

NEWSLETTER

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30th October 2018

Principal's News



SCHOOL DISCO NOV 23:

On Friday 23rd November we will be offering our Allies students the chance to attend another school disco for 2018.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Committee are bringing this event to the students. The previous disco back in May went very well because you, our families, helped us by sticking to the rules – especially about who could attend. The disco is strictly for our current students ONLY!!

“Heroes and Villains” DISCO

WHEN: Friday 23 Nov 5.30 to 7.00pm

WHERE: Helen James Performing Arts Centre (Hall)

COST: \$5.00 (incl. drink/chips)

- Tickets will be pre-sold before school outside SEP, B Block Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd Nov

WHO: Allies students ONLY

(18+ parents/caregivers of Prep to Year 2 optional)

We know that you will understand that High School students, children from other schools and younger children are not invited.

Always a great idea to bring a named water bottle. Water will be freely available through the event.

As for the last disco parents will be provided with chairs to sit OUTSIDE the hall if they wish to stay on site. Parents are welcome to drop students off at 5.30 and then collect them at 7.00pm.

Parents must enter the school to collect children –
no child will be sent to a car.

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PREP OPEN DAY

This important event is being held on Saturday (3rd November) between 9.00 > 11.00am. (Please check the notice later in this newsletter).

All intending Prep students for 2019 are invited to come along. Information will be provided to parents and there will be activities for the children.

PREP TRANSITION

The Prep Transition Program will commence this week - on Thursday 1st November. It will run every Thursday from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm. Students are required to bring along a hat and water bottle.

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.

We are already holding enrolment papers for 37 Preppies in 2019. This is very encouraging.

PROOF OF BIRTH

Parents enrolling students in a Queensland State School for the first time (usually in Prep) MUST provide proof of birth.

This is best done by bringing a birth certificate or birth extract to the office when lodging enrolment forms.

An enrolment cannot be confirmed or accepted until the proof of birth is provided.

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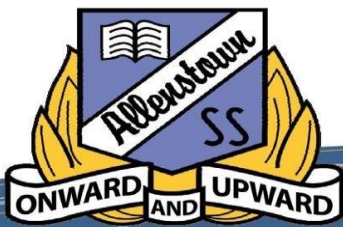
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FACEBOOK FEED FOR INFO:

Please check our school Facebook feeds daily for updated information about school events and happenings. This is the most instant access we can give you to news about what is going on at Allies.

Our newsletter hits Facebook every Wednesday – another great tool for information about our school.

EVERY DAY COUNTS:

Please remember that every day, every hour at school counts. All our Allies students should be at school on every available school day. The only reason for an absence should be illness or unavoidable, unplanned family issues.

Please make your child's education count – EVERY DAY!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Please make sure that the following dates make it on to your calendar:

- Saturday 3rd November – Prep Information and play morning
- November 5th > 9th – Year 5 Camp
- November 12th > 16th – Year 6 Camp
- Friday 23rd November – School Disco (run by PBL Committee)
- Thursday 29th November – P&C Christmas Fair and Concert
- Thursday 6th December – Year 6 Awards Night
- Friday 7th December – Final Parade of Excellence for 2018
- Wednesday 5th December – High School Orientation morning for Year 6
- Wednesday 12th December – Classroom of 2019 visits for all students

YEAR 5'S NEARLY ON CAMP

Our Year 5 students are very close to Camp week. They depart next Monday (5th November), heading for Fairbairn Dam, near Emerald.

Parents – please make sure that you have the list of requirements. Medication is vitally important and needs to be handed to Mrs Finter on Monday morning.

It is also REALLY IMPORTANT, that all students have a packed lunch, water bottle and hat with them – these are their passports on to the bus on Monday morning.

If you need another copy of the camp requirements call the office urgently.

COLLECTION FOR FARMERS

Many thanks to all the families who supported our collection for the struggling farmers last Thursday.

Remember that the idea was started by our Year 6 student, Alyssa Kuhl, who was moved by all the news reports about this issue.

The free dress event raised \$214. This money will be deposited with Woolworths who have a national campaign underway to help the farmers. 100% of the funds will get to the farmers.

Your support is very much appreciated – times are tough for many folk at the moment but we still managed to show our support for others at this time. WELL DONE ALYSSA!!

Chappy Corner

ROCKHAMPTON CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee invites you to a dinner in support of Chaplains in State Schools in the Rockhampton area.

During the evening three speakers will provide information about various aspects of the Chaplaincy

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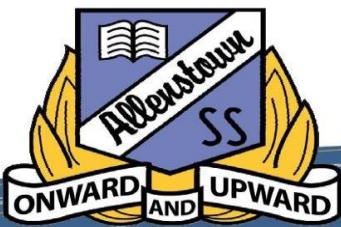
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Program and an opportunity to provide support for this worthwhile service for children and young people will be provided.

- **Sam Whittington**, Chaplain at The Hall School and **Allenstown School**, will provide insights into her work within the schools.
- Ian Cumming, Regional Manager, Central & North Queensland, will give an overview of the Chaplaincy program from his perspective.
- There will also be a representative from one of the schools who will speak on Chaplaincy within the school.

When – Friday 2 November

Where - Thai Taste Restaurant 635 Norman Road

Time - Meeting from 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

Cost - \$25.00 for the meal and any donation you may wish to contribute.

RSVP is required on or before Tuesday 30 October ~

To find out more information or reserve your place contact Allan at chappydinner@gmail.com

Other News

Allenstown State School
Invites your family to
PREP OPEN DAY
Saturday 3rd November 2018
9:00 – 11:00 am
Meet at The Helen James Performing Arts Building, Caroline Street

Parent Information & Welcome to Allies Pack
All children who have already enrolled will receive a *Welcome to Allies Pack*.
Enrolment forms will be available on the day so please remember to bring your child's birth certificate.

- easel painting
- chalk drawing
- obstacle course
- collage
- bubble blowing
- home corner
- sandplay
- sensory play
- face painting

Allenstown State School-building a strong Early Childhood Community

Allenstown State School is proud to present our
2018 Christmas Fair
Thursday 29th November 2018
4:00pm Start
We invite everyone to dress in their best Christmas outfits to support our students at our end of year Christmas fair.

There will be Rides, food, stalls, raffles and Christmas Carols, so come and sing along with our staff and students! ****RIDES WILL CLOSE WHILE PERFORMANCES ARE ON****

Everyone Welcome
See you there!

Reminders

EARLY COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL

From time to time a student may need to be collected early from school for an appointment or due to illness, so please ensure an authorised adult (on your Emergency Contact list) comes to the office to collect them and arrange to have the student signed out. Students will not be sent out to a vehicle on the street for their own safety.

Please refrain from collecting students early from school unless pre-arranged. Encourage your student to attend school for the entire day to ensure they get the most out of their day's learning at Allies.

Any time missed at school makes a difference to their learning over time. From an early age, if children are taught that they need to "show up" for school and make a commitment, this positive mentality aids academic and career success and brings benefits in adulthood. Please invest in your child's future and ensure they attend school all day – every day!!

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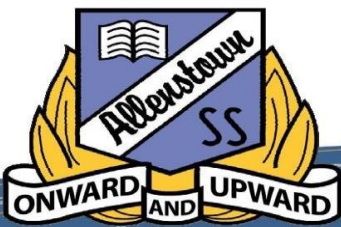
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MESSAGES – we need your help!!

Most days the office is inundated with phone calls to pass on messages to students. Please ensure you discuss school pick up details with your child each day to avoid confusion for the student.

Many students come to the office unsure of who is collecting them and where to wait. If a student has not been collected by 3.00pm they will be directed to the office to wait so there is no need to phone to advise you will be a few minutes late. Students are supervised outside the office until 3.15pm.

The office makes every attempt to pass on urgent messages to students, but trying to pass on numerous messages to lots of students in a very short time is sometimes near impossible and we can't guarantee the student will respond to the message.

At times the messages are very detailed and confusing for both staff and students. If there is an urgent change to school pick up details, a message will be sent over the loud speaker just before the end of the school day for ALL students with messages to come to the office. Messages will then be distributed. Calling classrooms is very time consuming as well as a huge disruption to learning time.

KEEP US UP TO DATE

If you have changed your phone number or email address, please contact the office to update these details. On many occasions the school has been unsuccessful in contacting parents/carers due to out-dated mobile numbers or email addresses. You could be missing out on vital information about your child.

AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING

After school swimming lessons commence this week on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the school pool. A list of lesson times are on our Facebook page. For all other enquiries please contact -

allies_swimmimg@outlook.com



Term 4 - Swimming Timetable

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:45 to 9.45 am	PF	5F	4/5W	6D	
9.45 to 10.45am	PB	6S		5/6L	4T
11.30 to 12.30pm	3L	1/2H	2W	1C	
1.45 to 2.45 pm	P1M	3/4B	3C	2K	

Students are required to bring their **swimmers**, a **swim shirt**, a **swimming cap**, **goggles** and a **towel**. Students will not be permitted to swim without a swim shirt or swimming cap. Swimming caps are available from the office for \$2.00 each. Correct money would be appreciated as no money is kept on the school premises.

Community News



ORIENTATION DAY - ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

DATE: 5 DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 8.40AM FOR 9.00AM START

STUDENTS ARE TO BE COLLECTED AT 2.50PM

What to wear/bring -

- Full school uniform, hat and closed in shoes
- Lunch or Tuckshop money
- Water bottle

A BBQ will be provided at first break.

RSVP: 28 November 2018

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport to and from the school for this day.

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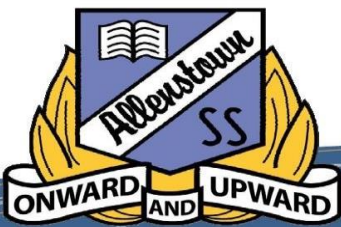
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SCHOOL BASKETBALL TERM 4 2018

Learn to play with 15-year Pro Basketball
Player Cam "Trigger" Tragardh



When? Thursday mornings 7.30 - 8.30am

Where? School Basketball Court

Dates? 25 Oct; 1 Nov; 8 Nov; 15 Nov;
22 Nov; 29 Nov

Receive? 6 Weeks coaching, basketball,
mini hoop and ball game

Ages? P - 6

Cost? \$80 - all payment electronically,
schoolbasketballrockhampton@yahoo.com



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Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
1 Nov Starts	Prep Transition 12.30-2.30pm	Allenstown SS
3 Nov	Prep Information & Play morning	Allenstown SS
5-9 Nov	Year 5 Camp	Fairbairn Dam
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-Various Venues
20 Nov	End of Year Instrumental Music Concert	Allenstown SS Hall
23 Nov	School Disco "Heroes & Villains"	Allenstown SS
29 Nov	P & C Fair and Christmas Concert	Allenstown SS
5 Dec	RSHS Orientation	Rton State High School
6 Dec	Year 6 Awards Night	Allenstown SS Hall
7 Dec	Parade of Excellence	Allenstown SS Hall
12 Dec	Classroom 2019 visits	Allenstown SS
14 Dec	Last day of Term 4 2018	Allenstown SS
29 Jan	First day of Term 1 2019	Allenstown SS

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