

26 July 2017

## Principals Report

### NAIDOC WEEK AT ALLIES:

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC week within the school. Classes are involved in a range of activities that help to highlight the Indigenous culture and history of our area and of the whole country.

All students are participating in the activities and learning experiences.

### LATE ARRIVALS ARE HAMPERING LEARNING:

One day last week we had nearly 40 students who all arrived at school late. Some of these were up to an hour later than our school starting time of 8.45am.

Students who regularly arrive late to class are missing a vital part of their daily education. They also cause the class to have to backtrack in order to try and 'clue them in' about what is going on in the lesson or learning activity.

**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, on time every day.

***REMEMBER – EVERY DAY COUNTS!!!***

### SHORT LEAVE BREAK:

I will be away from school for five days beginning on Thursday (27<sup>th</sup> July) taking some long service leave. Mr Spyve will be acting principal during that time and Mrs Aspinall will be acting deputy principal.

### PLEASE CHECK SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

I would like to remind everyone to check their children's school supplies – pencils, erasers, etc.

Students need to be ready for their days work just like an adult at their workplace and this means having their correct tools ready to go.

The pencils and other equipment that you supplied at the start of the year would now need 'topping up' for sure. Please check with your child's teacher about what may be needed.

### **NO HAT NO PLAY:**

This rule still applies – every day. The weather in CQ is sunny more often than anything else and part of our safety strategy for students is sun safety.

I know that hats are something that students do lose or misplace – please try to personalise your child's with a ribbon, some embroidery or at the very least a clear name written in or on the hat somewhere.

### SCHOOL SPORTS SOCKS:

Please be aware that Inferno now stock Allenstown sports socks – these socks are long socks suitable for students playing rugby league, soccer, AFL or hockey.

The socks can be purchased directly from Inferno for around \$9.00pr.

## Library News

### READING NINJAS HOME READING INCENTIVE SCHEME

This will continue into Term 3. Congratulations to the many students who have already achieved the yellow or orange levels last Term. This Term we are changing slightly, with students now being able to record reading seven days of the week, including the weekends! **Please note: the rule of ONE book title or chapter per date remains the same.**

Every student has been issued with a **Reading Ninja Reading Record Sheet**, which will need to be completed by parents/carers each night, and when finished shown to Mrs Gill in the Library. **One night's 20 minutes of reading may consist of a chapter or a book, depending on the reading level of the student.**

Once each stage is achieved, students will receive their Ninja dollars and be able to take advantage of the 'pop up shop', which will be open each Thursday, second break. If you have any questions about this scheme, or

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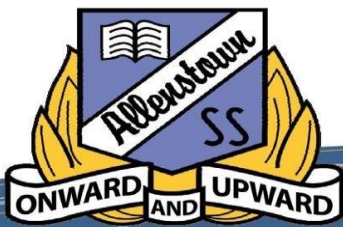
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if your child requires a new reading record sheet, please feel free to see Mrs Gill in the Library.

## BOOK WEEK 19 - 26 August



Each year, across Australia, The Children's Book Council of Australia brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. During this time Schools, Libraries, Booksellers, Authors, Illustrators and children celebrate Australian Children's Literature.

**This year's theme is 'Escape to Everywhere'.** We will have a Children's Book Week Parade at 9 a.m. in the Helen James Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August (Week 7).

## RED GUM BOOK CLUB



All orders over \$50 receive a FREE Australian Geographic poster valued at \$15

We are participating in Redgum Book Club this term. The catalogues were sent home last week.

Every parent order will earn resources and books for our school. Orders over \$50 receive a FREE Australian Geographic poster.

To view the current catalogue, please open the link [Redgum Book Club Term 3 Catalogue](#)

The catalogue is now open and closes on **8<sup>th</sup> August**. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school week commencing **20<sup>th</sup> August**.

### How to place an order:

- Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au)
- Email your order form with your credit card details [orders@redgumbookclub.com.au](mailto:orders@redgumbookclub.com.au)
- Fax your order form (02) 9997 5850.
- Post the order form along with payment.

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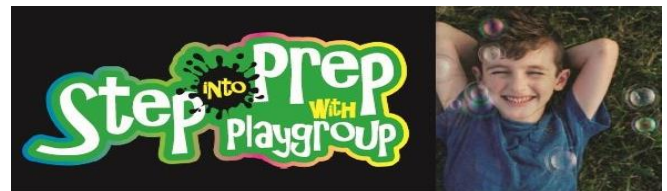
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If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at [schools@redgumbookclub.com.au](mailto:schools@redgumbookclub.com.au)

## Prep News

We are excited to announce that Allenstown State School will be running two Prep Transition Programs this year. One is called "Step into Prep" and is funded by Playgroup; the other is our school initiated transition program. Students enrolling at Allenstown for Prep next year are encouraged to attend one or both transition programs. In Prep Transition, children will be actively involved in learning in different ways. They will be encouraged to develop independence and personal organisational skills, and to work with other children and adults.



## PLAYGROUP WILL HELP YOUR CHILD STEP INTO PREP

If your child is starting Prep next year and you need help preparing them for school Step into Prep with Playgroup Queensland.

The FREE eight-week program is available to families with children aged 4 to 5 years starting Prep in 2018. Some eligibility criteria apply.

Step into Prep is run at a school and will help your child to:

- get ready for Prep
- get to know the school and school staff
- make friends
- have fun!

### STEP INTO PREP

Day: Every Monday

Arrival Time: 9.00am

Dismissal Time: 11.00am

Location: Prep Building, Margaret Street

Parents are required to stay and participate with their children in the "Step Into Prep" Program. This is a 16 week program and if participants attend all sessions, they receive \$50 towards the Prep Levy for the following year.

Committee for Children Facilitating Partner

Intuitive Classroom is funded by the Australian Government and facilitated by The Smith Family

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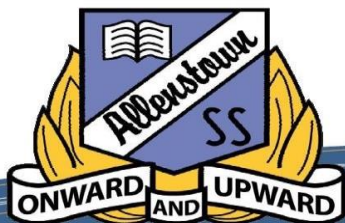
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## PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

Day: Every Thursday

Arrival Time: 12.00pm

Dismissal Time: 2.30pm

Begins: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

Location: Prep Building, Margaret Street

Parents and Caregivers do not stay with their children during this session but are required to stay on the school premises. Students must be enrolled to attend Allenstown State School for Prep 2017 in order to attend the program.

## Other News



### Ditto's Keep Safe Program

The purpose of 'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show' is to teach children personal safety in a non-confrontational, fun and engaging fashion and to provide students, parents, teachers, carers and the general community with specialised child sexual assault awareness and education. Braveheart's aim is to "Educate, Empower and Protect".

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Prep to Year 3 Students has the opportunity to experience "The Ditto Show". Parents are welcome to attend also.

The performance is free; however a gold coin donation will ensure the continuation and expansion of the program throughout Australia.

Permission forms were sent home last week but only complete them if you DO NOT WISH your child to attend this show.

### DISABLED PARKING ZONES

The Disabled Parking Zones around the school are still being used for "Drop Off/Pick Up Zones" before and after school. Please show consideration for individuals who rely on these parking zones.

Police can issue fines to anyone who use these zones unless they have a permit displayed on their vehicle and often patrol schools during these times.

School zones are areas around schools where, during certain times, reduced speed limits apply. Speed limits and drop-off, pick-up and parking rules exist to keep children, parents and carers safe and to minimise speed and traffic jams around schools.

### ENGLISH & MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

The 2017 International Competitions for Schools (ICAS) will be held on the following dates:

ENGLISH – Tuesday 8 August 2017

MATHEMATICS – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017

These competitions are optional for students in Years 3-6. A permission slip has been sent home.

### SPARE CLOTHES

For all Parents and Caregivers of students, please ensure that your student has a change of underwear in their school bag. There has been quite a few "toileting accidents" recently and the school does not have the resources to provide a change of clothes to students.

### NEWSLETTER

Printing the newsletter each week for every family is costly for an already stretched school budget so if you have an email address, would you prefer to receive the weekly newsletter electronically? It's faster and would save on many reams of paper. This way you will be assured of receiving the newsletter as soon as it is ready.

Some families are already on the email list and we have received positive feedback from them. The main problem they were having was not receiving a paper copy until days after when they found it at the bottom of a school bag and missed important events. Receiving the newsletter by email keeps them up to date with what is happening at Allies now. We can even email to other relatives (i.e. Partner, Grandparents etc.) if they wish to receive the newsletter. If you or someone else wishes to receive the newsletter by email each week please contact the office to be added to the bulk email list.

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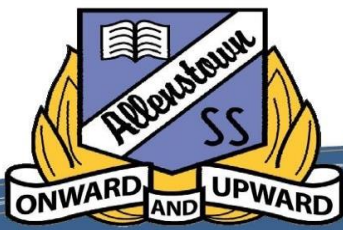
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## UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

**Change of Address**

**Phone Numbers**

**Emergency Contacts**

**Email Address**

The office has not been able to contact some parents/caregivers due to phone numbers and addresses not being current. It is very important that this information, especially phone numbers, is kept up to date and current. Please notify the office of any changes.

## Community News



### 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.

## AUCTION

Ambrose State School Oval  
Saturday 19 August 2017

**1000 lots**  
Bidding starts 9am  
Gates open 6am

Listings include: furniture & household, baby items, machinery, saddlery, building equipment & tools, antiques & collectables, poultry & small animals.  
Lunch 12.30-1pm  
1pm Antiques followed by Machinery

KID'S ENTERTAINMENT - STALLS - BAR - BBQ & FOOD  
Gold coin donation at the gate is appreciated

10% of auction sales will be directed to funding a new multipurpose facility at the school.

General Enquiries: Ambrose State School 4975 1165

Bookings open 1st June: Anthea Adams 0458 751 391  
[antheaandgraham@bigpond.com](mailto:antheaandgraham@bigpond.com)

Detailed listing will be available from 1st July on the Ambrose State School website and Facebook page

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Monday	Step into Prep 9-11am	Prep Building
Every Thursday	Prep Transition 12-2.30pm	Prep Building
Every Thursday	Playgroup 8.45am -10.45am	Allenstown SS Hall
2 Aug	Bravehearts Ditto Keep Safe Program	Prep – Yr3 Allenstown SS Hall
8 Aug	Red Gum Book Club Closes	Order Direct from Red Gum
20 Aug	Red Gum Orders Arrive	Allenstown SS
8 Aug	ICAS – English Competition	Allenstown SS
15 Aug	ICAS – Mathematics Competition	Allenstown SS
19-26 Aug	Book Week	Allenstown SS
23 August	Book Week Parade	Allenstown SS Hall
6 -10 November	Year 5 School Camp (approx. \$310)	Balance by 27/10/17
13 -17 November	Year 6 School Camp (approx. \$450)	Balance by 15/09/17



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**Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator**

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