

13 September 2017

Principals Report

WELCOME TO TERM 4:

We have made a very busy and engaged start to the last 48 days of school for 2017.

We started on Tuesday with seven new students enrolled and have another 4 students ready to join us over the third and fourth days of school.

All staff are back at school and 'on deck' although the 4/5 class have Mrs Megan Pedler as their teacher for the first 4 weeks. Mr Fallon will be in the school during that time but he will be working with teachers, upskilling them in their ICT knowledge and abilities. We welcome Mrs Pedler for her short stay with us.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS START FRIDAY:

The last season of Rockhampton Interschool Sports start this Friday for our Year 5 and 6 students.

Sports for this season include:

- T 20 cricket (Allies has 2 teams);
- Basketball (Allies has 5 teams)
- Softball (Allies has 1 team)
- We also have approximately 30 students who will be involved in sports and activities at school.

Students who are travelling to sport this week (basketball and softball) should make sure to bring along their bus money (\$5.00).

NEW WATER TAPS – THANK YOU P & C:

Over the holidays our new water taps were installed courtesy of the P & C Association.

We now have new drink 'troughs' at the side of the hall (near the oval) and outside one of the Prep buildings. These will be a great addition to our facilities – especially with the warm weather we are already experiencing.

YEAR 5 AND 6 CAMPS THIS TERM:

Some of our Year 5 and 6 students are looking forward to their annual camps this term. Year 5's are off to Fairbairn Dam and the Year 6's head to Brisbane. Both camps are 5 days (4 nights) duration.

The camps have not been well supported by students (and / or their families) this year and we will have to re-evaluate our camp program early next year to see if these activities are still relevant. Unfortunately low numbers drive up the price for those who participate as the transport costs get divided by a smaller number of students.

We have been very fortunate to receive a very generous gesture from our driver and Rod North Buses for the Year 6 camp to Brisbane. Gordon and North's Buses has been great friends of Allies over many years and many camps and we sincerely thank them for their generosity (without which the Yr 6 camp was in grave jeopardy of not going ahead due to very low numbers).

STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2018:

As previously advised we have worked to provide our current Year 5 students with a clear idea of the attributes we want to see in our future student leaders group.

A list of highly desirable attributes has been prepared.

They are as follows:

- ✓ **A student that observes the 4 A's regularly;**
- ✓ **A student that is respectful to others – staff and students alike;**
- ✓ **A student that has a high attendance rate (above 95%);**
- ✓ **A student that has not been suspended from school;**
- ✓ **A student who provides a positive role model to other students**
- ✓ **A student who is actively involved in school activities and their own education.**
- ✓ **A student who receives positive confirmation of their behaviour and effort from specialist teachers**

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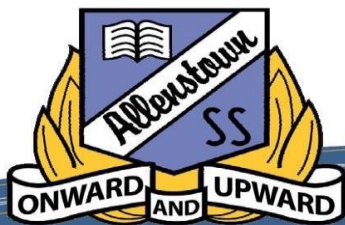
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The list above will help everyone to understand how students may be selected for leadership roles at Allenstown.

The Year 5 students will work with Mr Spyve and myself for a short period each week, starting on Thursday of next week. This time will be spent in discussing expectations for 2018 and preparing for the end of year student leader selection process.

PREP ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2018:

Please encourage anyone you know with Prep aged children to collect enrolment forms as soon as possible. We already have 33 students 'enrolled' in Prep for next year. Getting our enrolments completed early will help with staff planning for the Prep classes.

If we happened to have enough Prep enrolments to start a third class next year, we would need time to organise a suitable room and resourcing for this. Early notice of your intention to enrol would greatly help.

ALL ENROLMENTS OPEN:

As well as Prep we are also taking enrolments for all other year levels in 2018. Please pass this advice on to anyone you may know who has students to enrol.

ADVICE OF NON RETURN FOR 2018:

If you have students from Prep to Year 5 who will not be returning to Allenstown in 2018 (for whatever reason) it would be beneficial for us to be advised of this.

It means that when I am planning classes for next year I can accurately predict which students are available for which classrooms. You can confidentially advise this information directly to Mr Spyve or myself by phoning the office.

Other News

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 16th October is a Student Free Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Staff will be participating in professional development. Please keep your student home on this day or make alternate care

arrangements as no supervision will be available at school.



YEAR 6 CAMP

The final cost for the Year 6 Camp is **\$390.00** and final payment should have been paid by now for your child to attend camp. An information session for parents will be held in the library on 11th October at 7pm to discuss any queries you may have about camp.

YEAR 5 CAMP

The final cost for the Year 5 Camp after fundraising is **\$295.00**. Final payment needs to be made to the office no later than **27th October 2017** for your child to attend camp. An information session for parents will be held in the library on 18th October at 7pm to discuss any queries you may have about camp.

If you have overpaid for the Year 5 Camp please see Karen Faulkner in the office.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing.

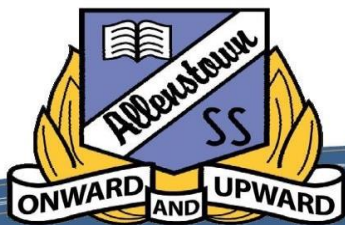
Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. Schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences. If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, contact the school immediately for assistance and support.

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Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Monday	Step into Prep 9-11am	Prep Building
Every Thursday	Prep Transition 12-2.30pm	Prep Building
Every Thursday	Playgroup 8.45am -10.45am	Allenstown SS Hall
11 Oct	Year 6 Camp Parent Meeting 7pm	Allenstown Library
16 Oct	Student Free Day (No school)	Allenstown SS
18 Oct	Year 5 Camp Parent Meeting 7pm	Allenstown Library
6 -10 November	Year 5 School Camp (\$295 – Balance by 27/10/17)	Fairbairn Dam
13 -17 November	Year 6 School Camp (\$390)	Brisbane
28 Nov	Xmas Concert 5.30pm BBQ 6.00pm Start	Allenstown SS Oval
30 Nov	Year 6 Graduation & Awards Night	Allenstown SS Hall
1 Dec	Parade of Excellence Prep – Yr 5	Allenstown SS Hall
8 Dec 17 22 Jan 18	Last day of 2017 First day of 2018	Allenstown SS

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons recommence in Term 4 on Monday 9th October 2017. Swimming caps are available from the office for \$2.00 each. The correct money would be appreciated.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:45 – 9:15am	PB		4B	5/6B	
9:15 – 9:45am					
9:45 – 10:15am	4A	2B	5A	4/5C	PA
10:15 – 10:45am					
10:45 – 11:30am	FIRST BREAK				
11:30 – 12:00pm	1C	1A	2/3C	3A	
12:00 – 12:30pm					
12:30 – 1:00pm					
1:00 – 1:30pm	SECOND BREAK				
1:45 – 2:45pm	1B	3B	6A	2A	

If parents/caregivers are able to help with swimming please let your class teacher know. Helpers will be required to get into the pool. If the required number of Adult Helpers is not present for a lesson, students will be unable to go swimming on that day.

The children 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.



KEEP US UPDATED:

Once again – a reminder to make sure that we have the latest details for your family regarding contact numbers, address, emergency contacts, etc. When students are ill, injured or distressed we need to be confident that we can contact you (or your nominated contact person) as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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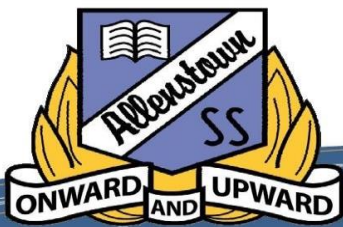
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ABSENCE NOTIFICATION:

We will continue to send our daily SMS texts to families who have children away on an unexplained absence. Please let us know where your child is and why on any school day when they are not at school. If they arrive after the second bell of the morning, students are required to come to the office to obtain a Late Slip.

WANTED

2nd Hand Uniforms

If you have any unwanted uniforms or will at the end of the year we would love them. We would like to create a pool of second hand uniforms for those families who may be struggling. If you have any uniforms that are no longer required please drop them into the office. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

Community News



everyone's family



A member of ANZ, a subsidiary of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Would \$500.00 help cover the cost of school expenses?



The Smith Family is delivering Saver Plus in the Rockhampton Community and is currently looking for more people to join this wonderful program. *Saver Plus is a 10-month program that can assist you to save for your own or your children's education.*

If you are interested in receiving \$500 in matched savings, please contact Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator 0408 490 984 or 49248125

ACCESS RECREATION INC
OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER | 3:30PM - 6PM

Do you have any questions about the NDIS?
Do you want to know how the NDIS will affect you and your family?

Meet some of our staff and find out about the unique services and programs we deliver

Allied Health Providers (Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists) will be available to talk to

Staff available to talk to about how Access Recreation will be operating within the NDIS

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE & SAMPLE BAGS

ALL WELCOME TO COME ALONG !!

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FOR ANY FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ON 49227151 OR RECEPTION@ACCESSREC.ORG.AU

ROCKHAMPTON BASKETBALL
PROUDLY PRESENTS AUSSIE HOOPS

Who: Grade P-2 (4.00pm-4.50pm)
Grade 3-6 (4.50pm-5.40pm)

Where: Hegvold Basketball Stadium, Sir Raymond-Huish Drive

Dates: Tues 10th of Oct - Tues 14th Nov

Cost: New Players \$77.00
Returning Players \$60.00

Aussie Hoops is a 6 week Learn 2 Play Basketball program for Grade 1 - 6 students. You'll learn the fundamentals of the sport through a series of fun games, with the goal of building up to playing modified 5 on 5 basketball on our specially designed 8 Foot rings.

What You Get?

- Sessions with quality coaches including Rockhampton Basketball State Representatives and ex AIS Basketball Coach Matt Neason
- An Aussie Hoops Player Pack (Including Bag, Basketball, & Reversible Singlet)
- Plus other exciting hand outs

Register online today by heading to www.aussiehoops.com.au and entering 4700 in the locator. Want more information? Call RBI Manager Matt Neason on 07 4922 5544

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