



NEWSLETTER

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16th October 2018

Principal's News

SWIMMING POOL OPEN

The swimming pool re-lining project has been completed and the first swimming classes of Term 4 went ahead today.

The pool is looking very inviting, especially with the way the hot weather has hit us so suddenly in the last few days.

Many thanks to 'Mr Fred', our schools officer, for his efforts in getting the pool ready after the sealing workers left.

NO MAKE UP LESSONS

Unfortunately there is no time available in the timetable to 'make up' lessons for the classes that didn't get to swim on Monday when the pool was not ready.

These classes did get their allocated HPE lesson – it just wasn't a swimming lesson.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Please make sure that the following dates make it on to your calendar:

- Saturday 3rd November – Prep Information and play morning
- November 5th > 9th – Year 5 Camp
- November 12th > 16th – Year 6 Camp
- Friday 23rd November – School Disco (run by PBL Committee)
- Thursday 29th November – P&C Christmas Fair and Concert
- Thursday 6th December – Year 6 Awards Night
- Friday 7th December – Final Parade of Excellence for 2018
- Wednesday 12th December – High School Orientation morning for Year 6
- Wednesday 12th December – Classroom of 2019 visits for all students

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ALLIES HELPING FARMERS

One of our students (Alyssa Kuhl) has been very moved by the stories of how our Australian farmers are doing things really tough.

Alyssa came to see me recently, to ask if it was possible for us at ALLENSTOWN, to try and help them.

Alyssa came back to me with a list of ideas and the result of all this will be a special **Uniform Free Day** on **Thursday 25th October**.

Alyssa is hoping to see everyone make an effort to raise some funds that can be sent to the appeal for our Aussie farmers.

Students (and staff and parents) are encouraged to come along on that day (dressed like 'country folk' is an option – jeans and shirts) and bring along a donation (any amount will be welcome) to send on to our farmers in need.

Well Done Alyssa for thinking about the plight of others – you obviously have a well-developed sense of social justice.

P&C MEETING:

The next meeting of the Allenstown P&C Association will be held today, 16th October.

All interested parents and family members are welcome to attend. The meeting will have the following as some of its agenda items:

- Christmas Concert and Fair
- Final review / report on Colour Run fundraiser
- Other issues that are raised at the meeting

STUDENT FREE DAY

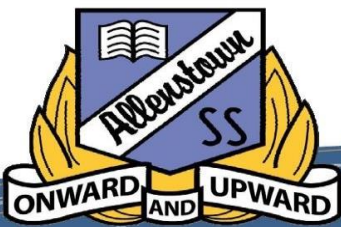
Next Monday (22ND October) is the annual fourth term student free day. This day is used by school staff to review work done during 2018 and to start work on the initiatives and agenda for 2019. **School buses will not run and students will not attend school.**

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BRIEF ABSENCE

I will be absent from school for three days next week (Tue 23rd > Thu 25th Oct).

During that time I will be part of a team reviewing the Chatsworth School near Gympie.

Mrs Finter (deputy principal) will be the key admin person during that time.

Chappy Corner



Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee

AUCTION

DATE: Friday, 26th October 2018

TIME: 6:30pm - 10:00pm
(Commencing with hot finger foods)

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

VENUE: Rockhampton High School Assembly Hall
Campbell Street, Rockhampton



The evening will commence at 6:30pm with hot finger foods + dessert, followed by the Auction.

You will also hear what chaplains are doing to assist our young people in schools around the region.

Get together a table and invite your friends for some fun, or for a bit of competitive bidding!!

All funds raised will be used to assist chaplains supporting young people in the Rockhampton area.

For further details, please contact:

Lesley Scott
Phone: 0409 580 748
Email: ls Scot37@eq.edu.au



Other News

PREP TRANSITION

The Prep Transition Program will commence in Week 4 on Thursday 1st November. It will run from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm. Students are required to bring along a hat and water bottle. More information will be available in future newsletters and our Facebook page.

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ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

SHOWTIME

When: Friday 26th & Saturday 27th October

Time: 6.30pm

Where: R'ton State High School Performing Arts Complex

Cost: \$10.00 (Tickets must be presented upon entry)

Tickets are available from the Rockhampton State High School office.

Reminders



YEAR 5 CAMP

Year 5 Camp is on 5th – 9th November. Please ensure final payments are made to the office by 29th October to ensure your student's place on camp.

A parent information night will be held on Wednesday 17th October at 7.00pm in the Library.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Year 6 Camp is on 12th - 16th November. Please ensure final payments are made to the office by 19th October to ensure your student's place on camp.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:

We are now taking all enrolments from Prep to Year 6 for 2019. Please call the office to get the enrolment forms for your child.

ADVICE OF NON RETURN FOR 2018:

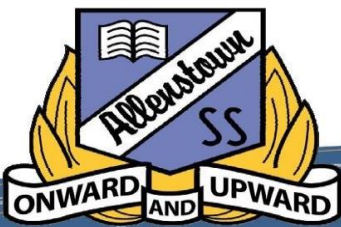
If you have students from Prep to Year 5 who will not be returning to Allenstown in 2019 (for whatever reason) it would be beneficial for us to be advised of this.

It means that when classes are planned for next year, we can accurately predict which students are available for which classrooms. You can confidentially advise this information directly to Mr Lynn or Mrs Finter by phoning the office.

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CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their school bag every day in case of toileting accidents or clothing getting wet or soiled at playtimes. The school is still having to contact many parents due to not having spare clothing or underwear.

WANTED

2nd Hand Uniforms

If you have any unwanted uniforms or shoes or will at the end of the year we would love them. Please drop them into the office. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

If we do not have the required number of adults present for a lesson, students will be unable to go swimming on that day. The above ratios are a minimum requirement to ensure your child's safety, however **more helpers are encouraged**. If you are able to help with swimming please let your class teacher know.

We are also **looking for volunteers to be on an "ON CALL" list** in case there are not enough Adult Helpers for each class. If you are willing to be "ON CALL" please contact the office. Should a class be short of Adult help, we will have a few people we could contact if you are available at that time. Your time and support is greatly appreciated and on a hot day who wouldn't want to be in the pool.

Term 4 - Swimming Timetable

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:45 to 9.45 am	PF	5F	4/5W	6D	
9.45 to 10.45am	PB	6S		5/6L	4T
11.30 to 12.30pm	3L	1/2H	2W	1C	
1.45 to 2.45 pm	P1M	3/4B	3C	2K	

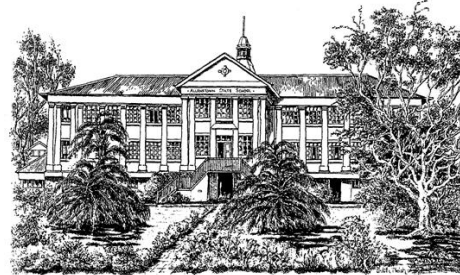
Students are required to bring their **swimmers**, a **swim shirt**, a **swimming cap**, **goggles** and a **towel**. Students will not be permitted to swim without a swim shirt or swimming cap.

It is also recommended that your child's belongings are **clearly named**. Any items left in the pool area will be taken to the lost property box in A Block.

The most important thing to be aware of with swimming is the regulations regarding adult to child ratio:

- Prep – Year 1 **minimum of five (5)** adult helpers (Helpers are required to hop into the pool)
- Year 2 – 3 **minimum of three (3)** adult helpers (Helpers are required to hop into the pool)
- Years 4 - 6 **minimum of one (1)** adult helpers

ALLENSTOWN STATE SCHOOL HISTORY



Motto – "Onward and Upward"

The name Allenstown derives from an early settler, William Allen who sailed from England in 1847. In 1862 he moved to Rockhampton and purchased land. When he sold the land years later a local postman bought it and built a cottage. When someone asked him where he lived – his answer was that he had moved to "Allen's Town" so the locality became known as Allenstown.

Allenstown State School was opened on 16th July 1877 with approximately 152 students. By 1878 the school numbers had doubled and in 1893 the school committee requested another building due to overcrowding. However the request was unsuccessful as there was a severe depression at the time and the building wasn't approved until 1899.

By 1909 the school committee again requested another addition but the request wasn't granted until 1915.

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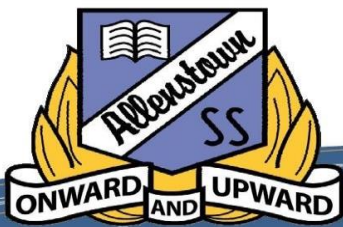
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C Block was built and was originally an open air annex with roller blinds for walls capable of accommodating 140 students.

By 1936 enrolments had increased so much that approval was given to build a new three storey brick building, known today as A Block. This was built to replace the existing buildings and could accommodate 512 students.

During World War 2 the oval was ploughed and sown with cotton to aid the War Effort for essential clothing. Girls from Grade 7 harvested the crop and also knitted squares that would be made into quilts for beds. Boys created camouflage nets that were used in the war to conceal troops and their guns. Trenches were dug on the school grounds to provide safety in the event of an air raid. Fortunately there never was one.

The two historic play sheds (built in 1883) are the oldest buildings on the school grounds and are now recognised for their historical significance.

The Clayton Memorial is a stone monument located near A Block to commemorate a teacher, William Clayton, who died in a tragic boating accident near Emu Park in 1890.

The school oval was known as the "Tom Hogan Playing Field". It was named after a previous Teacher/Deputy Principal who worked at the school from 1952 to 1980 to recognise his contribution to the school.

The Swimming Pool was officially opened in 1931 and in 1998 a plaque was erected in recognition of David Coughran who was a teacher at the school from 1972 to 1997 and an accomplished sportsman.

In 1987 a fire was deliberately lit in D Block and the building sustained approximately \$100,000 damage which back then was a considerable amount. Fortunately the building was covered by insurance but irreplaceable teachers' resources and students work was lost in the fire.

Currently located in the office reception is a wooden seat dedicated to Trish Padgett. Money was raised by the school community in 1996 and this sturdy seat was purchased to commemorate Trish who was a much respected parent of the school as well as a devoted animal carer who contracted the lyssa virus while caring for a bat.

Funding from the Triple R project in 2001 resulted in the building being painted the colours that you see today – Boatshed Blue, Poppy Seed Yellow and Orange Rave.

The "Cooler Schools Program" installed new air conditioners in 2006.

The Administration Building was opened on 22nd March 2007 after being housed on the first floor of A Block from 1939 to 2006.

The Helen James Performing Arts Complex (also known as the hall) is named after Helen James who was a teacher from 1967 to 2017 and taught at Allenstown State School for many of these years. Helen was recognised for her contribution to performing arts at Allenstown and was well known for her love of sewing - especially costumes.

During the years from 1877 to the current date, there have been many families of whom succeeding generations have lived and remained in the surrounding area and attended Allenstown State School.

Community News



PLAY HARD - PLAY FAIR - PLAY AS A TEAM

A new basketball season is starting next week, 18th & 19th October.

Toledo Basketball Club Inc. is looking for new players of all ages. Interested?

Contact Emily on 0448 043 848.

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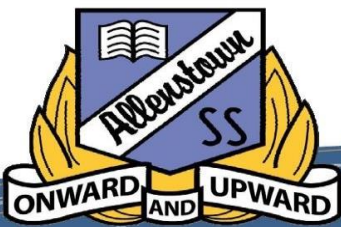
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\$150 (One Hour Session)

All Images Supplied on USB



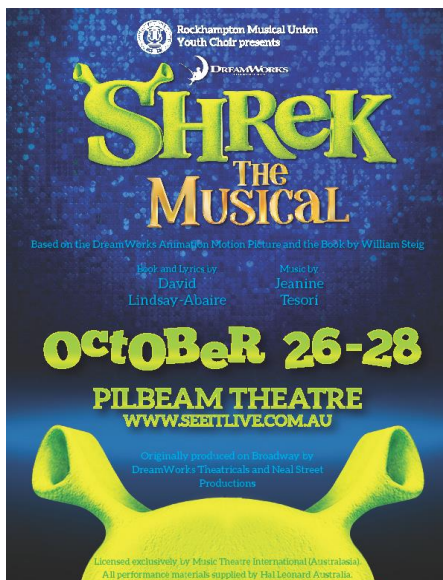
WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

Junior Blasters – Ages 5-7

Master Blasters – Ages 7-10

Join the fun at your local centre

Register at - playcricket.com.au



Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
16 Oct	P & C Meeting 4pm	Allenstown Staffroom
17 Oct	Year 5 Camp Parent Info Night 7pm	Allenstown SS Library
19 Oct	Year 6 Camp Final Payment Due	Allenstown SS
22 Oct	Student Free Day	Allenstown SS
25 Oct	Free Dress Day Support our Farmers	Allenstown SS
29 Oct	Year 5 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
1 Nov	Prep Transition 12.30-2.30pm	Allenstown SS
3 Nov	Prep Information & Play morning	Allenstown SS
5-9 Nov	Year 5 Camp	Fairbairn Dam
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-Variou Venues
23 Nov	School Disco	Allenstown SS
29 Nov	P & C Fair and Christmas Concert	Allenstown SS
6 Dec	Year 6 Awards Night	Allenstown SS Hall
7 Dec	Parade of Excellence	Allenstown SS Hall
12 Dec	RSHS Orientation	Rton State High School
12 Dec	Classroom 2019 visits	Allenstown SS
14 Dec	Last day of Term 4 2018	Allenstown SS

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