



23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

## Principal's News

### YEAR 6 OFF TO ROCKHAMPTON SHS

Our Year 6 students are off to Rockhampton SHS this Friday (26<sup>th</sup> October) to watch the dress rehearsal performance of the Drama Department's presentation, 'Showtime'.

We actually have a number of Year 6 students who will be a part of the performance. They have been practicing with the drama group for some time now.

The Allenstown P&C have kindly paid for the bus so that all students can attend. This is one of our positive relationships with Rockhampton State High School.

### OTHER ADULTS COLLECTING STUDENTS

I understand that occasionally families need to arrange for people other than themselves to collect students from school.

If that is the case then I ask you to do two things:

1. Notify us (if this is possible) that this is happening
2. And tell the person who is collecting your child/ren to identify themselves to our staff

This is an important safety consideration for you and your children.

We had a situation occur just recently where two people arrived at the school, did not enter the office and identify themselves, and then started asking for a student. When I asked them who they were and what business they had with a student of mine they were quite surprised. They did have a legitimate reason to be in the school looking for the child – they just needed to be smarter about how they went about it.

I will always do what it takes to try to ensure safety for students at Allenstown and I expect all my staff to do the same.

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### ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Rockhampton State High School have asked us to advise parents intending to send Year 6 students there in 2019 (for Year 7) of the following message:

*All parents who have not had an enrolment appointment, need to ring Rockhampton State High School (Phone 4920 4333) as soon as possible to make an appointment as our next intake is Tuesday 13 November. This is our last term date for enrolment appointments.*

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

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

- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Prep Information and play morning
- November 5<sup>th</sup> > 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Camp
- November 12<sup>th</sup> > 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Camp
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – School Disco (run by PBL Committee)
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – P&C Christmas Fair and Concert
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Awards Night
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Final Parade of Excellence for 2018
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – High School Orientation morning for Year 6
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Classroom of 2019 visits for all students

### ALLIES HELPING FARMERS

One of our students (Alyssa Kuhl) has been very moved by the stories of how our Australian farmers are doing things really tough. She came to see me recently, to ask if it was possible for us at ALLENSTOWN, to try and help them.

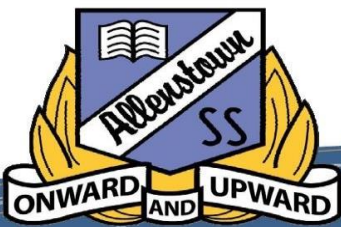
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Alyssa came back to me with a list of ideas and the result of all this will be a special **Uniform Free Day** this **Thursday (25<sup>th</sup> October)**.

Alyssa is hoping to see everyone make an effort to raise some funds that can be sent to the appeal for our Aussie farmers.

Students (and staff and parents) are encouraged to come along on that day (dressed like 'country folk' is an option – jeans and shirts) and bring along a donation (any amount will be welcome) to send on to our farmers in need.

**Well Done Alyssa** for thinking about the plight of others – you obviously have a well-developed sense of social justice.

## PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:

We are now taking enrolments for Prep in 2019. Children entering Prep next year should be born between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 and 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SMALL INCIDENT CAUSING DAMAGE

Over the weekend just past we have had a small incident that has caused some damage. Somebody has been in the school and has broken a small hole in the wall at the eastern end of D Block (nearest H Block).

Because the broken panel has never been tested it has to be presumed that it may contain asbestos. Building and Asset Services (BAS) have applied a patch to the damaged wall and have taken a small piece of the damaged material for testing. There is no cause for concern for students, staff or parents in relation to asbestos. The area has been professionally cleaned up and made safe while the school was empty.

## WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October is World Teachers day. I encourage you to take the time to thank your child's teacher for the time, interest and commitment that they invest in your children.

Many things get said about the hours of a teaching day and the holiday periods but this often overlooks many hours spent in lesson preparation, marking, writing reports and letters and requests, managing parent requests, learning new curriculum requirements and meeting the needs of a school's improvement agenda.

Please – on Friday, say a simple thank you to a teacher at Allies (don't forget the teacher aides and admin ladies at the same time – they all help make a team that works together for your child/ren).

## Chappy Corner



## Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee

# AUCTION

DATE: Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

TIME: 6:30pm - 10:00pm  
(Commencing with hot finger foods)

COST: \$5 per person  
(Under 5's are free)

VENUE: Rockhampton High School Assembly Hall  
Campbell Street, Rockhampton



The evening will commence at 6:30pm with hot finger foods + dessert, followed by the Auction.

You will also hear what chaplains are doing to assist our young people in schools around the region.

Get together a table and invite your friends for some fun, or for a bit of competitive bidding!!

All funds raised will be used to assist chaplains supporting young people in the Rockhampton area.

For further details, please contact:

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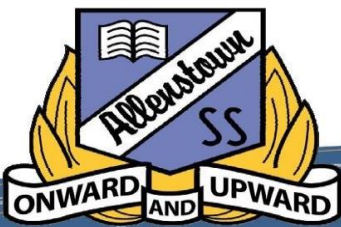
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## ROCKHAMPTON CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee invites you to a dinner in support of Chaplains in State Schools in the Rockhampton area. During the evening three speakers will provide information about various aspects of the Chaplaincy program and an opportunity to provide support for this worthwhile service for children and young people will be provided.

- **Sam Whittington**, Chaplain at The Hall School and **Allenstown School**, will provide insights into her work within the schools.
- Ian Cumming, Regional Manager, Central & North Queensland, will give an overview of the Chaplaincy program from his perspective.
- There will also be a representative from one of the schools who will speak on Chaplaincy within the school.

When – Friday 2 November

Where - Thai Taste Restaurant 635 Norman Road

Time - Meeting from 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

Cost - \$25.00 for the meal and any donation you may wish to contribute.

RSVP is required on or before Tuesday 30 October ~

To find out more information or reserve your place contact Allan at [chappydinner@gmail.com](mailto:chappydinner@gmail.com)

The Local Chaplaincy Committee is responsible for 10 Chaplains who work in 16 Schools and they appreciate your support. You may wish to attend the dinner just to enjoy the company and learn more about Chaplaincy and you will be very welcome.

## Other News

### PREP TRANSITION

The Prep Transition Program will commence in Week 4 on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November. It will run every Thursday from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm. Students are required to bring along a hat and water bottle. More information will be available in future newsletters and our Facebook page.



## 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**

What to wear/bring -

- Full school uniform, hat and closed in shoes
- Lunch or Tuckshop money
- Water bottle

A BBQ will be provided at first break.

**RSVP: 28 November 2018**

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

Allenstown State School is proud to present our  
**2018 Christmas Fair**  
Thursday 29th November 2018  
4:00pm Start  
We invite everyone to dress in their best Christmas outfits to support our students at our end of year Christmas fair.

There will be Rides, food, stalls, raffles and Christmas Carols, so come and sing along with our staff and students! \*\*RIDES WILL CLOSE WHILE PERFORMANCES ARE ON\*\*

Everyone Welcome  
See you there!

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## Reminders

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club forms have been distributed to students. Please ensure all orders are returned to the office no later than 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

### ENROLMENT REQUIRES PROOF OF BIRTH:

If you have a child eligible for Prep in 2019 please ensure that a copy of their birth certificate is attached to the enrolment form. It is very important that we can verify the date of birth of every new child at school.

If enrolment forms have already been submitted, please arrange to bring the birth certificate to the office as soon as possible so staff can sight the document. Not having proof of birth can mean that enrolments cannot be accepted.

### UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Many students still have Unexplained Absences. Please advise why your child is absent from school by replying to the SMS, by phone or through the QParents App so absence records can be updated.

It also enables parents, who may not be aware that their child is absent, to take action. The school will follow up on students who have Unexplained Absences.

### LATE ARRIVALS

It is only Week 3 of the term and already many students are arriving late to school. Regularly arriving late can have a detrimental impact upon student learning – not only for the latecomer but for the entire class.

When being late for school becomes the norm rather than the exception, then it's time to examine what is not working in the morning. Getting to school on time is a good habit to set you up for being punctual throughout life.

Being on time requires planning, good organisation and a sound routine and benefits students' academic performance and future professional habits.

## 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	

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 money would be appreciated as no money is kept on the school premises.

**Allenstown State School**  
Invites your family to  
**PREP OPEN DAY**  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018  
9:00 – 11:00 am  
Meet at The Helen James Performing Arts Building, Caroline Street

**Parent Information & Welcome to Allies Pack**  
All children who have already enrolled will receive a *Welcome to Allies Pack*. Enrolment forms will be available on the day so please remember to bring your child's birth certificate.

- easel painting
- chalk drawing
- obstacle course
- collage
- bubble blowing
- home corner
- sandplay
- sensory play
- face painting

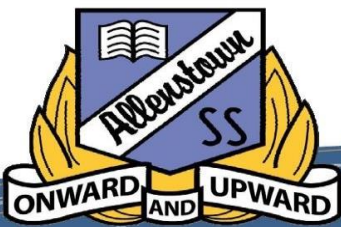
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## Community News

### SCHOOL BASKETBALL TERM 4 2018

Learn to play with 15-year Pro Basketball  
Player Cam "Trigger" Tragardh



When? Thursday mornings 7.30 - 8.30am

Where? School Basketball Court

Dates? 25 Oct; 1 Nov; 8 Nov; 15 Nov;  
22 Nov; 29 Nov

Receive? 6 Weeks coaching, basketball,  
mini hoop and ball game

Ages? P - 6

Cost? \$80 - all payment electronically,  
[schoolbasketballrockhampton@yahoo.com](mailto:schoolbasketballrockhampton@yahoo.com)



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### Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
25 Oct	Free Dress Day Support our Farmers	Allenstown SS
29 Oct	Year 5 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
1 Nov Starts	Prep Transition 12.30-2.30pm	Allenstown SS
3 Nov	Prep Information & Play morning	Allenstown SS
5-9 Nov	Year 5 Camp	Fairbairn Dam
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-Various Venues
20 Nov	End of Year Instrumental Music Concert	Allenstown SS Hall
23 Nov	School Disco	Allenstown SS
29 Nov	P & C Fair and Christmas Concert	Allenstown SS
5 Dec	RSHS Orientation	Rton State High School
6 Dec	Year 6 Awards Night	Allenstown SS Hall
7 Dec	Parade of Excellence	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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