

18 October 2017

## Principals Report

### NEWSLETTER ON FACEBOOK:

Every week now as soon as our newsletter is ready it will be published on our Facebook page.

This means that you will have almost instant access to our latest news and can read it anywhere on your devices. Those that have already seen it seem to be very positive about the move.

If you do not have access to Facebook then you can choose to receive the newsletter by -

- **email** – contact the office and your email address can be added to our mailing list or
- **a paper copy** of the newsletter will be available to **collect from the office**

Newsletters will no longer be distributed in the classroom.

### P & C MEETING

The next meeting of the Allenstown P & C will be held on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** starting at 5.30pm in the staffroom. All interested parents / caregivers are welcome to attend.

Agenda items will include:

- ✓ End of year events, celebrations, etc
- ✓ Requests for support with school projects / initiatives or improvement strategies
- ✓ Trivia Night planned for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

### SECOND SEMESTER REPORTING:

We are planning some changes to the way we will provide end of semester reports to parents.

Previously student reports have included descriptions (sometimes quite lengthy and wordy) about the units of work that have been taught as well as student performance in relation to these.

We believe that the reports were not very 'user friendly' and as a result we plan to:

- Send home a copy of the unit of work descriptions approximately 1 week prior to the actual student reports;
- Only include on the student reports for each subject the allocated marks for achievement and effort.
- All comments will be collected together under the heading of general comment. In that we will be aiming to give you a precise account of the skills and achievements of your child.
- The only comments that will remain in the specific subject areas will be those provided by specialists such as music, HPE and LOTE teachers.
- Each student report will also have an individual comment about behaviour included.

The main difference you will notice is that the long comment section next to each subject will no longer appear. The comments sections next to all subjects except Music, HPE or LOTE (Yrs 5 & 6 only) will remain blank. Please call the office to discuss this matter if you have any concerns. Mr Spyve or I would be happy to talk with you.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

The date for the 2017 swimming carnival has been set for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November commencing at 4.00pm. Watch the newsletter for further information regarding this event.

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND AWARDS EVENING:

This important annual event is set down for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please watch for further information from the Year 6 teachers regarding this event.

### FINAL PARADE OF EXCELLENCE:

The last Parade of Excellence for 2017 will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Awards for students from Prep to Year 5 will be presented on this parade. The winners of Year 6 awards from the previous night's graduation / awards ceremony will also be presented to the whole school. Watch upcoming newsletters for more details about this parade.

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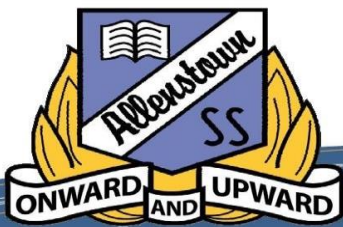
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## **PREP ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2018:**

Please encourage anyone you know with Prep aged children to collect enrolment forms as soon as possible.

We already have 42 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.

## **ALL ENROLMENTS OPEN:**

As well as Prep we are also taking enrolments for all other year levels in 2018. Please pass this advice on to anyone you may know who has students to enrol.

## **ADVICE OF NON RETURN FOR 2018:**

If you have students from Prep to Year 5 who will not be returning to Allenstown in 2018 (for whatever reason) it would be beneficial for us to be advised of this.

It means that when I am planning classes for next year I can accurately predict which students are available for which classrooms.

You can confidentially advise this information directly to Mr Spyve or myself by phoning the office.

## Other News



### **TRIVA NIGHT – DONATIONS**

The P & C will be holding a Trivia Night on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and urgently need donations for the multi-draw raffle. If each family could donate something, no matter how small would help. Some suggestions could be – groceries, toys, gardening equipment, plants, vouchers etc. Anything would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the office. If you have any queries please contact Kelly Thompson (P & C President) on Ph. 0459 202 186



## **YEAR 5 CAMP**

The final cost for the Year 5 Camp after fundraising is \$295.00. Final payment needs to be made to the office no later than 27th October 2017 for your child to attend camp. **An information session for parents** will be held in the library on 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm to discuss any queries you may have about camp.



## **Term 4 - SWIMMING LESSONS**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:45 – 9:15am		PB	4B	5/6B	
9:15 – 9:45am					
9:45 – 10:15am	4A	2B	5A	4/5C	PA
10:15 – 10:45am					
10:45 – 11:30am	FIRST BREAK				
11:30 – 12:00pm	1C	1A	2/3C	3A	
12:00 – 12:30pm					
12:30 – 1:00pm					
1:00 – 1:30pm	SECOND BREAK				
1:45 – 2:45pm	1B	3B	6A	2A	

If parents/caregivers are able to help with swimming please let your class teacher know. Helpers will be required to get into the pool. If the required number of Adult Helpers is not present for a lesson, students will be unable to go swimming on that day.

The children 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. Swimming caps are available from the office for \$2.00 each. Correct money would be greatly appreciated.

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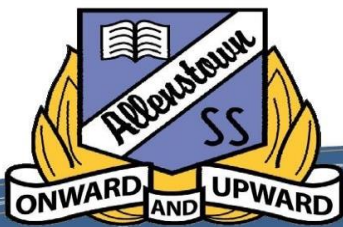
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## LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure your child is bringing home the correct lunch box, water bottle and school hat. Many of these items go missing during the school day. If your child has lost an item, please check Lost Property situated downstairs in A Block. If each item is named, it makes it much easier to find its owner



## RSHS Enrolment Interview Evening

Rockhampton State High School's second Enrolment Interview Evening will take place on Thursday 26th October from 3:30-6:30pm. Please contact the Rockhampton State High School Office on 49204333 to make an appointment and organise an enrolment pack to be back as soon as possible.



## BOOK CLUB – Issue 7

Book Club Issue 7 closes on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Please get your orders in before then to avoid disappointment.

## Community News

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY PLAY SCHOOL



### **“Celebrating 50 Years”**

Sunday 5 Nov 2017 – Sunday 28 January 2018  
Mervyn & Moya Gold Room & Range Room  
Rockhampton Art Gallery



### **Messy Mondays - Every Monday**

Rockhampton Art Gallery

Bubs: 10-11am

Tots: 11.30am-12.30pm

\$10 per parent & child (includes tea or coffee)

Book now at - [rockhamptonartgallery.com.au](http://rockhamptonartgallery.com.au)

### **Yoga in the Gallery – Every Wednesday 7-8am**

Find your balance with us among the artworks

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### **CREATIVE KIDS: SUMMER ART SESSIONS**

Every Monday and Friday in December 2017 and January 2018 at Rockhampton Art Gallery, starting 4<sup>th</sup> December.

\$10 per parent and child (\$10 per additional child)

Parent receives complimentary tea or coffee from Gallery café.

Book now at - [rockhamptonartgallery.com.au](http://rockhamptonartgallery.com.au) or call ph 4936 8248



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Breast Cancer Awareness  
Month

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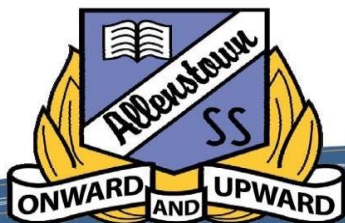
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Allenstown Square Shopping Centre and the Charter Hall Marketing team are running a "LOVE LOCAL" campaign and Allenstown State School has been nominated to participate. The campaign runs from Monday 2 October to Sunday 29 October 2017 so your vote would be greatly appreciated.



If you are interested in receiving \$500 in matched savings, please contact  
Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator  
0408 490 984 or 49248125  
Email - [kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au)

## 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
17 Oct	P & C Meeting 5.30pm	Allenstown SS Staffroom
18 Oct	Year 5 Camp Parent Meeting 7pm	Allenstown Library
3 Nov	Trivia Night (P & C)	Allenstown SS Hall
6 -10 November	Year 5 School Camp (\$295 – Balance by 27/10/17)	Fairbairn Dam
13 -17 November	Year 6 School Camp (\$390)	Brisbane
16-27 Nov	Life Education Visit	Allenstown SS
23 Nov	Swimming Carnival 4.00pm	Allenstown SS Swimming Pool
28 Nov	Xmas Concert 5.30pm BBQ 6.00pm Start	Allenstown SS Oval
30 Nov	Year 6 Graduation & Awards Night	Allenstown SS Hall
1 Dec	Parade of Excellence Prep – Yr 5	Allenstown SS Hall
8 Dec 17 22 Jan 18	Last day of 2017 First day of 2018	Allenstown SS

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