

5 December 2017

Principals Report

THE LAST WORDS OF 2018:

As I write this, there are 3½ days of the 2017 school year left.

I want to congratulate all the people who put together last week's Allies by Candlelight event. It was AMAZING. The school community response told me that we have hit upon a winning formula – a nice relaxed event out on the grass with students singing Christmas Carols.

Very well done to Emma, Kristy, Chappy and the rest of the organising team. Apart from the great family night out we also raised approximately \$10,500 towards the new play equipment for our students.

A huge thank you to Allenstown community for such a successful night.

On Tuesday morning the class rolls for 2018 were posted for everyone to view.

Students were taken to the hall and split up into their new classes for a half hour or so – this will make them confident when they walk in on January 22nd, 2018 that they know who to look for and where to go.

We are sadly getting ready to farewell some staff members from Allenstown.

Last Friday, on our final parade of 2017 we paid tribute to Mrs Samantha Howard. Sam was deputy principal here from 2010 > 2017 and has now been rightfully promoted to principal at Gracemere State School.

We also are farewelling:

- Mrs Fiona Halliday – moving to Jindalee State School in Brisbane
- Mrs Dana Dalton – moving to Rockhampton North SHS

- Mrs Denise Latimer – retiring after 35 years in the Education Department with about 10 -11 of those years as a teacher aide in our SEP

All these people will be missed next year – for the skills and knowledge they brought to work each day and for their contributions to taking Allies Onward and Upward. Thank you for your time.

I look forward to working with the Allenstown school community for another big year in 2018. We have many plans that are in place (or even still developing) to keep us on the pathway to greater achievement.

I sincerely wish each and every member (student, parent or staff) of the Allenstown family a great Christmas/New Year holiday period.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time and that you make every day count while being with your families and loved ones.

See you on January 22nd.

Gary Lynn

Proud Principal of Allenstown S.S.



Footnote: The school office will be open in the week before school starts for students. If you need booklists, enrolments or any other information; please call in.

Other News



FREE DRESS DAY

There will be a Free Dress Day for all students on Thursday 7th December 2017. Please send a gold coin donation.

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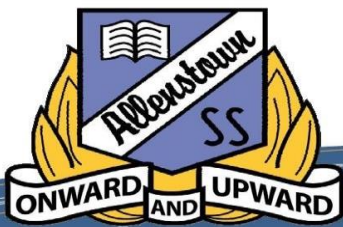
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SCHOOL WATCH

Keep a watch on our schools these holidays.

During the school holidays we need everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our schools. If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene.

Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Let's work together to help create a safer school community.



DATES TO REMEMBER

The Office will close at 3.30pm on Friday 8th December 2017 and reopen at 8.15am on Monday 15th January 2017.

All Students commence school on Monday 22nd January 2017. Australia Day Public Holiday is Friday 26th January 2017. New Enrolments will be accepted from Monday 15th January 2017.



SCHOOL MEDICATION

If your child has any medication (eg. Tablets, Ventolin Puffer etc) at the office, please remember to collect it before the end of the school year. If not, any out of date medication will be destroyed.



LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost an item, please check Lost Property situated downstairs in A Block. If items are not collected by the last day of the school year, anything left in Lost Property will be donated to charity.



All of the Staff at Allenstown State School would like to wish all our families a very safe and happy Christmas. We thank you for your support in 2017 and look forward to another great year in 2018. Onward and Upward!

Community News



Looking for something to entertain the kids over the holidays? Why not try the Beak's Tennis Holiday Programs! For more information call 0419 026 963 or message Beak's Tennis on Facebook.



A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER **SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!**

Your favourite MSP crew will be at Gracemere Shopping World from Thursday 23rd November to Sunday 24th December to take some great photos of your family with Santa and Mrs Claus.

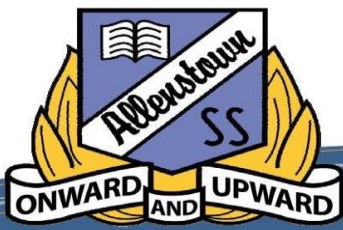
Thursdays & Fridays: 2pm-6pm
Saturdays & Sundays: 10am-4pm

If you present this notice to the MSP staff you will receive 15% off your photo package! One discount per family.

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BE RAILSMART THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

With the upcoming school holidays, Queensland Rail is urging families and students to be railsmart by following these simple rules at level crossings and around rail property.

- Pay attention to signs and signals
- Never enter a level crossing if the red lights are flashing and pedestrian gates/ boom gates are closed or closing
- Always look for the second train
- Keep yourself and your mates safe by not taking shortcuts and unnecessary risks around tracks
- Avoid the distractions of headphones and mobile phones.

Trains can weigh upwards of 10,000 tonnes and can take more than one kilometre to stop. Disobeying level crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but illegal and could result in prosecution or electrocution from overhead powerlines carrying 25,000 volts. Remember, railways are not playgrounds.

Queensland Rail is encouraging parents and schools to discuss this important safety information with their students, empowering them to be railsmart.



Rockhampton Regional Council 42nd Battalion Memorial Pool Waterslides – “Before you go you should know”

With the new 42nd Battalion Memorial Pool waterslide opening soon, Council have put together a ‘Before you go, you should know’ flyer which is available on the council website. Any questions can be directed to our Customer Service Centres on 49 329000.

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
5 Dec 17	Report Cards sent home	
5 Dec 17	2018 Class Lists available	Outside Admin or A Block (near Tuckshop)
7 Dec 17	Break Up Celebrations Free Dress Day	Allenstown SS
8 Dec 17	Clean Up & Moving Day	Allenstown SS
15 Jan 18	Office Opens 8.15am-3.30pm	Allenstown SS
22 Jan 18	School Commences For all students	Allenstown SS
26 Jan 18	Australia Day Public Holiday	No School



Stressed about back to school costs?

Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

Saver Plus matches your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

You may eligible if:

- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

Contact Kathy Connaughton
your local Saver Plus Coordinator:
07 4924 8125 / 0408 490 984
or kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in the Rockhampton area by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government. Find more information at saverplus.org.au.

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