

# NEWSLETTER

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6 February 2018

## Principals Report

### ATTENDANCE:

Early in the year, we are doing well with student attendance rates. At the end of the first two weeks, we had 93.7% attendance for the whole school.

Year 5 is the best single cohort of students with 95.9% attendance in that time.

It is worrying that Year 1 has only achieved 91.5% attendance when they are so early in the school year. Many processes and skills are being developed at a very basic level right now – to last the whole year. Please – let's improve on this figure.

### UNIFORMS:

It has been great to see all our students wearing the correct school uniform most of the time in the year so far. It is very powerful to look out at 387 students all wearing the correct school uniform shirt on parade.

However, we have had a few students arriving in brightly coloured shorts, leggings or skirts (even boardshorts). These stand out very clearly against our navy blue uniform colour.

Please do everything you can to get students into shorts or skirts that are close to our navy blue colour – black is a good alternative.

Students wearing orange, green, yellow, etc clothes may be excluded from school activities such as sports and excursions at our discretion.

Remember – we are judged every day on how we look – schools have uniforms to take away the issue for parents of what children should wear each day and to present a look that is the same for everyone.

### INTERSCHOOL SPORT:

This Friday (9<sup>th</sup> February) is the start of interschool sport for our Year 5 & 6 students.

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We will have students participating in Oz Tag (at the Saleyards Park) and Soccer (on our own oval).

Some students will be taking part in sports, games and activities back at school.

Friday 9 February, 2018

### Oz Tag – Playing at Saleyards Park

- Boys Team v St Joseph's Park Avenue  
Field 10 1.10pm
- Girls Team v The Hall 2  
Field 7 1.50pm
- Mixed Team 1 v Depot Hill 2  
Field 3 1.10pm
- Mixed Team 2 v Crescent Lagoon 1  
Field 2 1.50pm
- Mixed Team 3 v Depot Hill 1  
Field 1 1.50pm

### Soccer – Playing at Allenstown SS

- Allies 1 Team v Berserker SS 12.40pm
- Allies 2 Team v Mt Morgan 1.35pm

### STUDENT LEADERS:

On parade this Friday we will be announcing the student leader positions for 2018.

The students who nominated gave their speeches on Monday afternoon. The whole group did a very good job of speaking in such a public forum.

### A BLOCK REFURBISHMENT:

Work is steadily progressing on the refurbishment of A Block.

The new air conditioning units have been installed. Work on preparing for painting and plumbing has been completed.

We still have quite a few weeks before we will be back in the building. In the meantime, our temporary arrangements for eating, playing and tuckshop will remain as they are.

PARADE – Friday 8.45am Helen James Performing Arts Centre

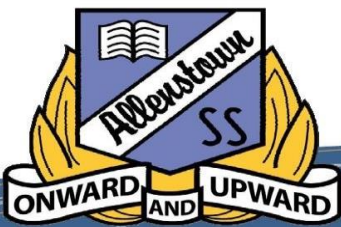
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## Chappy Corner

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**Our school chaplain makes a difference!!**

We need your help to raise the funds to cover the gap that is not covered by current funding to keep Chappy Sam at Allenstown State School. If we don't make up the short fall, the chaplain experiences a loss of hours which affects your child's ability to have access to chaplaincy in our school.

Two ways you can do this is by either donating to our "Champion your Chappy" page (the link is provided) or support your chaplain through the fundraisers that are promoted. In the next few weeks we will be running a cookie dough fundraiser through the school.

If you would like to know more please contact Chappy Sam via email on [samw@chappy.org.au](mailto:samw@chappy.org.au) or the school office to make an appointment. I look forward to seeing you around the school over the coming weeks. 😊

<https://championyourchappy.everydayhero.com/au/help-support-your-allenstown-school-chappy-make-a-difference>

## Library News

Our Home Reading Incentive Program has kicked off with every student bringing home a Yellow Reading Ninja reading record sheet in their homework folder. This is the reading ninja level they are working towards achieving.

Each night (including weekends) that your child reads at home, the title of the book may be recorded on the sheet & signed off by an adult. Please note only one line is to be filled in for each night. After 16 nights of reading, the completed and signed form may be brought to Mrs Gill in the Library and exchanged for ten ninja dollars. This money can be spent purchasing

items from the reading ninja shop, open every Thursday second break. Mrs Gill is excited to see the first 2018 reading ninjas who have achieved YELLOW level, on the 14th of February!



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

### **BOOK CLUB**

Book Club catalogues have been issued to students so keep an eye out for them to come home.

Please return orders and payment by 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

## Other News

### **"MY FIRST YEAR" – PREP PHOTOS**

The Morning Bulletin will coming to the school to photograph our Prep Students on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February to celebrate "My First Year".

Photos will be published in the Morning Bulletin at a future date.

### **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.

**School Hats** will available from the Tuckshop and the office for \$12.00 each while A Block is being refurbished. (Cash Only)

**Swimming Caps** are available from the office for \$2.00 each. Correct money would be appreciated.

**Lost Property** – Please ensure all hats, uniforms, lunch boxes, water bottles etc. have your child's name on them. It is easier to return them to the correct owner if items are named correctly. Lost Property is located downstairs B Block on the port racks while A Block is being refurbished.

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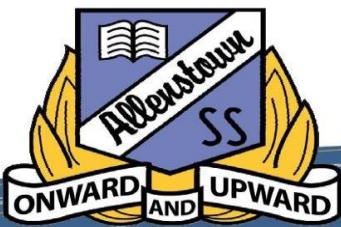
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## UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities of Education Queensland. Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and parents/carers need to know if their child hasn't turned up for school.

This is why we will continue to send our daily SMS texts to families who have children away on an **unexplained absence**. Please advise the school by one of the contacts listed below, when your child is not at school.

- Reply to the SMS message sent by school
- Report the absence on the QParents app
- Phone the office as soon as possible (A message can be left at any time)

Parents/Carers of children who have unexplained absences will be contacted by the school to provide an explanation.



By Kimberly B. Soutball

## LATE ARRIVALS ARE HAMPERING LEARNING:

Many students are still arriving late for school. Some have arrived up to an hour later than our school starting time of 8.45am. This causes extra work for teachers and office staff.

**PLEASE** work with us to help your child get the most they possibly can from their education. Contact the office if you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time each day.



## SWIMMING TIMETABLE – TERM 1

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
8:45 – 9:15am	PF	5F		6D	
9:15 – 9:45am					
9:45 – 10:15am	PB	6S	4/5W	5/6L	4T
10:15 – 10:45am					
10:45 – 11:30am	FIRST BREAK				
11:30 – 12:00pm	1/2H	3L	2W	2K	
12:00 – 12:30pm					
12:30 – 1:00pm					
1:00 – 1:30pm	SECOND BREAK				
1:45 – 2:45pm	1C	3/4B	3C	P1M	

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.



## ROAD SAFETY

**We all have a role to play**

- SLOW DOWN in 40km/h School Zones
- Always observe the parking signs outside the school to keep children safe

**YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY DEPENDS ON EVERYONE DOING THE RIGHT THING**

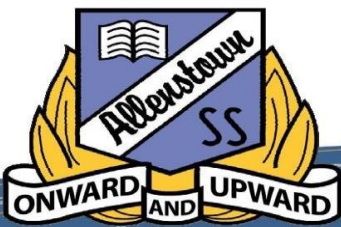
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## Community News



### DENTAL CLINIC

The dental clinic, located at Allenstown State School, will be re-opening shortly. Dental forms will be distributed to every child and should be returned as soon as possible. If your student has not brought a form home, please collect one from the dental clinic or the school office.

Once the forms are processed by oral health administration, parents will be contacted to schedule an appointment. We are looking forward to seeing your beautiful smiles. Thankyou  
Your friendly dental team

### Crescent Lagoon SS Amateur Swim Club

Willis Street, Rockhampton

Sundays September - April

2:30pm – 4:00pm

3years to opens

Email: [cresc\\_crocs@outlook.com](mailto:cresc_crocs@outlook.com)

Find us on Facebook: @crescentlagoonssasc

Get Started Vouchers welcomed

Bring togs, towels, goggles & swim cap

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



If you are interested in receiving \$500 in matched savings, please contact

**Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator**

0408 490 984 or 49248125

Email - [kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au)

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Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
9 Feb	Friday Sport Commences	Various Venues
12 Feb	Book Club Orders due back	Allenstown SS
13 Feb	"My First Year" Prep Photos	Allenstown SS
29 Mar	Last day of Term 1	
10 Aug	School Photos	Allenstown SS

**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 13th of Feb - Tues 27th March

**COST:** New Players \$77.00  
Returning Players \$60.00

**WHAT IS IT?**  
Aussie Hoops is a 7 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?**

- 7 x quality skills sessions with RBI Development Staff
- An Aussie Hoops Player Pack (Including Bag, Basketball, & Reversible Singlet)
- Plus other exciting hand outs

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Register online today by heading to [www.aussiehoops.com.au](http://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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