



NEWSLETTER

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20th November 2018

Principal's News

ONLY 4 WEEKS TO GO

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2018 school year.

We finish school on Friday 14th December. Between now and then there are a great many events and activities to be completed.

Make sure that you keep checking the list of dates below as they get closer.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

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

- Friday 23rd November – **School Disco** (run by PBL Committee)
- Thursday 29th November – **P&C Christmas Fair and Concert**
- Wednesday 5th December – **High School Orientation morning for Year 6**
- Wednesday 5th December - **Annual Swimming Carnival** (4.00pm start)
- Thursday 6th December – **Year 6 Awards Night**
- Friday 7th December – **Final Parade of Excellence for 2018**
- Friday 7th December – **volunteers morning tea following Parade of Excellence**
- Wednesday 12th December – **'Classrooms of 2019' visits for all students** (all continuing students spend 1 hour meeting their 2019 teacher and visiting their intended classroom)

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:

We are now taking enrolments for Prep in 2019.

Children entering Prep next year should be born between 1st July 2013 and 30th June 2014.

Please call the office to get the enrolment forms for your child. Let your friends, relatives and neighbours know also – a reminder is always helpful.

The early enrolment of children helps us to make clear decisions about classes for the new school year.

We are already holding enrolment papers for 37 Preppies in 2019. This is very encouraging.

CAMPS COMPLETED

The Year 5 and 6 students have now completed their 2018 camps. I sincerely thank the staff members who accompanied the camps for giving up their personal lives to commit to the students. I also thank Mr Spyve for his efforts in organising the Year 6 Camp even though he was unavailable to accompany it.

I will be evaluating the camps over coming days and will be making decisions about the future of camps for 2019 and beyond. I need to consider the behaviour of students when they are so far away from school and the level of participation they show in camp activities.

I expect that there will be significant changes to the way a student's eligibility to attend future camps is determined. The ability to pay and the desire to attend will not be key considerations.

THANKS ROTARY

I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Rockhampton. They have donated a new book for each of our Prep students. The books are intended as a Christmas present which may encourage a child to read.

These books will be distributed at a suitable time over the next four weeks.

NEW WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

I am currently working on a project to update our school website and Facebook page.

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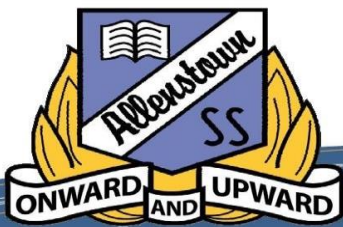
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This will mean that our digital presence is as current as possible and will bring us into line with the expectations of the Department of Education (DoE).

You will be provided with notice of the exact changeover date as soon as it is available. The new website and Facebook page will completely replace the old ones which will be removed or closed.

I also anticipate opening a school Instagram account – more news when this becomes available.

PROOF OF BIRTH

Parents enrolling students in a Queensland State School for the first time (usually in Prep) **MUST** provide proof of birth. This is best done by bringing a birth certificate or birth extract to the office when lodging enrolment forms.

An enrolment cannot be confirmed or accepted (**children cannot attend school**) until the proof of birth is provided.

2019 SETTING UP

As mentioned two weeks ago in the newsletter we are starting to plan classes for the 2019 school year.

There are some important considerations that are always used as a factor in forming new classes. These include:

- Gender balance
- Curriculum achievement balance
- Known issues between children who don't mix well together
- Family related issues (e.g. twins that need to be split up or kept together)

If you, as a parent, have important information that may need to be considered when classes are being formed you need to contact Mr Lynn or Mrs Finter as soon as possible. Requests for students to be placed with specific teachers will not be taken.

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ALLIES DISCO

"Heroes and Villains"

WHEN: Friday 23 Nov 5.30 to 7.00pm

WHERE: Helen James Performing Arts Centre (Hall)

COST: \$5.00 (incl. drink/chips)

- Tickets will be pre-sold before school outside SEP, B Block Tue 20th Nov to Fri 23rd Nov

WHO: Allies students ONLY

(18+ parents/caregivers of Prep to Year 2 optional)

We know that you will understand that High School students, children from other schools and younger children are not invited.

Always a great idea to bring a named water bottle. Water will be freely available through the event.

As for the last disco parents will be provided with chairs to sit OUTSIDE the hall if they wish to stay on site. Parents are welcome to drop students off at 5.30 and then collect them at 7.00pm.

Parents must enter the school to collect children – no child will be sent to a car.

Other News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY

Some classes are still unable to swim due to lack of volunteers to help out with classes.

If you have any spare time, please contact the office as we urgently need your help at the pool.



OPENING SOON IN THE BLUE ROOM

From Monday 26 November during each playtime there are beautiful gifts for all the family to choose from at great prices. Prices range from \$1 to \$8 and will be on sale until stocks run out. All money raised is used to buy resources for Allies students.

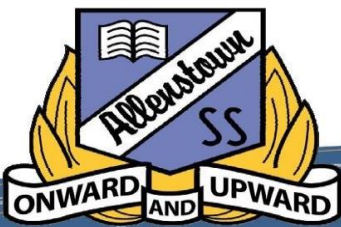
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P & C News



P & C Multi-Draw CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE

The P & C will be holding a Multi-draw Christmas Raffle this term and are asking for donations. Thank you to the families and staff who have already made donations.

However, raffle items are very slow coming in. If each family could donate just one item, there would be some fantastic prizes on offer.

Some ideas (but not limited to): Christmas decorations; Christmas pudding; Christmas cake; toys; games; books; scratchies; bottles of wine; gift vouchers etc.

Items can be dropped into **Prep B in K Block** before and after school or to the office as soon as possible.

The Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on Thursday 29th November 2018. Raffle ticket books are available from the office.

Please support this multi-draw raffle.



Fun Time Amusements will be providing the rides for this year's Christmas Fair.

Tickets can be pre-purchased for \$25.00 per person or will be available on the day for \$30.00 per person.

Tickets are available from the Tuckshop – Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am to 1.30pm or you can purchase them online using the Quickcliq link.



On the night of the Christmas Fair, present your ticket and receive an arm band which will enable you to ride the amusements. Please note the rides will not operate during performances on stage. We look forward to a great evening of fun and Christmas festivities for all the family to enjoy.

Reminders



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 | |



LOST PROPERTY

Please check Lost Property (situated downstairs A Block) in case there is an item of your child's that you are unaware was missing.

Anything not collected by the end of this term will be donated to charity.

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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 into the office any such uniforms that may be at your house.

END OF YEAR EVENTS PARKING

As we are approaching the end of the school year there are many events celebrated at the school. This means there will be more traffic around the school at various times.

Please be mindful when parking that you only park in designated areas and keep local residents driveways clear for them to access.

- Only park in the Disable Zones if you have the correct permit displayed on your vehicle
- 40 kph school zone between **7-9am & 2-4pm**
- Obey the road rules to keep children safe

Your child's safety depends on everyone doing the right thing.

Community News



ORIENTATION DAY - ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

DATE: 5 DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 8.40AM FOR 9.00AM START

STUDENTS ARE TO BE COLLECTED AT 2.50PM

RSVP: 28 November 2018

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport to and from the school for this day.

| Upcoming Events | | |
|-----------------|---|------------------------|
| DATE | DETAILS | VENUE |
| Every Thurs | Prep Transition 12.30-2.30pm | Allenstown SS |
| 23 Nov | School Disco "Heroes & Villains" | Allenstown SS |
| 29 Nov | P & C Fair and Christmas Concert | Allenstown SS |
| 5 Dec | RSHS Orientation | Rton State High School |
| 5 Dec | Swimming Carnival 4-6pm | Allenstown SS Pool |
| 6 Dec | Year 6 Awards Night | Allenstown SS Hall |
| 7 Dec | Parade of Excellence | Allenstown SS Hall |
| 7 Dec | Volunteers Morning Tea (following Parade) | Allenstown SS Hall |
| 12 Dec | Classroom 2019 visits | Allenstown SS |
| 14 Dec | Last day of Term 4 2018 | Allenstown SS |
| 29 Jan | First day of Term 1 2019 | Allenstown SS |



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