

21 November 2017

Principals Report

A BLOCK REFURBISHMENT TO COMMENCE:

We finally have an expected start date for the million-dollar refurbishment of A Block – Monday 11th December.

This is great news as it means that the contractors / builders should get a solid four weeks of work in while we are not in the school.

They will be working hard to get the toilet refurbishments completed so that this part of the job is ready for students to return in 2018.

The only negative to the whole job is that several classes will have to be temporarily relocated for the first few weeks of 2018. This will only involve the upper school year levels (Yr 5 & Yr 6). You will be notified of which classrooms these classes will start 2018 in, during the last week of the year.

The short-term pain will be well worth it when we have a beautifully refurbished block with upgraded air conditioning, paint, toilets and a myriad of other small jobs. Some parts of the building will be returned to their original state keeping in touch with the historical significance of the building.

THANK YOU QLD POLICE SERVICE:

Over the weekend we had two break-ins at the school. One was in B Block and a laptop was stolen.

The other break-in was through a window that was forced open in H Block. Nothing appears to have been stolen there but a small mess was left behind and a filing cabinet was broken beyond repair and future use.

Thanks to the great work of the Rockhampton Police, and especially the forensic officers, the intruder / thief has already been identified and arrested. Well done! It makes the time that Mr Spyve and I spent down at the school with police and repairmen more worthwhile.

KEEP YOUR CALENDAR CLOSE:

We are just about to start a rush of end of year events and activities. Please make sure that you keep a copy of the calendar close so that you do not miss any events.

Upcoming events include:

- **Swimming carnival – Thursday 23rd (Years 4 > 6; 4.00 > 6.00pm)**
- **Christmas Concert – Tuesday 28th Nov (5.00 – 8.00pm)**
- **Yr 6 Graduation and Awards Night – Thursday 30th (7.00pm start)**
- **Final Parade of Excellence – Friday 1st December**
- **Curriculum outlines sent home – Friday 1st December**
- **Report cards sent home – Tuesday 5th December**
- **2018 Class lists published for parents – Tuesday 5th December**
- **Break up Celebrations – Thursday 7th December**
- **Clean up and moving day – Friday 8th December**

CLASSES PUBLISHED:

Our 2018 class lists will be published on Tuesday 5th December.

The lists will be put up in two locations – outside the admin block and under A Block near the tuckshop.

Admin staff will not be able to provide this information over the phone – you need to come in for a look.

2018 BOOKLISTS:

These are currently being finalised and will be sent home by the end of next week (Friday 1st December). We are reviewing items such as dictionaries and calculators to make sure that specific editions or models are available.

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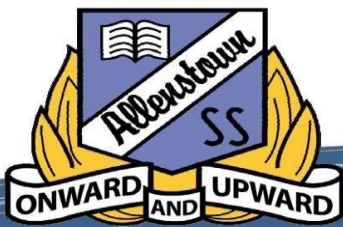
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PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH:

On the first enrolment to any state school, parents have to provide proof of the date of birth of children.

This is usually done by producing a birth certificate or birth extract. However, a Medicare card is also an acceptable point of proof. If you do not have a birth certificate (for whatever reason), you may use this alternative.

YR 6 CAMPERS RETURN:

Our Year 6 cohort who went to Brisbane last week returned safely on Friday afternoon. According to all reports the group had a lot of fun, especially at Wet'n'Wild. Other highlights included the visits to the museum, Science Centre and Australia Zoo.

Other News



MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE

The Multi-draw raffle will be drawn at "Allies by Candlelight" on 28th November which will raise much needed funds for a new playground for students.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and all tickets either sold or unsold need to be returned no later than 24th November to the office.

A huge THANK YOU

To all the following businesses and families who have donated some wonderful prizes –

- \$595 window tint from Lawrence's Holden
- \$470 single bed frame and memory foam mattress from Fantastic Furniture
- 12 month pass to the Crazy Joker
- \$275 photo session with Naomi Hoare
- \$200 Intersport voucher
- \$100 Woolworths voucher donated by Max Day Truck Hire and JAF Electrical
- Nutri Infusion from the Good Guys

- Family tour pass for the Capricorn Caves
- Handmade Stirling Silver Labrodite Pendant
- \$75 Edge Restaurant voucher
- \$50 Fix Factory Mobile and Tablet Repairs voucher Allenstown Square
- \$50 ice cream cake from Wendy's Allenstown
- 2 x \$50 Regent Hotel Dinner vouchers
- HP printer/scanner/copier from Officeworks
- PLUS several hampers chock full of goodies including vouchers from Dawson Road Butcher, Gunna Do Hardware, Carribea Swim School, nibbles, chocolates and other treats donated by the Pease Family.

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR TICKETS BACK BY THIS FRIDAY TO WIN SOME OF THESE FANTASTIC PRIZES!!!



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ELECTION DAY

Saturday 25th November is Election Day. Voting is available at Allenstown State School.

We are holding a Cake Stall on this day and would appreciate any cakes or baked items to sell. **All donations need to be delivered to the Tuckshop on Friday 24th November.**

Every little bit makes a huge difference so please help by donating to your school. Thank you.

TUCKSHOP CLOSING

Next week is the last week that the Tuckshop will be open for the year. It will not be open during the last week of school. Please ensure your child brings lunch to school for the final week of 2017.

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.

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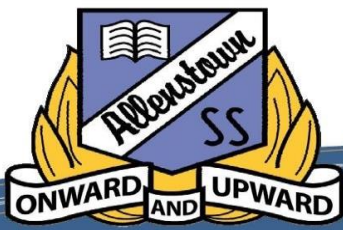
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Remember to only park in the Disable Zones if you have the correct permit displayed on your vehicle. Please don't use them as drop-off/pick up areas. There are families with children attending the school that rely on these parks being available so please show consideration for these families.

SMOKING AROUND SCHOOLS

Queenslanders are banned from smoking within a five-metre buffer outside schools and this extends beyond the average width of a footpath.

Students and parents use the school pedestrian crossings on a daily basis so please refrain from smoking in these areas to reduce the burden on public health.

SPARE CLOTHING

Please ensure your student has a change of underwear in their school bag each day as there has been quite a few toileting accidents lately and the school does not have the resources to accommodate these situations...

WANTED

2nd Hand Uniforms

If you have any unwanted uniforms or will at the end of the year we would love them. We would like to create a pool of second hand uniforms for those families who may be struggling. If you have any uniforms that are no longer required please drop them into the office. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

School absenteeism, truancy, and arriving late to class can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing.

Please work with us to help your child get the most they possibly can from their education. At least in Australia every child can attend school. **We need to value that chance and get the children to school and on time every day.**

SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

2017 Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 23rd November for students in Years 4-6 commencing at 4.00pm. A note has been sent home with full details.

Students in Prep to Year 3 will participate in class swimming carnivals as per the timetable below.

	MON 27 Nov	TUE 28 Nov	WED 29 Nov	THU 30 Nov	FRI 1 Dec
8:45 – 9:45am		PB			
9:45 – 10:45am		2B			PA
10:45 – 11:30am	FIRST BREAK				
11:30 – 12:30pm	1C	1A	2/3C	3A	
1:00 – 1:30pm	SECOND BREAK				
1:45 – 2:45pm	1B	3B		2A	

PLAYSCHOOL - "Celebrating 50 Years"

Students in Prep A and Prep B will be attending a performance of "Playschool - Celebrating 50 years" at the Rockhampton Art Gallery on Wednesday 29th November. The cost is \$4.00 per student. Please return payment and the permission envelope by 27th November so numbers can be confirmed.

Details are below if any other students or adults would like to celebrate "50 years of Playschool".

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

REMINDERS:

NO SPORT WILL BE PLAYED THIS FRIDAY

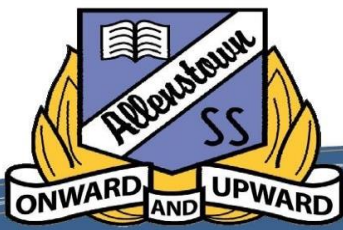
PREP ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2018:

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

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We already have 46 students 'enrolled' in Prep for next year. Getting our enrolments completed early will help with staff planning for the Prep classes. 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.



Allies by Candlelight

Tuesday 28th November 2017

at the Helen James Performing Arts Building

5pm - BBQ & 6pm - Start

Grab your family and come on down to Allenstown State School for a great night of entertainment, Christmas Carols, Games, Christmas Photo Booth, Food and Drink stalls, and the Huge Christmas Multi-draw Raffle.

Come dressed in your best Christmas colours and outfits. You do not want to miss this great night!
See you there!



Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
16-24 Nov	Life Education Visit	Allenstown SS
23 Nov	Swimming Carnival 4-6 pm	Allenstown SS Swimming Pool
28 Nov	Xmas Concert 5.00pm BBQ 6.00pm Start Multi-draw raffle drawn	Allenstown SS Oval
29Nov	Playschool 50 years Prep A & B only	Rton Art Gallery
30 Nov	Year 6 Graduation & Awards Night - 7pm	Allenstown SS Hall
1 Dec	Parade of Excellence Prep – Yr 5	Allenstown SS Hall
1 Dec	Curriculum Outlines sent home	
5 Dec	Report Cards sent home	
5 Dec	2018 Class Lists available	Outside Admin or A Block (near Tuckshop)
7 Dec	Break Up Celebrations	Allenstown SS
8 Dec	Clean Up & Moving Day	Allenstown SS
8 Dec 17 22 Jan 18	Last day of 2017 First day of 2018	Allenstown SS

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