

31st July 2018

Principal's News

STUDENTS GETTING ON WITH LEARNING

During the past week Mrs Finter and I have continued our visits to classrooms. We have been greatly impressed with the level of student engagement in learning that we have witnessed all across the school.

Teachers are now getting deeper into units of work in English, Mathematics, Science and all the other learning areas. This means that student attendance and effort is even more critical than ever.

Nobody ever said that school (or indeed life) was meant to be easy – but being in the classroom every day does give a better chance of students following the program of learning.

Check in with your child's teacher early in the term to see how they have settled to the latest work.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS IN UPPER SCHOOL:

Today, we are commencing a small change for the Year 5 & 6 classes. As Mrs Elson has moved to the P/1M classroom I have been trying to employ a new LOTE teacher for the remainder of 2018.

However, I have been unsuccessful in this quest. No LOTE teachers are available across the whole of Central Queensland despite many ads and phone calls. Therefore, the following new arrangements are taking place:

1. Mr Fallon is coming off the 5F class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He will be teaching ICT enrichment skills across the Year 5 & 6 classrooms.
2. Mrs Renae Steinhardt is replacing Mr Fallon on 5F for those two days. Mrs Steinhardt (who usually works at Allies in another role) is familiar with the 5F class and she and Mr Fallon will be in regular touch about the 5F students / class.

Any parents from 5F who have concerns about these new arrangements should ring me to discuss them.

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SCHOOL PHOTOS 2018

We are getting closer to **photo day for 2018** on **Friday 10th August**. All class photos will be taken that day. All students will be photographed individually as well (even though you may not want to order an individual or family photo).

That day / date is photo day and students who are absent will be unable to 'catch up' on another day.

The school will also be getting some group photos such as student leaders taken on the day. Please try to make sure that your child is at school for this once a year opportunity.

Parade will be cancelled that Friday due to the photographs being taken in the hall,

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.



LIFE EDUCATION – THANKS SMITH FAMILY:

Our classes have started rotating through the Life Education van completing a variety of learning experiences. Once again I sincerely thank our school partners, The Smith Family, for the funding they provide to bring this van to 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!

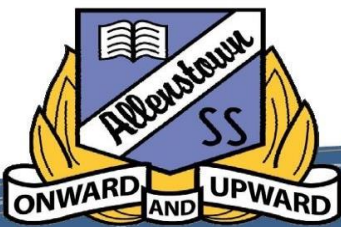
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PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:

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.

Deputy Principal's News

2018 School Opinion Survey

The annual suite of *School Opinion Surveys* will be conducted 30 July to 24 August 2018. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* has been sent home with students this week. The survey can be completed via computers, tablets or smart phones with internet connection.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, using a school computer. Please contact the school office on 49300111 to make arrangements for computer access.

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Mrs Finter by contacting the school on 49300 111.

2019 Prep News

Prep
Into
Step
Step into Prep program is supported by Playgroup Queensland and runs for 16 weeks across Terms 3 and 4 and is held in I Block every Wednesday from 12.30 to 2.30pm.

Prep Transition Program

is organised here at Allenstown State School and runs for 4 weeks in Term 4.

If you have any questions about these programs please phone the school and ask for Terry Thinkettle.

Library News



CBCA Children's Book Week August 20-24, 2018
You're invited!

Book Week Parade:

9 a.m. Wednesday the 22nd August, in the Hall

Theme: Find your Treasure

'The Australian Children's Book Week theme for 2018 is 'Find Your Treasure'. Such a perfect description of the search to discover your next great book. An incredible story can feel like treasure when it speaks to you and understands the way you think and feel. But not every book is perfect for everyone. I put down just as many books as I finish, but I never give up the hunt for my next great read.' (Author, Tristan Bancks)

Dress up as a character from a book you treasure. When talking about finding treasure, many people think of pirates! So we might see a few pirates at this year's Book Week Parade.

Please remember it is not a requirement that families go to great expense to create a costume. Please feel free to create a costume using what you already have at home.

BOOK CLUB

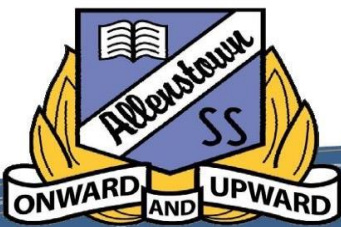
The latest Book Club orders are due by 6th August 2018. Please return your orders to the office by this date or order online.

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Other News

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELLA GLEESON

Ella competed at the Qld Female MX Championships in Emerald recently. She had a very consistent weekend on both the 65cc and the 85cc. Taking a clean 3-3-3 in the 65cc 10-U12 with an overall of 3rd and a clean 4-4-4 on the 85cc small wheel class taking an overall of 4th.

Ella was overall the 3rd fastest Female 65cc senior rider in Qld and 4th fastest Female 85cc rider in Qld.



CONGRATULATIONS TO CAYDENCE FOURACRE

Caydence left for Abilene, Texas, USA last week to compete in the Youth Bull Riders World Finals. Caydence is a very talented girl competing in a male-dominated sport. She has devoted a lot of hard work to achieve such a feat. Her proud family will be by her side as she battles it out against 65 competitors across the world.



Allenstown State School also has students competing in the District Athletics Carnival as part of our Representative Athletics Team. At Allies we have some very talented students in their various chosen sports and the Allies community is very proud of their achievements.

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NAIDOC WEEK – “Because of Her, We Can”



NAIDOC week will be celebrated this week at school. The theme for this year is “Because of Her, We Can”.

Students will make Damper as well as tasting Kangaroo Stew and Sop Sop. During PE lessons students will participate in Indigenous Games. There will also be an Aboriginal Technology and Trade Display from the Queensland Museum. On Friday there will be a NAIDOC Parade with Indigenous dancers from Glenmore High School.



SCHOOL PHOTOS – Friday 10th August 2018

On photo day, **every student will be photographed** regardless of whether you are purchasing or not. Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for:

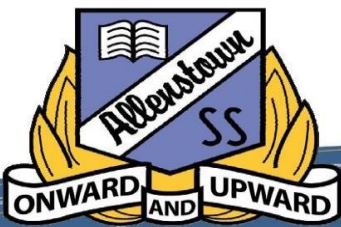
- Separated parents, blended families and grandparents
- Sibling or friends photo (*Sibling photos are only for siblings who all attend the school*)
- Special group (i.e. sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct all your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355. **All envelopes are to be given directly to the photographer on the day so don't take them to the school office.**

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Reminders

CHANGE OF CLOTHES – Please ensure your child has a change of clothes and underwear in their school bag each day in case of toileting accidents.

ROAD SAFETY - “ We all have a role to play”

Please observe and follow the correct parking and drop off procedures around the school especially the disabled parking zone in Margaret Street, just near the office. People with the proper authorised parking permits should be the only ones to use the spaces there. We have a number of families who have a real need (and parking permit) who often cannot access those spaces.

“YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY” DEPENDS ON EVERYONE DOING THE RIGHT THING

Community News



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

Email - kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM

Denison Street Rockhampton
(Between Archer and Cambridge Streets)



SUNDAY 26th August 2018, 9am to 1pm

Ride on the world's only Purrey Steam Tram (operates 10am to 1pm) heritage railway carriages, steam & diesel engine, rail memorabilia, exhibits, live music, market stalls, vintage/Ford/classic cars, lots more.
Food on sale!

Adults \$2 (14yrs+), Under 14 FREE

Purrey Steam Tram Rides \$2.50

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Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Playgroup 8.45-10.45am	Allenstown SS (I Block)
Every Wed	Step into Prep 12.30pm – 2.30pm	Allenstown SS (I Block)
30 Jul-3 Aug	NAIDOC Week	Allenstown SS
30 Jul to 7 Aug	Life Education	Allenstown SS
31 Jul 14 Aug	ICAS – English Comp ICAS – Maths Comp	Allenstown SS
30 Jul to 24 Aug	Parent Opinion Survey	Allenstown SS
6 Aug	Book Club Orders due	Allenstown SS
10 Aug	NO PARADE	Allenstown SS Hall
10 Aug	School Photos	Allenstown SS
20-24 Aug 22 Aug	Book Week Book Week Parade	Allenstown SS Allenstown SS Hall
22-23 Aug	Combined Schools Concert Workshop	Allenstown SS
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
21 Sep 8 Oct	Last day – Term 3 First day – Term 4	Allenstown SS
29 Oct	Year 5 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
5-9 Nov	Year 5 Camp	Fairbairn Dam
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-Various Venues

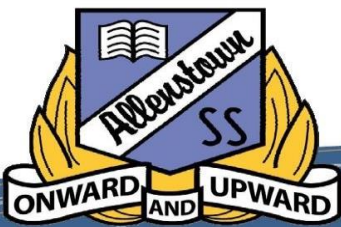
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Does Attendance Really Matter?

What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Your child's progress is equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Your child's progress is equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Your child's progress is equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Your child's progress is equal to finishing in grade 4

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly 1 and a Half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over 2 and a Half years

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!



*Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?
 That's when every minute counts the most!!*

'Every Day Counts!!'

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