

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

THANKS ROCKY LEAGUES CLUB:

Last Friday we took possession of some new jerseys for our rugby league teams. The Rockhampton Leagues Club generously donated these jerseys.

This club is a very keen supporter of schoolboy rugby league in Rockhampton and makes a donation of either jerseys or shorts to schools every year.

A couple of our players attended with Mr Spyve to receive the new jerseys.



ATTENDANCE CONCERNS:

As the year goes on we are having more concerns about the absences of many of our students. The current figures are not great:

- 91.2% overall for all students
- 88.4% for Indigenous students
- 90.6% for male students

We need to see our students at school more often. Not for the sake of percentages or data downloads, BUT, so that we can more effectively educate them.

Regular absences mean a severely disrupted pattern of learning with whole learning episodes possibly missed out.

ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:

Please mark your calendar on **Thursday 21st June** for the annual Interhouse Athletics Carnival.

This will be the main day of events including sprints and field events. Please watch future newsletters and our Facebook page for more information.

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SCHOOL DISCO RETURNS TO ALLIES:

This Friday night we will be offering our Allies students the chance to attend a school disco.
(Please see later notice for details.)

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Committee hope to make these a regular part of our school calendar. This will mainly depend on families helping us by sticking to the rules – especially about who can attend.

The disco is strictly for our current students ONLY!!

ALLIES SPORTS SOCKS FOR SALE AT OFFICE:

We have a supply of the Allies sports socks (suitable for rugby league, hockey or soccer) available for sale at the office.

The socks are \$9.00/pair and are available in a range of sizes.

We hope to see our rugby league team members lining up in their new socks on Friday, in their first game of the season.

NAPLAN UNDERWAY:

By the time you read this our Year 3 and Year 5 students will have begun their 2018 NAPLAN tests.

Today students complete the language conventions (grammar, punctuation and spelling) and writing assessments.

Tomorrow students take on the reading test and then finish up with numeracy on Thursday.

Library News



Allenstown State School Library Book Fair

Monday 21st May

PREVIEW ONLY during the school day; classes timetabled to visit. Students will bring home a Wish List of books they'd like to buy.

PARADE – Friday 8.45am Helen James Performing Arts Centre

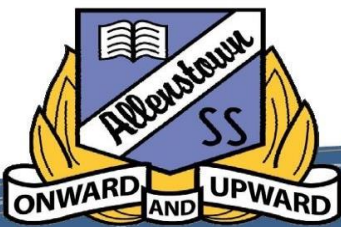
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Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th May

Book purchases during school day – classes timetabled to visit. Purchases may be made after school until 3pm. The Book Fair will be **CLOSED** after 3pm on the Thursday. There will be no access Friday.

Wednesday 23rd May at 11 a.m. come along to the school library and be a part of the National Simultaneous Storytime! Come ready to sing some other nursery rhymes, too!

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2018

The 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge commences on Monday 14 May and closes Friday 24 August 2018. This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books.

Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2018 challenge is to engage more students than ever before. Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier.

For more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, please visit:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/>

Chappy Corner

Rockhampton School Chaplaincy Art Auction

When Auction to start 6:30pm Friday 11th May 2018. Viewing from 5pm Friday 11th May

Location: Rockhampton State High School (Art Block)

Finger Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages provided.

Photos of the various pieces of art will be listed on the Rockhampton School Chaplaincy Events Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/60028770318501/>

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Chaplaincy High Tea

Proudly hosted by North Rockhampton State High School

Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee fund ten Chaplains in sixteen Rockhampton schools

When: Saturday 26th May 2018

Where: The Master and the Apprentice – Café, Bar and Bistro, North Rton State High School, Simpson Street entrance

Time: 12 noon to 2:00pm

Cost: \$45.00

Bookings & Payment:

North Rockhampton State High School Administration
Phone 4924 7888

Bookings and payment required by 23/5/18



CANETOADS

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COCKROACHES

“State of Origin Fever” is nearly upon us and what better way to enjoy the final game than by being there!!

We have a school family who have very generously donated all the prizes for the current P&C raffle.

- **1st Prize:** State of Origin Game 3 tickets for 4 people including merchandise plus 2 nights' accommodation and a XXXX Brewery tour
- **2nd Prize:** Limited Edition Jonathon Thurston signed and certified framed Lithograph and merchandise
- **3rd Prize:** 2 State of Origin Polo Shirts plus merchandise

All profits from this raffle go directly to the students at our school, with the primary goal of the P and C for 2018 to upgrade all playground equipment.

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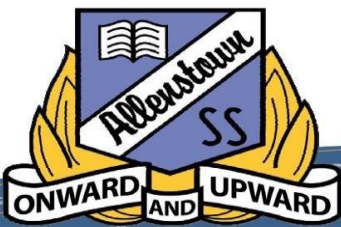
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There are some great prizes up for grabs so please consider grabbing a book of tickets from the office and trying to sell them – at your workplace; to footy mad relatives and friends; to anyone you know who likes to 'have a go'.

Please, please help us to get full value following such a generous donation from one of our highly supportive families.



ALLIES DISCO

WHEN: Friday 18 May 5.30 to 7.30pm

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 to Friday

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.

Extra drinks and chips can be purchased on the night. Always a great idea to bring a named water bottle.

NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS

8.45am to 2.45pm

(Students should be at school by 8.35am)

- Morning Session 8.45am to 10.45am
- **First Lunch 10.45am to 11.30am**
- Middle Session 11.30am to 1.00pm
- **Second Lunch 1.00pm to 1.30pm**
- Afternoon Session 1.30pm to 2.45pm

If students are not collected by 3.00pm the staff member on duty will direct the student to wait at the office.

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LATE ARRIVALS ARE HAMPERING LEARNING:

Many students are still arriving late for school. Some have arrived up to an hour later than our school starting time of 8.45am. This causes extra work for teachers and office staff.

Students who regularly arrive late to class are missing a vital part of their daily education. They also cause the class to have to backtrack in order to try and 'clue them in' about what is going on in the lesson or learning activity.

PLEASE – work with us to help your child get the most they possibly can from their education. At least in Australia every child can attend school. We need to value that chance and get the children to school **on time every day. Every Day and Every Hour counts!!**

NO CASH KEPT ON PREMISES

Please note that no cash is kept on the school premises so correct money would be greatly appreciated when paying for excursions etc. It can be difficult to find change if larger notes are tendered.

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)

Please respond to these text messages to explain the absence and that you are aware that your child is not at school on that day.

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. Students are still coming to the office

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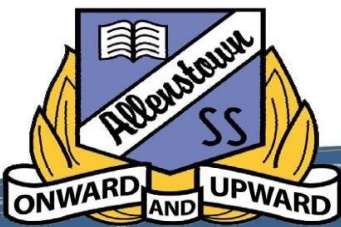
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STRESSED FAMILIES:

From time to time in our world, families go through times of great stress. Financial, work or daily living pressures can cause the adults to be highly stressed and this often impacts children who, while not fully understanding, realise that something is not quite right.

Please be aware that keeping the school in touch (all information would be dealt with highly confidentially) may mean that we can help both the family and student to work through the issues. We may be able to provide referral to services via our guidance officer or chaplain or monitor student's behaviour and general attitude for signs of stress.

We do not want to intrude on your deepest secrets or major life issues – just provide a helpful piece of advice or care for your child while the situation is worked through. Disclosures of any kind are up to you.

Other News



DENTAL CLINIC

The dental clinic at Allenstown State School can be contacted on 49 222 673. The clinic is not manned every day so contact can also be made with the Rockhampton Base Hospital on 49 206 212 for any enquiries. Please do not contact the school.



everyone's family



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

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Play Group 8.45-10.45am	I Block Allenstown SS
15-17 May	NAPLAN	Allenstown SS
18 May	School Disco	Allenstown SS Hall
21 May	Rton Eisteddfod- Chamber Group	Pilbeam Theatre
21-24 May	Book Fair	Allenstown SS Library
14 Jun	Rton Show Holiday	Public Holiday
21 Jun	Interhouse Athletics Carnival	Allenstown SS
22 Jun	State of Origin Raffle drawn	Allenstown SS
27 Jun	Reports Cards sent home	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
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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