



# NEWSLETTER

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27<sup>th</sup> March 2018



## Principals Report

### EASTER HOLIDAYS:

We start our Easter holiday period on Thursday. Students do not return to school until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April is a Pupil Free Day** – teachers and other school staff will be at work.

The government approved this extra ‘one-off’ day due to the Commonwealth Games.

I sincerely hope that everyone has an enjoyable and safe break and that everyone is back full of energy on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROVIDER TENDER:

Our current contract to provide Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) with Allies Early Learning Centre will expire on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

This means that a tender must be called for any groups who may be interested in providing that service after that date.

The tender will be placed on the open market for suitably qualified providers by the Department of Education’s procurement branch.

Parents should note that there will be no change in the current service up to that date.

## CAYDENCE FOURACRE

to compete in the

**YOUTH BULL RIDING WORLD FINALS - TEXAS**



### CONGRATULATIONS CAYDENCE:

One of our students, Caydence Fouracre, has been selected to travel to the United States (Texas) later this year.

Over there Caydence will compete in a weeklong rodeo competition. Caydence has won this right due to her outstanding form riding bulls down at the Great Western Hotel.

“Congratulations Caydence”

Next term we will be trying to find a way to help support Caydence (and her family) on her way to Texas.

For more details on how to help Caydence represent Australia in the USA –

Phone 0409 123 008 or 0408 709 182

Email – [rodney.fouracre@bigpond.com](mailto:rodney.fouracre@bigpond.com)

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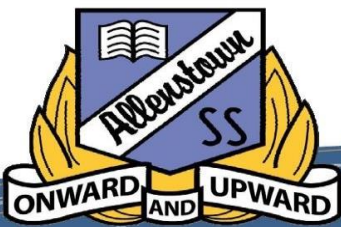
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## LOCAL MEMBER VISITS ALLIES:

Today, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March I hosted a visit to Allenstown State School by Mr Barry O'Rourke MLA, member for Rockhampton.

Barry was keen to inspect work on the A Block refurbishment project (a State Government funded project).

He also wished to talk about innovative practices here at Allenstown and to find out if there were any ways he could help us to pursue better outcomes for our students.

## STAFF CHANGES IN TERM 2:

Mrs Callaghan is taking a well-earned break with some long service leave during next term.

Mrs Stacey Lanham will replace her in the 1C classroom during this time.

Mrs Lanham has been working in our school as a learning Support Teacher. Mrs Lanham brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in teaching young students to the 1C classroom.

- Students are frequent targets of teasing, mimicking or ridicule
- Students become unwilling to speak up in class
- Students withdraw from friends or activities
- Students appear insecure or frightened in the classroom or playground

## For Parents or Carers (signs that might be noticed):

- Doesn't want to go to school or participate in school activities
- Changes their method or route to school or appears frightened to walk to school or walk alone
- Drops in academic performance
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Changes in eating patterns
- Has frequent tears, anger or mood swings
- Takes money from home
- Has unexplained bruises, cuts, scratches
- Loses or brings home damaged belongings or clothes
- Arrives home hungry



## BULLYING:

The next in the series of articles appears below.

## SIGNS OF BULLYING:

### For Teachers:

- Students become aggressive and unreasonable
- Students start getting into fights
- Students refuse to talk about what is wrong
- Students work drops considerably
- Student may often be alone or excluded from friendship groups

## Other News



### COOKIE DOUGH

All orders for Cookie Dough will be available to be collected from 2-3pm Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March in I Block (demountable building near Prep).



### EASTER HAT PARADE

All students from Prep to Year 2 are invited to participate in the 2018 Easter Hat Parade. It will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am in the Hall.

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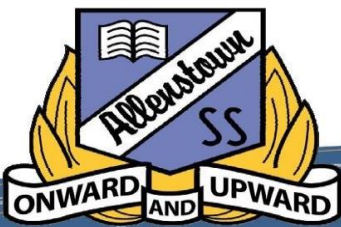
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## FREE DRESS DAY

There will be a Free Dress Day for all students on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Please send a gold coin donation.



## **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.



## KEEP US UPDATED

Are you changing any of these details on the holidays?

- Address
- Phone Number
- Emergency Contacts

Please advise the office as soon as possible by phone or email of any changes.

We need to be confident that we can contact you (or your nominated contact person) as quickly and efficiently as possible when students are ill, injured or distressed.

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## SCHOOL MEDICATION

If your child has any medication (eg. Tablets, Medicine, Eye Drops, Ventolin Puffer etc) at the office that students may need over the school holidays, please remember to collect it from the office before the end of school this Thursday.

## REMINDERS:

### Advice of Non Return for Term 2, 2018.

If you have students from Prep to Year 6 who will not be returning to Allenstown in Term 2 (for whatever reason) it would be beneficial for us to be advised of this. You can confidentially advise this information directly to Mr Spyve or myself by phoning the office.



## LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost an item, please check Lost Property situated downstairs in B Block. If each item is named, it makes it much easier to find its owner. If items are not collected by the last day of this term, anything left in Lost Property will be donated to charity.



## EASTER HOLIDAYS

### **Last day of Term 1**

Good Friday (Public Holiday)

Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

**Student Free Day (NO SCHOOL)**

**Term 2 Commences**

**Thursday 29 Mar**

**Friday 30 Mar**

**Monday 2 Apr**

**Monday 16 Apr**

**Tuesday 17 Apr**

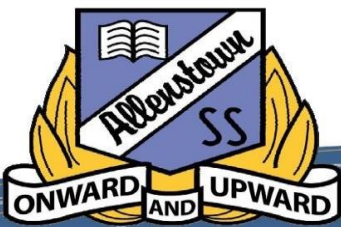
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## Community News

### STAY SAFE and SECURE ON HOLIDAYS

Easter means many things to many people, but it certainly does mean increased holiday traffic to anyone travelling on the roads at this time. It also means that burglaries generally increase when many homes are empty.

As families head off on Easter holidays, drivers are reminded to slow down, stick to the speed limit, take regular breaks and arrive safely at your destination.

While on holidays many people leave their homes vulnerable to thieves by revealing their absence on social media. Ensure all privacy settings are up to date and posts, updates and photos are only visible to friends on your list.

Ensure all doors and windows in your home are locked and any valuables are out of sight (e.g. mowers, power tools etc). Have someone clear your letterbox, bring in your rubbish bins and collect newspapers.

**Plan ahead to be Safe and Secure during the holiday period.**



### DENTAL CLINIC

The dental clinic at Allenstown State School is open from Monday to Thursday each week.

All enquiries - Ph 49 222 673.



If you are interested in receiving \$500 in matched savings to buy Education items for your children, please contact

**Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator**

**0408 490 984 or 49248125**

Email - [kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au)

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Play Group 8.45-10.45am	I Block Allenstown SS
28 Mar	Cookie Dough delivery 2-3pm	I Block
29 Mar	Easter Hat Parade Prep to Year 2	Allenstown SS Hall 9.00am
29 Mar	Free Dress Day	Allenstown SS
<b>29 Mar</b>	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>	<b>Allenstown SS</b>
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<b>17 Apr</b>	<b>Term 2 commences</b>	<b>Allenstown SS</b>
29 Jun	Year 6 Camp \$200 payment due	Allenstown SS
10 Aug	School Photos	Allenstown SS
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-various venues

### FLU VACCINATIONS

Influenza or as it's commonly known as "The Flu" is a highly contagious virus that can affect the entire body. It's easily spreadable and is contagious up to 3 days even before symptoms appear, giving the virus opportunity to be passed on to others through normal everyday contact. Symptoms can last up to 2 weeks.

Being vaccinated is the most effective way to help the body strengthen its immunity against infection and prevent contracting the influenza virus and passing it on to others. Book your flu vaccination appointment before "The Flu" season is upon us.

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