

NEWSLETTER

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Principals Report

INVESTING FOR SUCCESS (I4S):

For the last few years our state governments have provided schools with extra funds to work on specific learning projects. These funds in the last 3 years have been known as 'Investing for Success' (I4S).

Last year Allenstown School received \$207,029 from this initiative. The money was used to support our progress in improving the reading skills of Allies students.

This year we will receive a similar amount. The money will be specifically spent on:

- Purchasing extra teacher aide time to support students reading in small groups.
- Implementing and resourcing the Allenstown 'Rigorous Reading' program – including the wages of a staff member to specifically embed and monitor the program.
- Employing extra support teacher time to add extra staff in supporting students and classroom teachers with our reading agenda.

NOT ENOUGH HATS:

We have noticed that a large number of students are coming to school without a hat.

This is creating several problems:

- Students without hats are **NOT** allowed to play in sunny, outside areas;
- Students often need a hat to wear to be able to take part in HPE – a compulsory curriculum area;
- The work in A Block is taking away some of our covered play areas so students have less options at their breaks as they can't go outside.

We would really love to see more students with hats at school. While we have a uniform hat it is acceptable for students to wear other hats (as long as they have a brim).

If you have had to replace lost / stolen hats I urge you to individualise your child's hat. You could do this by:

- Embroidering / stitching their name into the brim – either topside or underneath
- Sewing a coloured patch or button on to the hat
- Writing their name on the brim with a paint pen (on top or underneath).

It is possible for students to take care of their belongings (one student in Yr 5 has had their hat continuously for 5 years – without any special markings) but you can help by marking their hat clearly. School staff has then got some way of identifying the correct owner of a hat.

Please – get your child a hat as soon as possible.



REFURBISHMENT PROGRESS:

The work on A Block is progressing steadily. While it cannot be viewed yet the following tasks have either been completed or started:

- ✓ Repainting of the two stairwells to create a 'lighter' space.
- ✓ Installation of new, quieter and more efficient air conditioning.
- ✓ The closing off of unwanted doorways between rooms.
- ✓ Preparations for the new 'movable walls' in the top level classrooms.
- ✓ Preparation of the concrete floors and stairs in readiness for a new surface.
- ✓ Removal of mould, mildew and broken concrete from student toilets prior to steam cleaning and painting.

The tradesmen are at work daily getting the building up to 'tiptop' condition. I meet with the builders regularly to discuss any issues or concerns.

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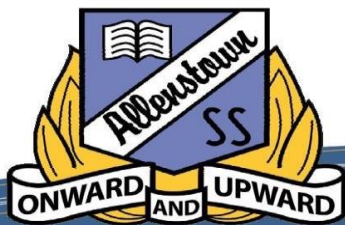
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TUCKSHOP BACK:

Be aware that 'Allies Tuckateria' is back home under A Block.

It is business as usual and with their great menu options. Please – give Kylie and her ladies your support to keep the tuckshop open.

TUCKSHOP IS OPEN TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

P & C MEETING – TODAY (TUES 20 FEB)

Yes – the first meeting of 2018 is on this afternoon at 5.30pm in the staffroom (Admin Block).

Some of the items to be discussed will include:

- A digital tuckshop ordering system that parents can access on their phone;
- Fundraising plans and initiatives for 2018;
- Preparations for the AGM at the March meeting;
- Other items raised by those attending.

Come along and have your say on matters that may affect your child while at Allies. **Help your P & C to support your school of choice.**



THE FOUR A's OF ALLENSTOWN:

You should have heard your child speak of the 4 A's. These are four simple statements around which we expect our students to behave and engage with their education.

Our 4 A's are:

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

Students are reminded of these expectations whenever necessary.

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The one that gives us regular headaches is Always Present. We need our students to be Present in two ways:

1. Be at school – on time and every day.
2. Be 'Present' in the lessons that are going on – take part, ask and answer questions and let the teacher know you are ready to learn.

Parents have a critical role in the first of these – **PLEASE – GET YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY – ON TIME AND FOR THE WHOLE DAY.**



FACEBOOK:

We are using our school Facebook page regularly to keep our school community informed of a wide range of information.

If you have not yet done so, look us up on Facebook and make sure that you have our news as quickly as it is put up.

Other News

JOLLY GRAMMAR BOOKS BACK IN STOCK

Capricorn Educational Resources have advised that they now have the Jolly Grammar 2 and 3 books back in stock.



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 and quite a few are left behind in the eating areas. If each item is named, it makes it much easier to find its owner.

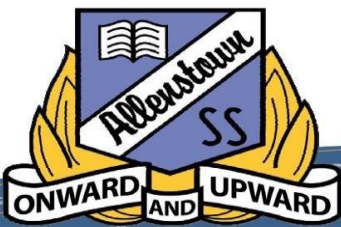
YEAR 6 CAMP DETAILS

Letters have been distributed to all Year 6 students with details of the 2018 Year 6 Camp.

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WIMMING TIMETABLE – TERM 1

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
8:45 – 9.15am	PF	5F		6D	
9.15 – 9.45am					
9.45 – 10.15am	PB	6S	4/5W	5/6L	4T
10.15 – 10.45am					
10.45 – 11.30am	FIRST BREAK				
11.30 – 12.00pm	1/2H	3L	2W	2K	
12.00 – 12.30pm					
12.30 – 1.00pm					
1.00 – 1.30pm	SECOND BREAK				
1.45 – 2.45pm	1C	3/4B	3C	P1M	

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.

Swimming caps are available from the office for \$2.00 each. Correct change is appreciated as no money is kept on the premises to provide change.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are **looking for volunteers to be on an “ON CALL” list** in case there are not enough Adult Helpers for each class. Without enough Adult help for a lesson, students will be unable to go swimming on that day.

If you are willing to be “ON CALL” please contact the office. Your time and support is greatly appreciated and on a hot day who wouldn’t want to be in the pool.

Community News



DENTAL CLINIC

The dental clinic at Allenstown State School will be re-opening shortly. Dental forms have been distributed and should be returned to the school office by Friday 23rd February 2018. All enquiries to Lissetta or Tracy on Ph 49 222 673.



everyone's family



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

Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
2 Mar	Student Leader Induction	Allenstown SS Hall
23 Mar	Year 6 Camp \$50 Deposit due	Allenstown SS
29 Mar 17 Apr	Last day of Term 1 Term 2 commences	Allenstown SS
29 Jun	Year 6 Camp \$200 payment due	Allenstown SS
10 Aug	School Photos	Allenstown SS
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-various venues

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