

16 August 2017

## Principals Report

### SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY:

The annual school opinion survey period has opened. You should have received a blue letter with last week's newsletter, explaining how to respond.

Please take the 5 – 10 minutes that it takes to respond to the survey – we value feedback on our performance.

You are welcome to use a computer at the school if you don't wish to burn up your home data allowance. Please call at the office to arrange this.

### 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 28 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.

### A WOW EVENT IS COMING!!

We are currently planning a **WOW** event for our very best Allies students.

We acknowledge that many of our students have great attendance and behaviour and are trying their hardest every school day to engage with their education.

It is these students that we intend to target with a really **WOW** reward event – towards the later weeks of next term.

The staff has been preparing the criteria that will be used to determine those students who will be eligible for the **WOW** event. These criteria will be finalised this week and published for students / families. Keep your eyes and ears open for more **WOW** details.

### STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2018:

Work has started to give our current Year 5 students a clear idea of the attributes we want to see in our student leaders group.

A list of highly desirable attributes is being prepared. These will then be communicated to all Year 5 students (and their families). The list will help everyone to understand how students may be selected for leadership roles at Allenstown.

The Year 5 students will then work with Mr Spyve and myself for a short period each week during term 4. This time will be spent in discussing expectations for 2018 and preparing for the end of year student leader selection process.

### ATTENDANCE CONCERNS:

We are experiencing a worrying dip in the attendance of many of our students. Our current attendance rate for the whole school has dropped to 90.2% with Year 3 (89.7%), Year 5 (88.9%) and Year 6 (85.7%) being areas of real concern.

It is well known that regular daily attendance at school is necessary for students to be successful learners.

Please make sure that your child is attending every day. We will be contacting the families of some of our most regular absentees to work out a solution to this issue.

### NAPLAN SUCCESS:

In the recent NAPLAN results Allenstown had an outstanding success in one specific area – that of relative gain.

Relative gain is measured by comparing students test scores between Year 3 and Year 5. When that measure was applied to Allies Year 5 students our results outstripped schools both state-wide and in the whole of Australia. In a nutshell, our students improvements in scores from Year 3 to Year 5 were absolutely amazing – a great testament to the work that has been going on in this important area of the curriculum in recent times.

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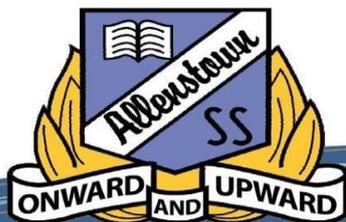
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## Sports News

**FOOTBALL Semi Final** rematch played 15 August  
Crescent Lagoon - 34 defeated Yr 5 Allies - 16

## Sports Draw

### FOOTBALL Preliminary Final

- Yr 5 Allies v St Anthony's @ Browne Park 1.45pm

### HOCKEY

- Allies 1 v St Anthony's 3 @ Kalka  
Shades Grass 4 1.00pm
- Allies 2 v Frenchville 1 @ Kalka  
Shades Grass 4 1.20pm
- Allies 1 v Park Avenue 1 @ Kalka  
Shades Turf 3 1.40pm
- Allies 2 v Park Avenue 2 @ Kalka  
Shades Turf 3 2.00pm

### NETBALL

- Senior B v Berserker @ Jardine  
Park Court 1 12.30pm
- Senior D v Frenchville @ Jardine  
Park Court 6 1.50pm

Sports teams could **possibly return late** to school on Friday due to late games.

**Bus 1: Jardine Park (netball) & Kalka Shades (hockey)**

## Library News

### READING NINJAS

A reminder that Reading Ninja Reading Records need to be completed by parents/carers each night and when finished shown to Mrs Gill in the Library. Once each stage is achieved, students will receive their Ninja dollars. They can then take advantage of the 'pop up shop', which open each Thursday, second break.

If you have any questions about this scheme, or if you child requires a new reading record sheet, please see Mrs Gill in the Library. **Please note: the rule of ONE book title or chapter per date remains the same.**

## BOOK WEEK 19 - 26 August

This year's theme is 'Escape to Everywhere'. We will have a Children's Book Week Parade at 9 a.m. in the Helen James Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August.



Our school chaplain really does make a difference!!

### EVENT: Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee Auction

DATE: Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017

TIME: 6:30pm – 10:00pm

COST: \$5 per person (Under 5's are free)

VENUE: Rockhampton High School Assembly Hall,  
Campbell Street, Rockhampton

All monies raised and any donations given will be used to assist chaplains supporting young people across Rockhampton and surrounding districts.

For further details:

Phone: Lindy-lou Brown

[principal@thehallss.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@thehallss.eq.edu.au)

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## Other News

### ALLIES GOT TALENT

This year Allies Got Talent is back. Auditions have commenced and the Finals will take place on Wednesday 6th September.

As part of the Finals Night we will be holding a BBQ, drawing a major prize raffle and showcasing our school (each class to provide something to display from their class) in the School Hall.

### INFLUENZA (The Flu) FACTS

Influenza or 'the flu' is a highly contagious disease caused by infection from influenza type A or B (or rarely C) virus. These viruses infect the upper airways and lungs. The flu can occur all year round but in temperate areas the influenza season typically occurs during the winter months.

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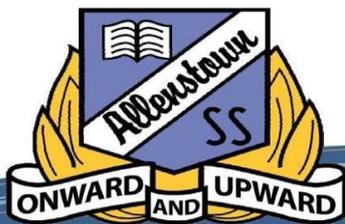
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Flu is not the same as a common cold, and can be a serious illness. It is usually spread through infected people coughing and sneezing, which temporarily contaminates the surrounding air and surfaces with infected droplets. You can reduce the risk of infection by getting vaccinated and practising good hand and respiratory hygiene.

#### Signs and Symptoms:

Symptoms usually appear 1 to 3 days after being infected. The symptoms of flu can include:

- fever
- dry cough
- muscle and joint pain
- tiredness or extreme exhaustion
- headache
- sore throat.
- nasal congestion

#### Treatment:

Generally, flu is managed by:

- resting in bed
- drinking plenty of fluids (particularly water)
- taking over-the-counter medication to help relieve symptoms (take as directed in the product information).

See your doctor or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/contacts/advice/13health/index.html>

#### **CHICKENPOX (varicella) FACTS**

Chickenpox (varicella) is a highly contagious disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus.

#### Signs and Symptoms:

The disease starts with cold-like symptoms such as a mild fever, headache, runny nose and cough. A day or two later a rash begins, starting as small pink blotches but rapidly progressing to itchy blisters which usually last three to four days before drying out and turning into scabs.

#### Treatment:

No specific treatment is recommended or required for otherwise healthy children and adults with chickenpox.

It is important to try to prevent a young child from scratching the rash as this can result in permanent scarring or secondary infection. To reduce the itchiness, try adding an anti-itch solution to frequent baths. Use paracetamol to lower temperature or to reduce discomfort.

#### Transmission:

Chickenpox is spread through coughing, sneezing and direct contact with the fluid in the blisters of the rash. The dry scabs are not infectious. Since shingles blisters also contain the virus, a person who has never had chickenpox can become infected with chickenpox from someone who has shingles.

An individual with chickenpox is infectious for about one to two days before the onset of the rash and until the blisters have all scabbed, usually four to five days. The usual time between contact with the virus and developing the illness is about 14 to 16 days, although sometimes it can take longer.



The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back for 2017. Anyone can help schools earn amazing equipment by shopping at Woolworths from the 26th July 2017.

It's easy for parents, grandparents, staff, neighbours, and friends - absolutely anyone - **to help Allenstown State School** earn amazing resources.

Collect stickers when you shop and place them in the box at Woolworths Allenstown or at the school tuckshop.

The competition runs until the end of term but it's important for us to have them by the last day so that they can be tallied and sent. With the help of families and friends we are once again hoping to make this a great fundraising event.

#### **CHANGE OF DETAILS**

Have you changed any of your details? The school needs to know as soon as families change a phone number, address, emergency contacts or other details

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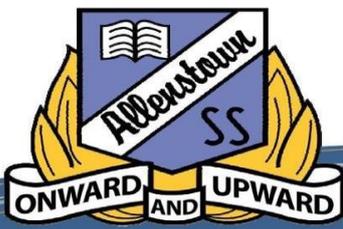
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that impact on our ability to contact you. Please call the office and update them as soon as possible.

## P & C News

### P & C Fundraising Raffle

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – 5 night's accommodation for 2 adults and 2 children from a selection of 1<sup>st</sup> class Rydges Hotels & Resorts throughout Australia and New Zealand.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – iPod Shuffle 2GB

All monies raised will benefit the students and help in maintaining special projects at the school. **Please return all raffle tickets and money to the tuckshop.** Thank you in advance for supporting our major fundraiser for the year.

## Community News



### DENTAL CLINIC NEWS

The Dental Clinic is open at Allenstown School and parents are encouraged to take advantage of this cost free service and encourage their children to form healthy dental habits. For any enquiries please phone 49222673.



### Allenstown Hotel Club 4 Kids

Join us for our Club 4 Kids Movie night. Children of all ages welcome with parental supervision. (Parents are required to remain on the premises). Get your blankets or bean bags ready, bring them down and relax. Movie will be shown upstairs in our Function Room.

Friday 25th August from 6pm - 9pm

\$8 for Club4kids members

\$10 for non - members

Snacks & a drink provided for all children  
Free face painting before the event  
Bookings essential so call the hotel on 4922 1853 to reserve your spot today!

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
18 Aug	R'ton Chaplaincy Committee Auction	R'ton State High School Assembly Hall
20 Aug	Red Gum Orders Arrive	Allenstown SS
19-26 Aug	Book Week	Allenstown SS
23 August	Book Week Parade 9am	Allenstown SS Hall
6 Aug	Allies Got Talent Finals	Allenstown SS Hall
6 -10 November	Year 5 School Camp (approx. \$310)	Balance by 27/10/17
13 -17 November	Year 6 School Camp (approx. \$450)	Balance by 15/09/17



### "DAD'S DAY OUT" FAMILY FAIR

There will be fun activities for Dads and Children to share – and best of all – it's FREE.

**When:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August

**Where:** Alf Kele Memorial Rotary Park (Dinosaur Park)

**Time:** 10am – 1.00pm

For more information phone 4924 8123 or email: [cfccapricorn@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:cfccapricorn@thesmithfamily.com.au)

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