

4th September 2018

Principal's News

QLD GOVT NAPLAN SURVEY FOR STUDENTS:

The Queensland Government is undertaking a review of NAPLAN in the Queensland context, to better understand the impacts NAPLAN is having on learning and teaching within the state.

The first stage of the Review, conducted in June 2018, focused on consultation with parents.

The second stage is now underway, with consultation extending to students, teachers, principals and other key education stakeholders across Queensland.

Queensland students in Years 3 to 10 are now invited to provide feedback on their experiences with NAPLAN, via an online survey. Students wishing to participate will require the consent of a parent or carer, who can assist with completing the survey at home. The survey link is available at <https://survey.lsia.com.au/s3/2018NapRevStudent>

This project has received ethical clearance from both the Australian Catholic University and the Department of Education. Further information on the student survey and the Review are provided within the survey link.

NAPLAN HIGHLIGHTS FOR ALLENSTOWN:

The following are the highlight statistics from the 2019 NAPLAN testing for our students. It is anticipated that we will receive individual student's reports this week. They will be sent home as soon as we have them.

- Year 3 Reading – highest mean scale score achievement since 2008 for the cohort
- Year 3 Reading – 96.5% of our students achieved national minimum standards (compared to 94.4% for Qld and 95.6% for the nation)
- Year 5 reading – 3rd highest mean scale score achievement since 2008 for the cohort

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Our Year Five students have also shown excellent 'relative gain' between their reading test results from Year 3 to now in Year 5. Many of them have shown significant growth in their personal reading scores between the two tests.

NEEDLE FOUND IN PLAYGROUND:

It saddens me to have to report that a needle was found in our school grounds last week. This has been reported to police who have collected the needle. Students have been given the following advice if they should happen to find any more needles in the future:

Students are to leave the needle where they see it and report it to the nearest adult. The adults will safely remove the needle by wrapping it in something like a tissue or piece of bark if necessary.

I can only hope that this is an isolated incident. I have let everyone know in the interests of student safety and to be transparent about events at school.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS:

You are invited and encouraged to see your child's teacher about a parent teacher meeting during next week. Please make contact directly with your child's teacher to make an appointment that is satisfactory.

This is part of our twice yearly offer of a parent teacher interview. If next week is totally unsuitable contact the relevant teacher about making an alternative time.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE:

I have reprinted below the text of a letter I released last week about the future of Outside School Hours Care on our school site.

Please read carefully (especially if your children use the existing service). Following an open tender process Allenstown State School has decided to no longer host a dedicated Outside School Hours and Vacation Care program within the school. In the near future and for some of the remainder of this year, Allies ELC will

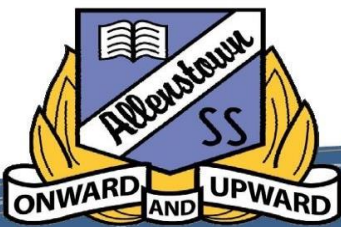
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continue to run the Before and After School Care and Vacation Care services at the school.

As many of you may know, Allies ELC are currently expanding their centre and are taking the school's decision as an opportunity to build on their existing vision by also creating their own schoolies facility. They are aiming to have this completed as soon as practicable to allow as seamless a transition as possible for the families. The transition is expected to be fully completed prior to the Christmas vacation period.

We maintain a good working relationship with Allies Early Learning and they will continue to occasionally use our outdoor facilities as part of the programs they run. The new facility and bus service will continue to cater for children attending the local schools.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to their Directors, Ameer McQuillan or Amanda Caton, either in person or by calling their office on 4921 2112.



COLOUR EXPLOSION COMING UP FAST:

The P&C Colour Explosion Fundraiser is coming up fast on 14 September at 2pm on the school oval. Encourage your child to participate by helping them to get some sponsorship.

Extra sponsorship forms are available from the office or create your Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and sit back and watch the donations roll in. With a simple click, you can share your unique profile page through social media and email to request support. It's the quickest way to reach your fundraising goal. We already have approximately \$1000 in donations reported on line.

Get Ready, Get Set.....Go!!!

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING:

We are continuing to work with our students on making sure that their behaviour is appropriate and allows learning to occur for everyone. The current focus is on students keeping their hands and feet to themselves.

This is particularly important in the playground where disagreements can easily break out between students.

I have also personally spent some time reinforcing two other vital messages for our older students (Year 5 & 6 mainly):

- Words can be just as hurtful and vicious as physical contact (like a punch or a kick)
- Students need to follow instructions and directions from ALL members of staff at ALL times.



Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP is now ON LINE

To register, go to the website www.quickcliq.com.au and enter your child's class details and you're set to go.

Orders need to be in by 9 am for that day, but you can order up to 28 days ahead. Cash Sales will still be available over the counter. If you have any queries, please contact the tuckshop.

Other News



Its magpie swooping season

— the time of year when you need eyes in the back of your head while out walking, riding or playing in parks.

There has been a report of a swooping magpie outside the Cancer Council building in Upper Dawson Road. Please be aware and avoid this area if possible.

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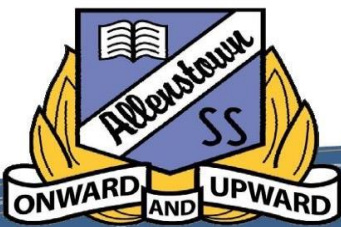
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STUDENT DRESS CODE

Allenstown State School is a strict uniform school. We have the support of our P & C Association to promote 100% adherence to the uniform.

Our student dress code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing, which includes a school uniform that Allenstown State School students wear when:

- attending or representing their school;
- travelling to and from school; and
- engaging in school activities out of school hours

While students are wearing their school uniform (either at school or in the community) they are representing Allenstown State School and are expected to act in a respectful manner as this reflects on the school.



The school has four very clear expectations for behaviour

- Always Respectful
- Always Learning
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SAFETY TIPS

WALK OR RIDE TO AND FROM SCHOOL

- Find a safe route to and from school
- Follow all traffic laws
- Ensure Parent/Carer knows the route or alternate route student takes
- Always wear a helmet if riding

Walking or riding to school is not only an easy way to boost your child's activity, it can help improve their social skills, road safety knowledge and self-confidence.

If children come to school by car, parents/carers could park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way with their children. There's also the added benefit to our environment, as walking or riding reduces traffic congestion around schools, related noise and air pollution.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

2018 School Photos have arrived. Orders will be distributed to classes on Tuesday afternoon.

If your order has not been received or not what you ordered, parents/carers will need to contact MSP as **school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries. Please direct your questions to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.**



SMOKING BANNED 5 METRES AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette [within five metres of any state or private school grounds](#) has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school. Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.

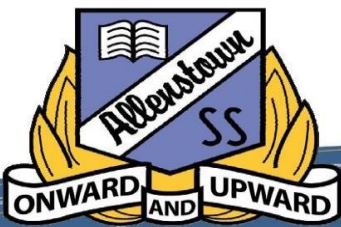
www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/schools/default.asp

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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

2 - 8 September 2018



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www.childprotectionweek.org.au

Most of us recognise that child protection is key to ensuring that children in our communities, families and schools are safe, nurtured and protected. However, children continue to experience child abuse and neglect.

In order to stop child abuse and neglect and ensure child protection in our society, we all need to play our part by assisting families who struggle and by speaking out about abuse when we see it or hear about it.

When children speak out or adults speak out on behalf of children they need those involved in the wider child protection system to be well trained and available to pay attention to what they are saying. This includes the Queensland Police Service, professionals such as Social Workers, Psychologists and Psychiatrists as well as Teachers who are often in the key position of being able to note difficulties for children and their families.

Protecting Children is EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!!!

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Reminders **GOT TALENT** ALLIES

Auditions are being held in the lunch breaks this Term on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Finals will held on Wednesday night 19th September 2018.

OLD UNIFORMS ALWAYS NEEDED:

As your children grow out of school uniforms or shoes, please consider sending them into the office to be recycled and reused by other families in need.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes and underwear in their school bag every day in case of toileting accidents.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure all hats, uniforms, lunch boxes, water bottles etc. have your child's name on them. If your child has lost an item, please check Lost Property situated downstairs in A Block. Any items left in lost property by the end of this term will be donated to charity.

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.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Year 6 Camp will take place on 12th -16th November 2018. Please ensure that all outstanding fees are paid by **Friday 19th October 2018** to ensure your child does not miss out on attending the camp. An information session for parents will be held in the Library on 10th October at 7pm to discuss any queries you have about camp.



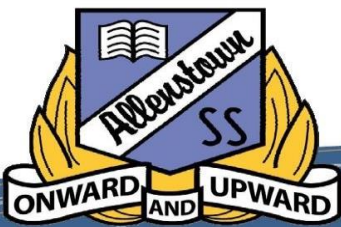
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Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Playgroup 8.45-10.45am	Allenstown SS (I Block)
Every Wed	Step into Prep 12.30pm – 2.30pm	Allenstown SS (I Block)
14 Sep	Colour Explosion Run4Fun	Allenstown SS Oval
19 Sep	Allies 	Allenstown SS Hall
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	Allenstown SS
21 Sep 8 Oct	Last day – Term 3 First day – Term 4	Allenstown SS
10 Oct	Year 6 Camp Information Night 7pm	Allenstown SS Library
19 Oct	Year 6 Camp Final Payment Due	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-Variou Venues



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM AD 1899

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
23 September to October 7
WEDNESDAY and SUNDAY 10am - 1pm
Ride the Purrey Steam Tram
Mon/Tue/Thur 10am-1pm subject to availability of Driver - ride the Section Car

EVERY DAY OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
\$5.50 PER PERSON

Explore the C17 Steam Loco.
Climb aboard restored passenger carriages.
Change the signals, use the antique phones and other fun activities. Food on Sale
Questionnaire & colour in for the kids

Supported by  Managed by Friends of Archer Park Station and Steam Tram Museum Inc.
Archer Park Rail Museum : Denison St Rockhampton
Phone: 4936 6191
Email: archerpark@bigpond.com
<http://www.qldrailheritage.com/archerpark/>

Community News

CENT SALE - PULS8 Supporters Association

- 16th September 2018
- Doors open at 12.30pm for 2.00pm start
- St Mary's Hall, Nobbs Street, North Rton
- \$5 entry – includes tea/coffee & afternoon tea
- Lucky Door Prizes
- Multi-draw Raffle

Changing lives for the better Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service

BreastScreen Queensland  Rockhampton service 
celebrating 25 years

More than 25 years of saving lives; more than 200,000 mammograms and there are still appointments available in Rockhampton and Emu Park.

Women aged 40 and over are eligible. Call Breast Screen Rockhampton on 132050.

Early morning and after school appointments available.

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