

17th May 2017

Principals Report

CHAPPY SERVICE:

I have recently been notified that our Chappy service is to be downgraded by about 2 hours per week. This has come about due to funding shortfalls experienced by the local chaplaincy committee (most Rockhampton schools are due to lose some level of service).

Because Chappy Sam is so highly valued by our community a decision has been taken to find the funding required to make sure that Allies does not lose one minute of service.

You may find that at some time in the future you will be asked to support a fundraiser specifically aimed at gathering the funds necessary to help keep Chappy in our school.

RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM:

Our rugby league team had their first hit out of the season in last Friday's NRL Development Cup Gala Day.

The team recorded a strong win against St Joseph's Wandal but went down in games against Warraburra and St Paul's.

Considering that this was their first run of the season the team went fairly well. They need to hone some skills and knowledge in the game to allow them to achieve further successes during the season.

Mention must be made of the outstanding efforts of Kiarni Hallett, Jackson Leyden, Thomas Gleeson and Josh Warcon who played their hearts out all day. Well done!!!

NAPLAN DONE AND DUSTED:

Our students from Year 3 and 5 have completed their NAPLAN commitments for 2017.

Reports for parents and the school are expected back around late August.

CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO IMPROVEMENT:

As part of our continuing commitment to making Allies the 'best that it can be' we have staff participating in a variety of training areas this week.

These include:

- Karin Tanzer participating in Mentoring Beginning Teachers training – this will upskill her in mentoring our young, inexperienced staff.
- Luke Fallon and Mel O'Keeffe are completing training in classroom profiling. This will provide them with the skills and knowledge needed to formally observe other teachers classrooms and provide them with valuable feedback about a wide range of practices.
- Karin Tanzer and I are attending a Curriculum Roadshow put on by DET (Dept. of Education and Training) central office from Brisbane. This will keep us up to date with the latest curriculum news and practices expected in Queensland schools.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING:

Last week I started to explain the basics of our behaviour processes. Student engagement is one of our 3 priority areas for this year's school improvement agenda

The basic belief behind Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is that students must be explicitly, consistently and regularly taught the behaviours that we would like them to exhibit. At Allenstown all our rules are written under the 4 standard expectations:

- Always Respectful
- Always Learning
- Always Safe
- Always Present

From this belief the school then has two very clear sets of responses – positive responses or rewards for students who exhibit the appropriate behaviour and negative responses or consequences for students who fail to exhibit appropriate behaviour.

At Allies our positive responses include

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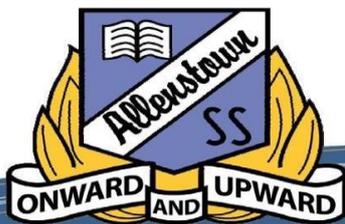
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- ✓ 'Gotcha's' – awarded for fantastic behaviour observed in the playground and at break times generally
- ✓ Stamps – collected in classrooms for a wide variety of positive reasons
- ✓ Positive behaviour Certificates – achieved at certain milestones (e.g. 100 positive stamps) by students doing the right thing
- ✓ Wristbands – again, achieved at certain milestones (after a Certificate and the collection of more stamps)
- ✓ 'Pop Up Events' – pizza parties, lunchtime discos or other privileges at irregular intervals for all the students who have achieved certain milestones.

Our negative responses at Allies can include:

- Being sent to chill out or buddy classes
- Lunchtime referral (and therefore loss of play) which includes notice to home
- In school or external suspension – usually in the case of very serious breaches of our school expectations
- Loss of privileges such as the ability to attend school sports or camps / excursions

I hope that this has clarified some of the things that you may hear your children talking about. Next week I will provide more information on this important area of our school life.

Student engagement / behaviour is one of our priority improvement agenda for 2017.

COMPLAINTS THAT CAN'T BE DEALT WITH:

I always advise parents to make sure that we are aware of any concerns or issues so that we can deal with them rather than let them fester and become a ticking time bomb.

However, I occasionally get asked to deal with matters that are beyond my control as the proud principal of Allenstown.

Over recent weeks I have had complaints from parents (or members of the public) about:

- The grass on the Gladstone Rd footpath being untidy;
- Car parking in Margaret Street;
- Traffic issues around the school;
- Parents smoking on the 'Woolies Wall'.

While I acknowledge that all of these are matters that may reflect on our school there is absolutely no action that I can take to change any of the issues.

I have referred the footpath to Rockhampton Regional Council. I have referred both car parking and traffic issues to the council and the police. The issue of smoking on the 'Woolies Wall' has been referred to the management of Woolworths and Allenstown Square.

I am happy to continue to deal with issues where I can have direct and quick influence.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT – FIRST WEEK:

The Year 5 & 6 students commence their first week of fixtures in hockey, netball and rugby league this week. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for times and venues. All three sports will travel bus this week.

The Allies football /hockey socks are available at Inferno for \$9

Other News

CHAPPY CORNER ☺

I hope that last week you all showered your mum with lots of love and thankfulness, or spent time sharing the beautiful memories of mums that are no longer with us. The funny thing is that we can do that for anyone of significance in our worlds, it doesn't have to be just one day a year, make it your mission today to let all the people you care about in your world, know that they are important to you.

This week is Chappy Week and it seems to creep up on us every year. Chappy week this year comes with a

reminder that we have many people in need, including School chaplaincy in Rockhampton.

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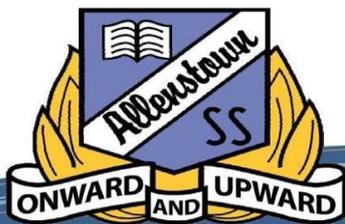
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We have run and continue to run multiple fundraisers to keep our chaplains employed in schools to assist with the needs of students, teachers, staff and families in our communities. We need your help, you can to support chaplaincy in numerous ways, by attending our events which can be seen on our Rockhampton school chaplaincy events facebook page, support events in schools, support the car parking for the show for chaplaincy either as a parking attendant or using the facilities, bake for our cake stalls in the mall, support our Tour de Chaplain bike ride by sponsoring a rider..... the opportunities are endless, if you are interested in helping out message the facebook page or contact me through the school.

It is such a privilege to be a part of our School Community and I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that I am here to serve you, all of you. The picture attached is from the 2017 Chaplaincy Snapshot and it shows who Chaplains talk to. Feel free to grab me for a chat. I'm happy to assist you, your children or the community in whatever way I can.

Have a Happy Chappy Week.

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair Week 6

Monday 22nd May, 2017

PREVIEW ONLY during the school day; classes timetabled to visit. NO purchases after school on the Monday, please.

Students will bring home a Wish List of books they'd like to buy. Once you've made a decision you can:

1. Send money into school in a sealed, labelled bag **OR**
2. Pay online or by phone and record the receipt number on the back of the Wish List. Make sure you select 'Book Fair'. Send the Wish List back to school. Make sure the receipt number is recorded on the back, as well as your details.

Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th May

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Book purchases may be made during the school day – classes will be timetabled to visit. **NO** purchases at lunchtimes.

Purchases may also be made before school, from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. & after school, until 3 p.m.

The Book Fair will be closed after 3pm on the Thursday and there will be no access Friday.

Wanted

Years 5 & 6 are collecting empty and washed out 2ltr or 3ltr milk bottles or 1.25ltr soft drink bottles for a school project. Please if you have any bottles can they be dropped off at the office.

SCHOOL CAMP

Year 5 (approx. \$310)

6th – 10th November 2017

\$200 payment – before 23rd June 2017

Final balance – before 27th October 2017



Year 6 (approx. \$450)

13th – 17th November 2017

\$200 payment – before 16th June 2017

Final balance – before 15th September 2017

Failure to meet these payment deadlines places your child's place on camp in jeopardy.

Payments can be made at the office by Credit Card, EFTPOS, cheque (payable to Allenstown State School) or cash.

REDGUM BOOK CLUB

In addition to Scholastic Book Club, our school participates in Redgum Book Club. Catalogues will be sent home, however, some can also be found in the school library. You can also view the catalogue at the following link:

Open link to view the current catalogue
https://issuu.com/redgumbookclub/docs/8314_rg_catalogue_term_2_2017_lower

You will find hundreds more great titles on their website that you can order this term, with books starting from \$2.00. www.redgumbookclub.com.au

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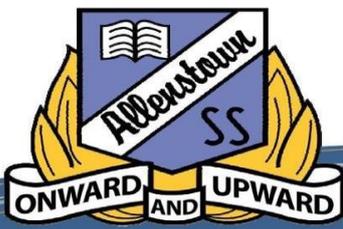
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The catalogue is now open and closes on **23rd May**. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school week commencing 9th June.

Order and pay online only, please, by credit card or PayPal www.redgumbookclub.com.au by the 23rd of May.

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Thursday	Playgroup 8.45am -10.45am	Allenstown SS Hall
22 nd - 25th May	Book Fair	Allenstown SS Library
6 th -10 th November	Year 5 School Camp (approx. \$310)	\$200 by 23/06/17 Balance by 27/10/17
13 th -17 th November	Year 6 School Camp (approx. \$450)	\$200 by 16/06/17 Balance by 15/09/17

Community Notices

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.

SAMI B'S FITNESS BOOTCAMP

Come join Sami every Saturday morning 6.15am on the school oval for a 45 minute bootcamp

designed for all levels of fitness. Like her on Facebook. Adults \$5, Kids Free.

ROCKHAMPTON ART GALLERY

Rockhampton Art Gallery has lots of educational aspects in the gallery in Arts, Maths, Science and Music just to name a few. Visit their website to see what is on in the gallery. www.rockhamptonartgallery.com.au

TENNIS

Tennis Rockhampton has positions available for junior and senior coaching 6 days a week. We cater for all ages and standards from beginners to advanced with group, squad and private lessons available.

For this term, we are offering a free racquet, t-shirt and water bottle for all new junior (4-12) players that sign up.

There is also a free school pick-up available.

If you would like any more information on any programs we offer or would like to book a spot please phone Glenn on 0407 693 900 or Paul on 0431 229 146.

ROGEEBOK HEALTH SERVICE PRESENTS
DEADLY CHOICES COMMUNITY DAY
10AM | 20 MAY | ROCKHAMPTON BROTHERS CRICKET GROUND | LION CREEK ROAD | WANDAL

- HEALTH EDUCATION STALLS
- INFLATABLE ACTIVITIES
- NRL & AFL WORKSHOPS
- TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES
- FACE PAINTING
- HEALTHY LUNCH

MEET BRISBANE BRONCOS STAR JAMES ROBERTS!

Deadly Choices | Rogeebok Health Service | Stockland | Rockhampton

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