

6th November 2018

Principal's News

YR 5 OFF AT CAMP

It has finally happened. On Monday morning, 45 eager Year 5 students boarded their bus to head to Fairbairn Dam.

From all reports so far they are thoroughly enjoying themselves (even if they are finding it a bit hot).

Make sure that you check our Facebook page for photos and updates from camp.

YR 6 NEARLY READY TO GO

Next Monday morning it is the turn of our Year 6 students. Parents – please make sure that you have your alarms set as we need to be off right on time (a little early if possible).

TRESPASSING IN THE SCHOOL

We had an unfortunate circumstance on Sunday when five children (three from our school) were reported trespassing in the school swimming pool.

This is going to bring police attention to their families. It is not the kind of behaviour which we want our Allenstown students exhibiting.

Apart from the illegal act of trespassing it was also a very dangerous place for five children to be alone without any adult supervision. Luckily no tragedy occurred in the pool – this time.

The police are going to be keeping a very close eye on our school grounds over the coming weeks and months.

Just to be clear – nobody should be inside our school grounds during out of school hours. The gates are always locked and signs are posted advising people to keep out.

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Lest we forget

REMEMBRANCE DAY

At 11 am on 11th November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare during World War 1. The signing of the armistice occurred on this day at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Allenstown State School will pause for “A Minute of Silence” at 11am on Friday 9th November 2018 to commemorate this historic event. **Red Poppies are available for sale from the office for 50 cents each.**

PREP INFO SESSION

On Saturday (3rd) we had a very successful and engaging 2019 Prep Information Session. Twenty one of our intending Prep students and their families attended.

There were activities for the children (hosted by various school staff or helpers) and chances for parents to both give and receive information. My sincere thanks goes to all the school staff who gave up a Saturday morning to come along (we even had some family members and their friends involved).

It was with sadness that I learned on Monday of one family's car crash on their way to the event. Thankfully all involved were okay – but I believe the car is a little sick

2019 SETTING UP

We are starting to get 'stuck in' to planning classes for the 2019 school year. There are some important considerations that are always used as a factor in forming new classes. These include:

- Gender balance
- Curriculum achievement balance
- Known issues between children who don't mix well together
- Family related issues (e.g. twins that need to be split up or kept together)

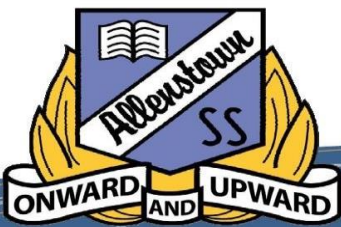
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If you, as a parent, have important information that may need to be considered when classes are being formed you need to contact Mr Lynn or Mrs Finter as soon as possible. Requests for students to be placed with specific teachers will not be taken.

ALLIES DISCO

"Heroes and Villains" DISCO

WHEN: Friday 23 Nov 5.30 to 7.00pm

WHERE: Helen James Performing Arts Centre (Hall)

COST: \$5.00 (incl. drink/chips)

- Tickets will be pre-sold before school outside SEP, B Block Tuesday 20th Nov to Friday 23rd Nov.

WHO: Allies students ONLY

(18+ parents/caregivers of Prep to Year 2 optional)

We know that you will understand that High School students, children from other schools and younger children are not invited.

Always a great idea to bring a named water bottle. Water will be freely available through the event.

As for the last disco parents will be provided with chairs to sit OUTSIDE the hall if they wish to stay on site. Parents are welcome to drop students off at 5.30 and then collect them at 7.00pm.

Parents must enter the school to collect children – no child will be sent to a car.

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. We are already holding enrolment papers for 37 Preppies in 2019. This is very encouraging.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Please make sure that the following dates make it on to your calendar:

- November 12th > 16th – **Year 6 Camp**
- Friday 23rd November – **School Disco** (run by PBL Committee)
- Thursday 29th November – **P&C Christmas Fair and Concert**
- Wednesday 5th December – **High School Orientation morning for Year 6**
- Wednesday 5th December - **Annual Swimming Carnival** (4.00pm start)
- Thursday 6th December – **Year 6 Awards Night**
- Friday 7th December – **Final Parade of Excellence for 2018**
- Wednesday 12th December – Classroom of 2019 visits for all students

PROOF OF BIRTH

Parents enrolling students in a Queensland State School for the first time (usually in Prep) MUST provide proof of birth.

This is best done by bringing a birth certificate or birth extract to the office when lodging enrolment forms.

An enrolment cannot be confirmed or accepted until the proof of birth is provided.

Other News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY

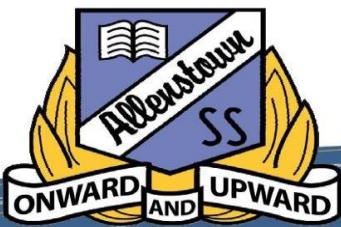
Swimming classes have commenced for Term 4 and unfortunately we have already had some classes unable to swim due to lack of volunteers to help out with classes.

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If you have any spare time, we urgently need your help at the pool.

Swimming regulations regarding adult to child ratio:

- Prep – Year 1 **minimum of five (5)** adult helpers (Helpers are required to hop into the pool)
- Year 2 – 3 **minimum of three (3)** adult helpers (Helpers are required to hop into the pool)
- Years 4 - 6 **minimum of one (1)** adult helpers

The above ratios are a minimum requirement to ensure your child's safety, however **more helpers are encouraged**. If you are able to help with swimming please let your class teacher know.

We are also **looking for volunteers to be on an "ON CALL" list** in case there are not enough Adult Helpers for each class. If you are willing to be "ON CALL" please contact the office. Should a class be short of Adult help, we will have a few people we could contact if you are available at that time. Your time and support is greatly appreciated.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 5th December from 4-6pm at the Allenstown School Pool. More details in future newsletters.

P & C News



P & C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



The P & C will be holding a Christmas Raffle this term. They are looking for donations for the hamper (e.g. Gift Vouchers, Christmas pudding/cake, Scratchies, Christmas Decorations, Toys, Games, Books, Bottles of wine etc. If you are able to make a small donation of any description, we would be most appreciative.

Items can be dropped into Prep B in K Block before and after school from now until Week 7. The Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on Thursday 29th November. Thank you for your support.

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P&C MEETING:

The next meeting of the Allenstown P&C Association will be held, **20th November 2018 at 4.00pm** in the Staffroom. All interested parents and family members are welcome to attend.



Reminders

NO TUCKSHOP ON MONDAYS

Please remember that the **Tuckshop does not open on Mondays**. Some students are still arriving at school on a Monday with no lunch, wanting to order Tuckshop. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch to school every Monday.

Tuckshop is open Tuesday to Friday and orders can be placed online or over the counter.

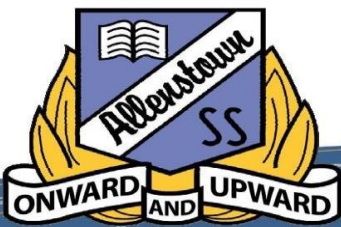
CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Students are continually coming to the office after having a toileting accident and **do not** have a change of underwear or shorts/skorts in their school bags.

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Please ensure your child brings a change of clothing in their bag **every day** should they become wet or soiled due to a toileting accident or during playtimes.



Term 4 - Swimming Timetable

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:45 to 9.45 am	PF	5F	4/5W	6D	
9.45 to 10.45am	PB	6S		5/6L	4T
11.30 to 12.30pm	3L	1/2H	2W	1C	
1.45 to 2.45 pm	P1M	3/4B	3C	2K	

Students 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. Swimming caps are available from the office for \$2.00 each. Correct money would be appreciated as no money is kept on the school premises.

WANTED

2nd Hand Uniforms

If you have any unwanted uniforms or shoes or will at the end of the year we would love them. Please drop them into the office. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY is always a major issue. Please check the following:

- All items are clearly labelled with student's name (it's much easier to return if named)
- Check that the student does not have a hat, lunch box or water bottle that belongs to someone else (please return if they do)
- Where does the student store hat, lunch box etc. at school when not in use
- Does student have a collection of hats etc. at home that could be returned to school

Many items are simply left behind by students at lunch times and they end up in Lost Property. If an item goes missing, please remember to check Lost Property located downstairs in A Block. All Lost Property not collected by the end of the term will be donated to charity.

There is also some watches and reading glasses that have been handed in at the office. If your student is missing any of these items, please come to the office to identify them.

ADVICE OF NON RETURN FOR 2018:

If you have students from Prep to Year 5 who will not be returning to Allenstown in 2019 (for whatever reason) it would be beneficial for us to be advised of this. It means that when classes are planned for next year, we can accurately predict which students are available for which classrooms. You can confidentially advise this information directly to Mr Lynn or Mrs Finter by phoning the office.

Community News



ORIENTATION DAY - ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

DATE: 5 DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 8.40AM FOR 9.00AM START

STUDENTS ARE TO BE COLLECTED AT 2.50PM

What to wear/bring -

- Full school uniform, hat and closed in shoes
- Lunch or Tuckshop money
- Water bottle

A BBQ will be provided at first break.

RSVP: 28 November 2018

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport to and from the school for this day.

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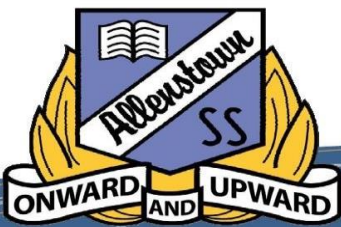
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Hip Hop

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ROCKHAMPTON FOOD BANK

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Address: 15 Reaney Street, North Rockhampton

Hours: Thursday 11.30am to 2.00pm

Friday 9.30am to 2.00pm

Handling Fee: \$50.00 per order

You choose the groceries you like. One grocery item from each of 24 shelves. There is also a choice of meats, fruit and vegetables, breads, dairy and eggs.

For further information call in or contact –
Mal Holmes. Phone 0412 380 511

Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Thurs	Prep Transition 12.30-2.30pm	Allenstown SS
5-9 Nov	Year 5 Camp	Fairbairn Dam
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-Various Venues
20 Nov	End of Year Instrumental Music Concert	Allenstown SS Hall
20 Nov	P & C Meeting 4.00pm	Allenstown Staffroom
23 Nov	School Disco "Heroes & Villains"	Allenstown SS
29 Nov	P & C Fair and Christmas Concert	Allenstown SS
5 Dec	RSHS Orientation	Rton State High School
5 Dec	Swimming Carnival 4-6pm	Allenstown SS Pool
6 Dec	Year 6 Awards Night	Allenstown SS Hall
7 Dec	Parade of Excellence	Allenstown SS Hall
7 Dec	Volunteers Morning Tea (following Parade)	Allenstown SS Hall
12 Dec	Classroom 2019 visits	Allenstown SS
14 Dec	Last day of Term 4 2018	Allenstown SS
29 Jan	First day of Term 1 2019	Allenstown SS

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