

28 February 2018

Principals Report

HALF WAY MARK:

We have just passed the half way mark of first term for 2018. Those of you with new students in our school are probably amazed to think that 25 school days have been and gone.

I encourage you to make sure that you keep in touch with your child's teachers. It is important that you understand how things are progressing for your child – academically, socially and in relation to behaviour and effort.

If you have not made contact yet, I urge you to consider making a time as soon as possible to catch up with your child's 2018 school year to date.

BEHAVIOUR NOT ACCEPTABLE:

We are having some isolated issues with a few students just now.

The issues relate to possible bullying behaviour and a 'gang' mentality that seems to be appearing in some groups of boys.

Let me state clearly that behaviour of a bullying nature will not be accepted under any circumstances. Students engaging in this pattern of behaviour will be dealt with using all available strategies.

There has been a significant amount of public discussion around the effects that bullying can have on people. Allenstown will not be a site where it is accepted as a behaviour.

SWIMMING VOLUNTEERS:

Unfortunately, some of our classes are missing much of their allocated swimming time lately. We need to have a minimum number of adults available to allow students to be in the pool. This means that we rely on volunteers to help as there is simply not enough school staff available.

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As a volunteer you do not necessarily have to get in the pool – eyes on the deck can be just as useful. Please check with your child's class teacher to see if you can help.

ATTENDANCE:

With the halfway mark of the term it is important to note that our attendance overall is going reasonably. We have had 92.7% attendance across all students for the year to date. Boys have been slightly better than girls with 92.9% compared to 92.5%.

Ours Prep students lead the way with an attendance rate of 94.7% across all classes.

Year 3 is the cohort of biggest concern with a rate of 90.7% attendance across all classes.

Please help us to make every day a learning day for our students – get them to school and on time.

SPORTS TRIALS (10 -12 YEAR OLDS):

Rockhampton District School Sport conducts many trials during the year for 10 – 12 year old students who may have ambitions to join a Rockhampton representative team.

This may lead to the student's selection in a Rockhampton team to play other districts for selection to a Capricornia Regional team. These trials are conducted in wide range of sports all year long.

If you have 10 – 12 year old children (born 2008, 2007, 2006) who excel at a specific sport it may interest you (and them) to participate in one of these trials.

If interested you need to do the following:

1. Search for **Rockhampton District School Sport** on Facebook.
2. Navigate to the **2018 RDS 10 – 12 Years Trials** page.
3. Download and complete the **parental permission / student medical information form**.

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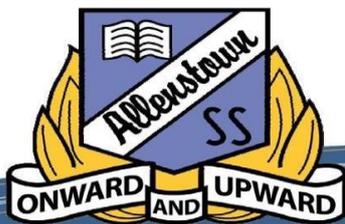
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4. Complete the form and then send it along to [our school office](#).
5. Take note of the details of *when / where / how* the trial will be conducted.

You will be able to get the full list of 2018 sports trials, with dates, so that you can plan your calendar accordingly. Forms need to be sent to our school office in good time for us to notify sports convenors



THE FOUR A's OF ALLENSTOWN

Always Safe

Interact safely within the environment

Always Learning

Follow Classroom and School routines

Always Respectful

Good Manners and appropriate language

Always Present

Be at school on time and every day



Other News

Congratulations!

SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Allenstown State School Leaders Induction Ceremony will be held at 9.00am in the Hall this Friday 2nd March 2018. Congratulations to all our new School Leaders.

Usual Friday Parade will not be held this week.

JOLLY GRAMMAR BOOKS BACK IN STOCK

Capricorn Educational Resources have advised that they now have the Jolly Grammar 2 and 3 books back in stock.

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PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has commenced for 2018 and is on every Wednesday morning 8.45am to 10.45am in I Block (near the Prep Building)

We ask that you bring a hat and water bottle each week and wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy! A fruit snack is provided for each child. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to meeting you and your little people at playgroup. Everyone is welcome.



Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program

Child and Youth Community Health Services

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service

Visit by Registered Nurse for Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. Vision screening is therefore vital in early childhood, particularly for conditions such as 'lazy eye', which if not detected early can lead to blindness.

A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school on the 21st March 2018 to commence vision screening for all Prep Year children. If you wish to have your child participate in this vision screening program, please complete and sign the consent form sent home with your child and return this to the office as soon as possible. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child's screening.

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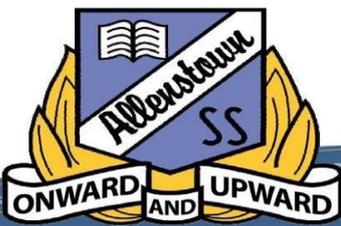
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Please note that if your child has had a vision assessment in the past 12 months it is not necessary for him/her to participate in this screening program. If this is the case, please complete the consent form and indicate that you do not wish for your child to participate, and ensure that you follow the schedule of reviews recommended by your eye health professional.

Enquiries To: Children's Health Queensland
Telephone: 1800 687 372
Email: admin.psnhrp@health.qld.gov.au



Our P & C has an important job to do and we would love you to be a part of it. P & C is an essential part of the school.

Follow Allenstown State School on Facebook for upcoming meeting dates. See what we are planning for this year. New ideas are always welcome. We all want the best for our children during their schooling years and being a P & C Member can be very rewarding. It is also a great way to learn what's happening at the school and to have your say so please take the time to come to the P & C meetings.

AGM Meeting – The AGM Meeting is fast approaching where all positions will be vacant. The P & C is always looking for new faces as a casual volunteer or an official volunteer. Please consider nominating for any of the positions available or just becoming a P & C member. Children do better when parents/caregivers are involved. Everyone is most welcome.

ROAD SAFETY We all have a role to play

- SLOW DOWN in 40km/h School Zones
- Always observe the parking signs outside the school to keep children safe
- "Disabled Parking Spaces" are only to be used if the relevant signage is displayed on vehicle
- These parking spaces are not a "drop off/pick up zone" for students

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY DEPENDS ON EVERYONE DOING THE RIGHT THING

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SWIMMING TIMETABLE – TERM 1

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
8:45 – 9.15am	PF	5F		6D	
9.15 – 9.45am					
9.45 – 10.15am	PB	6S	4/5W	5/6L	4T
10.15 – 10.45am					
10.45 – 11.30am	FIRST BREAK				
11.30 – 12.00pm	1/2H	3L	2W	2K	
12.00 – 12.30pm					
12.30 – 1.00pm					
1.00 – 1.30pm	SECOND BREAK				
1.45 – 2.45pm	1C	3/4B	3C	P1M	



UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities of Education Queensland. Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and parents/carers need to know if their child hasn't turned up for school.

This is why we will continue to send our daily SMS texts to families who have children away on an **unexplained absence**. Please advise the school by one of the contacts listed below, when your child is not at school.

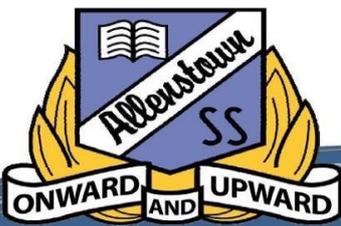
- Reply to the SMS message sent by school
- Report the absence on the QParents app
- Phone the office as soon as possible (A message can be left at any time)

Parents/Carers of children who have unexplained absences will be contacted by the school to provide an explanation.

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DENTAL CLINIC

The dental clinic at Allenstown State School will be re-opening shortly. Dental forms have been distributed and should be returned to the school office.

All enquiries to Lissetta or Tracy on Ph 49 222 673.



everyone's family



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A Division of ASIC, Subscribed to by Government of Queensland

If you are interested in receiving \$500 in matched savings, please contact

Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator
0408 490 984 or 49248125

Email

kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Play Group 8.45-10.45am	I Block Allenstown SS
2 Mar	Student Leader Induction	Allenstown SS Hall
21 Mar	Prep Vision Screening	TBA
23 Mar	Year 6 Camp \$50 Deposit due	Allenstown SS
29 Mar 17 Apr	Last day of Term 1 Term 2 commences	Allenstown SS
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



Walter Reid Artist Group

invites you to attend the opening of

ORIGINS

9 March 2018 at 6.30pm

Opened by Cherie Weatherall

Exhibition runs 9 March - 18 March

Gallery Open Daily 10am - 3pm

Charity: Horse Riding for Disabled

Or: Derby St & East St, Rockhampton City Qld 4700

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