



NEWSLETTER

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26th June 2018

Principal's News

REPORT CARDS:

Your children will have their report cards given to them tomorrow (Wednesday 27th June). The reports will be in an envelope which also includes an overview of the curriculum that your child has been taught over the first semester.

Please read the reports carefully to gain an understanding of how your child has progressed so far in 2018.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's report your first place of reference is the child's class teacher. Arrange an interview and have your questions answered and clarified.

SCHOOL WINTER VACATION PERIOD:

This Friday (29th June) we commence our winter vacation period for state schools.

All students and staff return to school on Monday 16th July.

Please have a safe and pleasant holiday time with your children. This is an important time of the year to de-stress after a semester of the school year.

OLD UNIFORMS ALWAYS NEEDED:

As your children grow out of uniforms and shoes they can often be recycled and re-used by other families.

Please consider sending in to the office any such uniforms that may be at your house.

SOME TEACHER CHANGES FOR NEXT SEMESTER:

After we return from the winter vacation, the following changes will occur in some of our classes:

- Mrs Linda Callaghan will not be returning to Allentown for the rest of 2018. 1C will be taught by Mrs Amber Shackleton (Mondays) and Mrs Stacey Lanham (Tuesdays to Fridays);

- Mrs Mel O'Keeffe will only return to P/1M for the first two weeks of third term. She will then go on leave to prepare for the arrival of her second child. Mrs Kristy Elson will take over P/1M for the rest of the year.
- It is not yet finalised as to how Mrs Elson will be replaced for her two days of LOTE (Japanese) lessons with the older classes.
- Miss Alderson leaves us to move to Mt Archer State School. 6D will be taught by Mr Spyve for the rest of this year.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:

We are now taking enrolments for Prep in 2019.

Children entering Prep next year should be born between 1st July 2013 and 30th 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.

P&C FUNDRAISING SUCCESS:

The P&C have been highly successful with their last two fundraisers. The major fundraiser, the State of Origin raffle has raised approximately \$9000. This is an amazing effort.

Many thanks to all our tickets sellers (and buyers) for your support. I will also thank for the final time, the Pease Family for their generous donation of the prizes for the raffle.

The winners were:

- 1st – Kelly Mills
- 2nd – Nate James
- 3rd – Arthur Kohler

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Congratulations to all these people and thank you for your support.

The P&C also ran a Trivia Night last Friday night. This was the most successful ever of these nights. Approximately 70 people sat down to answer Dr M's questions, puzzles and riddles. A great night was enjoyed by all.

The night raised approximately \$2000 towards the P&C's ultimate goal of new playground equipment. Thanks to all the players and helpers who made the night so much fun as well as successful.

Other News

SPORTS DAY

Well done to all our students and thank you to all the families that came along to support the students on both days.

Congratulations to Oxley House who gained the most points during the competition.



What is Step into Prep?

- A term-based programme using a playgroup format where parents stay, play and learn with their child
- Builds a child's social and emotional "skills' bank" as they transition to formal schooling through engaging in age and developmentally appropriate learning games and routines
- Creates opportunities to experience the school environment and to build relationships with teachers and administrative staff

Families receive:

- Complimentary membership of Playgroup Qld
- Free playgroup sessions for their child over Terms 3 & 4 of 2018

- Access to a range of age and developmentally appropriate resources
- School credit to the value of \$50 (attendance and eligibility criteria exist)

Venue: Allenstown State School

Date: Wednesday, 25th July 2018

Time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Location: I Block (between the hall & Prep)

For more information please phone 49 300 111

Reminders



FREE DRESS DAY

There will be a Free Dress Day for all students on Friday 29th June 2018. Please send a gold coin donation.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure all hats, uniforms, lunch boxes, water bottles, coats etc. have your child's name on them. If your child has lost an item, please check Lost Property situated downstairs in B Block. Any items left in lost property by the end of this term will be donated to charity.



Keep a watch on our schools these holidays.

During the school holidays we need everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our schools. If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Let's work together to help create a safer school community.

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Celebrate the school holidays with a selection of fun STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts & Mathematics) activities.

- Ozobots
- Bike Science
- Art & Science of Leaf Rubbing & Mobiles
- LEGO Mindstorm Robotics
- Pop-Up Card Mechanics
- Spirited Away Anime Movie + Pizza
- 3D Printing for Young Adults
- Constellation Diorama
- Finger Knitting
- Beamafilm for Kids – Freedom Force

Booking are essential for all sessions. Phone 49368043 to secure a spot today.

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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.

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Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
27 Jun	Ditto Keep Safe Show (Prep to Year 3)	Allentown SS Hall
27 Jun	Reports Cards sent home	Allentown SS
28 Jun	Under 8's Event (Prep, Yr 1; Yr 2)	Allentown SS Oval
29 Jun	Year 6 Camp \$200 payment due	Allentown SS
29 Jun	Last day of Term 2	Allentown SS
16 Jul	First day of Term 3	Allentown SS
25 Jul	Step into Prep	Allentown SS
31 Jul 14 Aug	ICAS – English Comp ICAS – Maths Comp	Allentown SS
10 Aug	School Photos	Allentown SS
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	Allentown SS
29 Oct	Year 5 Camp Final payment due	Allentown SS
5-9 Nov	Year 5 Camp	Fairbairn Dam
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-Variou Venues



Beak's Tennis Term 3 coaching spaces available, call 0419026963 or message us on Facebook for more information.



Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs. For more information contact: 0408 490 984 or 1300 610 355
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