

24th May 2017

Principals Report

INTERSCHOOL SPORT:

We missed the first week of fixtures due to the wet weather last week.

It is hoped that we get to make a start to our rugby league, netball and hockey season this Friday.

Check later in the newsletter for venues and times for each sport.

THANK YOU P&C ASSOCIATION:

At last week's meeting the P&C agreed to:

- Purchase extra aluminium seats / table for the students eating area;
- Investigate the costs of providing water taps more accessible to the Prep building and oval;
- Subsidise the cost of buses for student to go to Interschool Sports (\$2.00 per student per week)
- Provide \$2500 assistance to the Year 6 camp (money raised from Krispy Crème donuts);
- Approve and support the financial assistance of our Chappy service so that it can be maintained at its current level of 2 full days per week.

The support of the P&C is very much appreciated in these areas. The P&C is only a small group (who have had 4 new members sign up over the last 2 meetings – great news!!!) who give up considerable amounts of time to help **ALL** students within the school (even though the current members only represent 7 student families, assisted by a couple of willing staff members)

NEW P&C SECRETARY:

Mrs Kerry Pease has agreed to take on the role of P&C secretary for the 2017 school year.

Thank you Kerry for taking on this role and taking an active interest in the P&C's work within the Allies School.

TRIVIA NIGHT:

Make sure that you sign up for the P&C's trivia night – on Friday 9th June. The night will have a 'sports' theme – with questions having a distinctly 'sporty' flavour. Questions may include the history and some geography of sports, sports stars past and present, sports equipment and facilities and lots, lots more.

If you think you know your sports trivia come along on June 9th and test yourself out – bring a friend or mate and make a night of it. Refreshments and food will be on sale as usual. Raffles will also be sold on the night.

STUDENT REPORTS:

Teachers are currently preparing to write student report cards for Semester 1, 2017.

It is anticipated that reports will be sent home with students on Thursday 22nd June.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS:

It cannot be stressed too much that attendance at school, on time and every day, is vitally important for all students.

Absences create gaps in the learning of students and help to create discrepancies in how students achieve against other members of their cohort (year level).

Our school attendance figures for Term 2 are down from where we would prefer to see them.

Our current data sets show:

- **90.7%** attendance for **all students**
- 90.9% attendance for male students
- 90.4% attendance for female students
- 87.1% attendance for Indigenous students
- 91.8% attendance for non-Indigenous students

We will be contacting some families in the very near future where children are showing some alarming levels of attendance (ie at school for less than 85% of school days).

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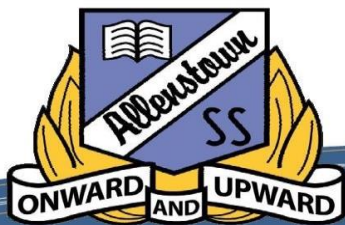
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These families will be subject to all the *processes and laws that relate to getting students to school.*

Education is precious and access to education is denied many children in our world. In Queensland we should be valuing every single school day by getting students to school to give them every chance of engaging in their educational opportunities.

PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING):

Last week I started to explain our school processes and systems around behaviour. This week's focus is explaining the flow of our responses to student behaviour.

In our classrooms if a behavioural incident occurs staff quickly determine whether it is classified as a major or minor issue. This determines the level and type of response that the teacher will use.

For minor issues the teacher response could be as simple as re-directing the student to their work or directing the child to the class 'Chill-out' space.

For major issues the teacher response could be that the student is:

- Sent to a buddy class for 'chill out'
- Referred to the referral officer (this means going to the referral room in the library during play breaks for that day). At this point parents are contacted to advise them of the major incident of behaviour.
- In extreme cases the teacher may call an administration team member to help deal with behaviour incidents (ie incidents where physical misconduct has occurred or a student is flatly refusing to follow teacher instructions).

Other News

WANTED

Years 5 & 6 are collecting empty and washed out 2ltr or 3ltr milk bottles or 1.25ltr soft drink bottles for a school project. Please if you have any bottles can they be dropped off at the office.

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair Week 6

Monday 22nd May, 2017

PREVIEW ONLY during the school day; classes timetabled to visit. NO purchases after school on the Monday, please.

Students will bring home a Wish List of books they'd like to buy. Once you've made a decision you can:

1. Send money into school in a sealed, labelled bag **OR**
2. Pay online or by phone and record the receipt number on the back of the Wish List. Make sure you select 'Book Fair'. Send the Wish List back to school. Make sure the receipt number is recorded on the back, as well as your details.

Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th May

Book purchases may be made during the school day – classes will be timetabled to visit. NO purchases at lunchtimes.

Purchases may also be made before school, from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. & after school, until 3 p.m.

The Book Fair will be closed after 3pm on the Thursday and there will be no access Friday.



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. If your child has lost an item, please check Lost Property situated downstairs in A Block. If each item is named, it makes it much easier to find its owner

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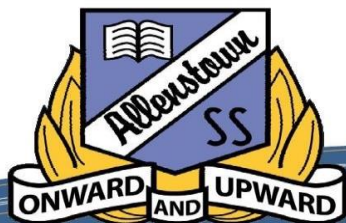
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Interhouse Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 14 June will be the main day for the Interhouse Athletics Carnival.

Here is a guide to the events:

Interhouse Pre-Carnival Events Tuesday 13 th June	
9.00am	400m & 800m Finals
1.30pm	9yrs Activities
	10yrs Long Jump
	11yrs Shot Put
	12yrs High Jump

Athletics Carnival Wednesday 14 th June	
9.00am	9yrs – 12yrs 200m sprints
9.20am	9yrs - 80m sprints 10 yrs – 12 yrs - 100m sprints
10.30am	9yrs – 12yrs Relays Relay Student/Parent/Teacher Relay (6 per team)
11.00am	5yrs – 8yrs Sprints (Prep – Yr 3)
11.30am	Rotational Field Events for 9yrs – 12yrs (Yr 4-6) Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump plus more
2.30pm	Presentations

House Colours:

Cook – Blue

Flinders – Red

Oxley – Yellow

Phillip – Green

SCHOOL CAMP

Year 5 (approx. \$310)

6th – 10th November 2017

\$200 payment – before 23rd June 2017

Final balance – before 27th October 2017

Year 6 (approx. \$450)

13th – 17th November 2017

\$200 payment – before 16th June 2017

Final balance – before 15th September 2017

Failure to meet these payment deadlines places your child's place on camp in jeopardy.

Payments can be made at the office by Credit Card, EFTPOS, cheque (payable to Allenstown State School) or cash.

REDGUM BOOK CLUB

In addition to Scholastic Book Club, our school participates in Redgum Book Club. Catalogues will be sent home, however, some can also be found in the school library. You can also view the catalogue at the following link:

Open link to view the current catalogue
https://issuu.com/redgumbookclub/docs/8314_rg_catalogue_term_2_2017_lower

You will find hundreds more great titles on their website that you can order this term, with books starting from \$2.00. www.redgumbookclub.com.au

The catalogue is now open and closes on **23rd May**. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school week commencing 9th June.

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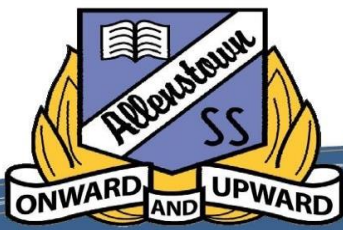
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Order and pay online only, please, by credit card or PayPal www.redgumbookclub.com.au by the 23rd of May.

Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Thursday	Playgroup 8.45am -10.45am	Allenstown SS Hall
22 nd - 25 th May	Book Fair	Allenstown SS Library
6 th -10 th November	Year 5 School Camp (approx. \$310)	\$200 by 23/06/17 Balance by 27/10/17
13 th -17 th November	Year 6 School Camp (approx. \$450)	\$200 by 16/06/17 Balance by 15/09/17

Community Notices

FOR SALE

Viola & Music Stand

\$250 ONO

Please call and leave a message is interested.

Kurt – 0419 709 214

DENTAL CLINIC NEWS

The Dental Clinic is open at Allenstown School and parents are encouraged to take advantage of this cost free service and encourage their children to form healthy dental habits.

For any enquiries please phone 49222673.

SAMI B'S FITNESS BOOTCAMP

Come join Sami every Saturday morning 6.15am on the school oval for a 45 minute bootcamp

designed for all levels of fitness. Like her on Facebook. Adults \$5, Kids Free.

ROCKHAMPTON ART GALLERY

Rockhampton Art Gallery has lots of educational aspects in the gallery in Arts, Maths, Science and Music just to name a few. Visit their website to see what is on in the gallery. www.rockhamptonartgallery.com.au

TENNIS

Tennis Rockhampton has positions available for junior and senior coaching 6 days a week. We cater for all ages and standards from beginners to advanced with group, squad and private lessons available.

For this term, we are offering a free racquet, t-shirt and water bottle for all new junior (4-12) players that sign up. There is also a free school pick-up available.

If you would like any more information on any programs we offer or would like to book a spot please phone Glenn on 0407 693 900 or Paul on 0431 229 146.

FRIDAY SPORT DRAW

RUGBY LEAGUE

Year 6 v Mt Morgan @ Victoria Park Top - 12.45pm

Year 5 v Mt Morgan @ Victoria Park Bottom - 1.45pm

HOCKEY

Allies 1 v Heights 1 @ Kalka Shade Grass 3 - 1.00pm

Allies 2 v Heights 2 @ Kalka Shades Grass 3 - 1.20pm

Allies 1 v St Joseph Wandal 1 @ Kalka Shades Turf 3 - 1.40pm

Allies 2 v St Joseph Wandal 2 @ Kalka Shades Turf 3 - 2.00pm

NETBALL

Senior B v St Marys @ Jardine Park Court 12 - 1.10pm

Senior C v St Anthonys @ Jardine Park Court 9 - 1.50pm

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