

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3:

It was great to see the engagement of students in their classes as Term 3 got underway yesterday.

We had three new students start at Allies and nearly all the others back again.

Term 3 is a ten week long term and there are lots of learning activities and other opportunities coming up in our school.

Please make sure that your child makes the most of every opportunity by being at school **EVERY DAY!**

STAFF CHANGES:

As I indicated just before the holidays, we have some new staff arrangements this term. They are:

- ❖ Mrs Justine Finter has commenced as deputy principal;
- ❖ Mr Spyve is teaching 6D;
- ❖ Mrs Shackleton (Mon) and Mrs Lanham (Tue > Fri) are teaching 1C;
- ❖ Mr Ryan is on leave and Mrs Corinne White is teaching drama for the first four weeks of term;
- ❖ Mrs O'Keeffe has returned to P/1M for just two weeks before handing over to Mrs Elson.

There are other short periods when some different staff will be on long service leave. They will be notified in the newsletter as they come up.

I am still negotiating a replacement for Mrs Elson in the LOTE classes for the last eighteen weeks of the year.

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS:

As is usual at this time of year we have two important sporting events in the next couple of weeks. They are:

- Regional Shield (Thurs 19th & Fri 20th July) – we have a rugby league and a netball team entered in these competitions.
- Rockhampton District Athletics Carnival (Tue 24th and Wed 25th July). Held at Emmaus College this year. Students who compete may be selected in a team to represent Capricornia in a range of athletics events.

P&C MEETING:

Tuesday 24th Jul at 4.00pm in the school staffroom. All welcome. Agenda items may include:

- ✓ Discussion about fundraising for Term 3
- ✓ Discussion about our Chaplaincy service and its future funding
- ✓ Discussions around our playground development plans
- ✓ Other items raised at the meeting

FUNDRAISER FOR CAYDENCE:

Caydence Fouracre is one of our Year 6 students and a current senior leader and sports house captain. Caydence is one of the 'attacking weapons' of our highly successful Year 6 rugby league team and out of school is a keen Bull rider. Yes – you read right, Bull rider.

CAYDENCE FOURACRE

to compete in the
YOUTH BULL RIDING WORLD FINALS - TEXAS



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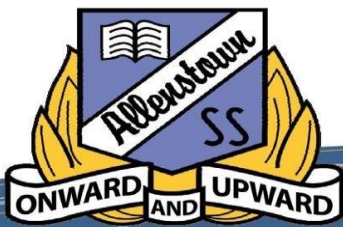
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Caydence enjoys Bull riding so much, and is so good at it, that she has been invited to America to ride against the best that the Yanks can muster. This is an amazing achievement for an 11 year old girl from Rockhampton (and more importantly Allenstown)

This is coming up fast for Caydence and her family – they leave Rockhampton next week to head to Texas.

Allies is keen to help in a practical way – the trip is a huge financial burden and we want to assist Caydence to get to Texas.

On Friday we will have a uniform free day. We are asking you to make a donation on Friday (while you wear your western gear – or any other clothing you prefer) which will be collected and banked for the purpose of helping Caydence to kick some Yankee bulls in the experience of a lifetime.

Please – get into your jeans and western shirts, your big hats and get behind getting Caydence to Texas. (You are welcome to wear other free dress apart from western gear if this is not your thing – no need to go out and buy anything specially.)

Don't forget to bring along your donation to help us to help Caydence get to Texas.

NAIDOC WEEK:

We will be celebrating NAIDOC week across Allies during next week. Students will participate in a variety of activities and lessons directly related to NAIDOC week. Watch our Facebook page for daily updates and photos during next week.

Other News



A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create our school

records this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, **every student will be photographed** regardless of whether you are purchasing or not. Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

You will have the option to order online or with cash in your student's envelope. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully. Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for **separated parents, blended families and grandparents**. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write "Mum's order" or "Dad's order" on top of your envelope.

To **order a sibling or friends photo**, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online **at least 24 hours in advance**. *Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings who all attend the school.*

If your child has been photographed in a **special group** (i.e. sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day.

Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available. **As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.**

All envelopes are to be given directly to the photographer on the day.
Do not bring them to the office.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.

Keep smiling!!!

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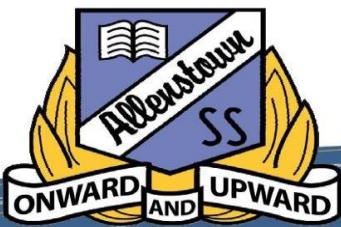
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UNDER 8's WEEK



To celebrate Under 8's week (last term), all our Prep to Year 2 students engaged in a variety of physical and artistic activities to explore language and culture. Year 5 and 6 supported the students by buddying up them and assisting with some of the events.

After the Under 8's event, all Prep to Year 2 students had a Teddy Bear's picnic on the oval.



What is Step into Prep?

- A term-based programme using a playgroup format where parents stay, play and learn with their child

- Builds a child's social and emotional "skills" bank" as they transition to formal schooling through engaging in age and developmentally appropriate learning games and routines
- Creates opportunities to experience the school environment and to build relationships with teachers and administrative staff

Families receive:

- Complimentary membership of Playgroup Qld
- Free playgroup sessions for their child over Terms 3 & 4 of 2018
- Access to a range of age and developmentally appropriate resources
- School credit to the value of \$50 (attendance and eligibility criteria exist)

Venue: Allenstown State School

Date: Wednesday, 25th July 2018

Time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Location: I Block (between the hall & Prep)

For more information please phone 49 300 111

Reminders

LIFE EDUCATION van will be at the school from Monday 30th July to Tuesday 7th August.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The reading period for the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge commences on Monday 14 May and closes Friday 24 August.

Students who have any questions about participating in this year's challenge can talk to their class teacher or to Mrs Gill, our school's Premier's Reading Challenge coordinator. For more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, please visit:

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

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.

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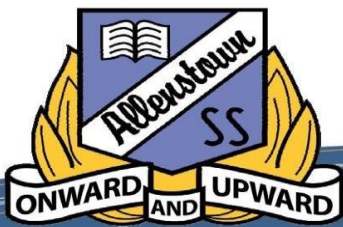
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UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE

Please notify the school if your child is absent from school so absence records can be updated.

Contact the school by one of the following methods -

- Reply to the SMS message sent
- Phone the school any time and leave a message
- Advise through the QParents App

CORRECT UNIFORMS PLEASE

With the cooler days we are seeing a lot of multi-coloured jumpers and coats on students at school. Please make every effort to get your child into a school jacket or at least something in an appropriate colour (not pink, white, orange or red). Allies School Jackets are available from Inferno (Ph. 49140702).

OLD UNIFORMS ALWAYS NEEDED:

As your children grow out of uniforms and shoes they can often be recycled and re-used by other families. Please consider sending in to the office any such uniforms that may be at your house.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure all hats, uniforms, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles etc. have your child's name on them. This will make it easier to return the lost item to its owner if it is clearly named.



KEEP US UPDATED

Have you changed any of these details on the holidays?

- Address
- Phone Number
- Emergency Contacts

Please advise the office as soon as possible by phone or email of any changes.

We need to be confident that we can contact you (or your nominated contact person) as quickly and efficiently as possible when students are ill, injured or distressed.

SCHOOL HOURS

Being on time to school every day is just as important as being at school every day.

The first bell rings at 8:35am, this is a signal for students to head in to the classroom and start preparing for their day of learning. The second bell rings at 8:45am, this is when the roll is marked and learning starts for the day. Many classes will have teacher aides arriving at this time in order for reading groups to start immediately.

The school day ends at 2.45pm. If your child has not been collected by 3.00pm the staff member on duty will direct the student to wait outside the office so there is no need to phone to advise that you will be late.

The office gets quite busy so the school cannot guarantee that messages will reach students in time or that students will respond to these messages. At times the office is trying to pass messages onto many students in a very short time.

Please discuss with your child each day where they are to wait to be collected from school and if you are late that they will need to go to the office to wait.

Community News

Could the NDIS benefit your family?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way to support Australians with disability, and make sure everyone has the support they need to enjoy an ordinary life. If you or someone in your family is living with permanent disability, you may be eligible for support through the NDIS.

The NDIS helps people with disability achieve their goals. That can include becoming more independent, building strong social networks, and participating in the community and the workforce.

Carers Queensland is your NDIS Partner in the Community. We can help you find out more about the

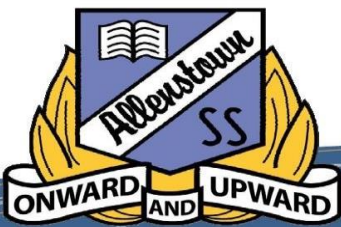
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NDIS and guide you through the planning process, learning the system and using your NDIS plan.

If you're not eligible for funding, we can help you find support, services and activities available in your local community. We can also help you learn new skills and find resources.

We'll be working to increase awareness of the issues people with disability face, and building a more accessible, inclusive Central Queensland where everyone is welcome and valued.

To discuss how the NDIS could work for you, contact your NDIS Partner in the Community Carers Queensland on (07)49941600 or rockhamptonlac@carersqld.com

ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM

Denison Street Rockhampton
(between Archer and Cambridge Streets)



SUNDAY 26th August 2018, 9am to 1pm

Ride on the world's only Purrey Steam Tram (operates 10am to 1pm) heritage railway carriages, steam & diesel engine, rail memorabilia, exhibits, live music, market stalls, vintage/Ford/classic cars, lots more.

Food on sale!

Adults \$2 (14yrs+), Under 14 FREE

Purrey Steam Tram Rides \$2.50



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Email - kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
19-20 Jul	Regional Shield	Rugby League – Brothers Club Netball – Jardine Park
24 Jul	P & C Meeting	Allenstown Staffroom
24-25 Jul	District Athletics Carnival	Emmaus College
25 Jul	Step into Prep	Allenstown SS
30 Jul to 7 Aug	Life Education	Allenstown SS
31 Jul 14 Aug	ICAS – English Comp ICAS – Maths Comp	Allenstown SS
10 Aug	School Photos	Allenstown SS
22-23 Aug	Combined Schools Concert Workshop	Allenstown SS
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
21 Sep 8 Oct	Last day – Term 3 First day – Term 4	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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