - 8 Dec	10 Weeks

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Thur	Playgroup 8.45-10.45am	Hall
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Leaders Grip Leadership Conference	R'ton Leagues Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	School Leaders Induction Ceremony	Allentown SS more details TBA
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Krispy Kreme delivery	Tuckshop
22-25 May	Book Fair	Allentown SS

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



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



The Smith Family is delivering Saver Plus in the Rockhampton Community and is currently looking for more people to join this wonderful program.

*Saver Plus is a 10-month program that can assist you to save for your own or your children's education.*

Participants receive:

- One dollar in matched savings from ANZ for every one dollar you save, up to \$500
- MoneyMinded financial workshops,
- Personal support and guidance from The Smith Family, a trusted community organisation.

At the end of the program you can use your matched savings to purchase education-related items, such as a laptop/computer, school & sports uniforms/shoes, camps/excursions, swimming & music lessons and text books & stationary.

To be eligible to participate in Saver Plus you must:

- be 18 years or over
- be a parent or guardian of a student attending school or starting next year, or be attending or returning to vocational training yourself
- have a current health care card or pensioner concession card
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time, cash in hand or seasonal employment.

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



### TRIPLE P, Positive Parenting

Want to see more of the behaviour you like and less of the behaviour you don't like? Come along to a Triple P – Positive Parenting Program Seminar. There are three seminars available for parents of children up to 12 years old.

#### THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

Wednesday, 22 February, 2017 - 9:30am to 11am  
CentacareCQ, 16 Bolsover St Rockhampton (Near corner of North St)

#### RAISING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT CHILDREN

Wednesday, 1 March, 2017 - 9:30am to 11am  
CentacareCQ, 16 Bolsover St Rockhampton (Near corner of North St)

#### RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Wednesday, 8 March, 2017 - 9:30am to 11am  
CentacareCQ, 16 Bolsover St Rockhampton (Near corner of North St)

Delivered by CentacareCQ

To register, please call 1300 523 985

Find out more: [www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net)



### FAMILY DAY CARE VACANCIES

I am a qualified Educator based in South Rockhampton. I have been working with Family Day Care Capricornia for 13 years and have had 25 years child care experience. CCB and CCR available if eligible. I have positions available on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information contact me on 0422 606 498.

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