

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

TERM HAS STARTED POSITIVELY:

What a great start Allies made to the third term of 2018.

As I moved around the school last week, I saw high levels of student engagement in their learning. I also saw positive, safe and happy play sessions at break times.

Mrs Finter, (our new deputy principal), is hoping that every week here is so productive and quiet.

This week we have quite a few students attending the Rockhampton District Athletics Carnival. They are trying to gain selection in a district team to compete at the CQ Regional Athletics.

Our Prep and Year 1 students are eagerly waiting for their Fire Education visit on Thursday and Year 5 & 6 students restart their Interschool sports on Friday.

Do not forget parade on Friday morning – starting at 8.50am in the hall.

P&C MEETING (POSTPONED FROM LAST WEEK)

Today (24th Jul) at 4.00pm in the school staffroom. All welcome. Agenda items may include:

- ✓ Discussion about fundraising for Term 3
- ✓ Discussion about our Chaplaincy service and its future funding
- ✓ Discussions around our playground development plans
- ✓ Other items raised at the meeting

FACEBOOK FEED FOR INFO:

Please check our school Facebook feeds daily for updated information about school events and happenings. This is the most instant access we can give you to news about what is going on at Allies.

NAIDOC WEEK:

We will be celebrating NAIDOC week across Allies during next week, the third week of term (last week I mistakenly indicated that it would be this week we are now in). Students will participate in a variety of activities and lessons directly related to NAIDOC week. Watch our Facebook page for daily updates and photos during next week.

LIFE EDUCATION – THANKS SMITH FAMILY:

Next week our classes will rotate through the Life Education van (you should have received printed information already). I sincerely thank our school partners, The Smith Family, for the funding they provide to bring this van to our school.

In many parts of Queensland, school families have to pay a fee for their children to visit Life Education. So, thanks again to The Smith Family for allowing every Allenstown student access.

EVERY DAY COUNTS:

Please remember that every day, every hour at school counts.

All our Allies students should be at school on every available school day. The only reason for an absence should be illness or unavoidable, unplanned family issues.

Please make your child's education count – EVERY DAY!

2019 Prep News

It's that time of the year again when we encourage parents to enrol their children into Prep for 2019. We've had a rush of parents in this week who are getting organised for one of the biggest milestones in a child's life.



Prep Transition Program

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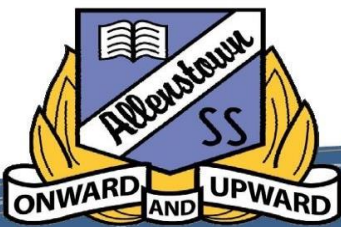
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We conduct *two* very different Transition Programs for our school community. The first, is our **Step into Prep** programme that is supported by Playgroup Queensland and runs for 16 weeks across Terms 3 and 4.

The second is our **Prep Transition Program** which is organised here at Allenstown State School and runs for 4 weeks in Term 4.

If your son or daughter is currently enrolled in an Approved Kindy Program (either at a stand-alone centre or Early Childcare Centre), then they are better suited to our Prep Transition Program that runs in Term 4.

If your child doesn't attend any Early Learning Centre or maybe only 1 day a week, then *Step into Prep*, in Terms 3 and 4 is the program best designed for you. It is however, completely your choice to opt in to one of these programs.

Our first week of **Step into Prep** is starting on **Wednesday 25th July at 12:30pm – 2:30pm**. If you have any questions about this please phone the school and ask for Terry Thirkettle.

Other News



The Life Education mobile classroom is coming to your child's school!

Liz, Healthy Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education Mobile Learning Centre will be at Allenstown State School from **Monday 30th July to Tuesday 7th August, 2018**. This year our visit is fully sponsored by The Smith Family, Communities for Children. We can't wait to meet our old friends and make new ones too. We'll be learning about healthy lifestyle choices and having lots of fun along the way.

Head to our [Parent and Carer Hub](#) website listed below to have a look at the modules that your kids will be working through. You will find detailed overviews of the modules and fact sheets with 'conversation starter' ideas so that you can carry on discussing the lessons at home. We're really looking forward to coming to your school. Liz and Healthy Harold.

<http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents>



A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create our school records this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, **every student will be photographed** regardless of whether you are purchasing or not. Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

You will have the option to order online or with cash in your student's envelope. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully. Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for **separated parents, blended families and grandparents**. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write "Mum's order" or "Dad's order" on top of your envelope.

To **order a sibling or friends photo**, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online **at least 24 hours in advance**. *Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings who all attend the school.*

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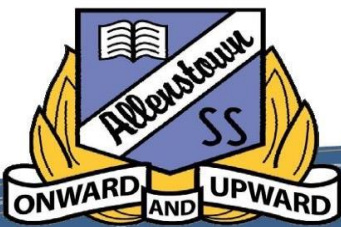
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If your child has been photographed in a **special group** (i.e. sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day.

Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available. **As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.**

**All envelopes are to be given directly to the photographer on the day.
Do not bring them to the office.**

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day. **Keep smiling!!!**

Chaplaincy Corner



TOUR DE CHAPLAIN is held annually in an effort to raise awareness and funds for school chaplaincy. Every year a keen bunch of enthusiastic people jump on a bike to raise money for School Chaplaincy in Rockhampton.

School Chappies are in the prevention and support business. They help students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness to drug abuse, stress and anxiety. They provide a listening ear and caring presence for kids in crisis and those who just need a friend.

Nev Thwaite, who we have supported in previous years and has a long history with Allies will be representing our school this year.

If you would like to sponsor or support Nev on his bike ride, follow the link provided below.
<https://tourdechaplainrockhampton2018.everydayhero.com/au/nev>

I thank you in advance for your support. Chappy Sam

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Reminders



LOST PROPERTY – NEW AREA

Lost property is now stored in the cupboard at the bottom of the A Block Stairs at the boys end. Anything that was named was returned to students last week.

Please encourage your child to go searching for lost hats, water bottles, lunch boxes, jumpers and tracksuit pants. At the end of each term, any items left in lost property are given away to charity which is such a waste of family resources. Please ensure all items are named clearly.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES – Please ensure your child has a change of clothes and underwear in their school bag each day in case of toileting accidents.

NO TUCKSHOP ON MONDAYS

The school tuckshop is open every Tuesday to Friday only. Please ensure your child brings lunch to school on Mondays.

NEWSLETTER – The newsletter is posted on the Allenstown State School Facebook page every week. There are also a few printed copies available at the office if you do not have access to Facebook, contact the office and we can add your email address to our Newsletter email list to ensure you receive the newsletter every week.

Community News



Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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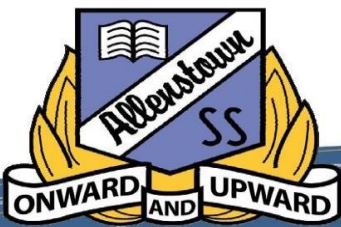
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ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM

Denison Street Rockhampton
(Between Archer and Cambridge Streets)



SUNDAY 26th August 2018, 9am to 1pm

Ride on the world's only Purrey Steam Tram (operates 10am to 1pm) heritage railway carriages, steam & diesel engine, rail memorabilia, exhibits, live music, market stalls, vintage/Ford/classic cars, lots more. Food on sale!

Adults \$2 (14yrs+), Under 14 FREE

Purrey Steam Tram Rides \$2.50

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK

19-28 October 2018

"Create a Picture Book Competition"

To celebrate National Children's Week, and to help promote the importance of early literacy in the first 5 years of a child's life, the Rockhampton Regional Libraries will be conducting a Create Your Own Picture Book competition.

Children, parents, carers, teens, retirees and grandparents are invited to write and illustrate a children's book suitable for a child aged under 5 years. It may be a pop-up book, a short collection of poems or songs, lift the flap book or simple story presented in an appealing way for a young reader. You are only limited by your imagination!

The only criteria for entry is that you must be a library member. Library membership is free! All ages are encouraged to participate in the competition, with some great prizes to be won.

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Step into Prep 12.30pm – 2.30pm	Allenstown SS (I Block)
24 Jul	P & C Meeting - 4pm	Allenstown Staffroom
24-25 Jul	District Athletics Carnival	Emmaus College
25 Jul	Step into Prep starts	Allenstown SS
30 Jul-3 Aug	NAIDOC Week	Allenstown SS
30 Jul to 7 Aug	Life Education	Allenstown SS
31 Jul 14 Aug	ICAS – English Comp ICAS – Maths Comp	Allenstown SS
10 Aug	School Photos	Allenstown SS
20-24 Aug 22 Aug	Book Week Book Parade	Allenstown SS
22-23 Aug	Combined Schools Concert Workshop	Allenstown SS
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
21 Sep 8 Oct	Last day – Term 3 First day – Term 4	Allenstown SS
29 Oct	Year 5 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
5-9 Nov	Year 5 Camp	Fairbairn Dam
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-Various Venues

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