

7th August 2018

Principal's News

ATTENDANCE IS POOR:

Our school attendance rate has dropped below 90% across the whole school.

We have a large group of students who have missed more than 18 days of school this year. That represents being absent for more than 15% of school days.

It is important to remember that an absence is still an absence from school even if you provide an explanation for it.

We will be addressing this very serious problem in coming days and weeks. Mrs Finter and I will be making calls to families to see what is keeping our students out of school.

PLEASE - GET YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND ON TIME

DO NOT DENY THEM ACCESS TO THEIR EDUCATION

Teachers commented on many first semester report cards that results could be improved by more regular attendance at school.

MRS CALLAGHAN RETURNING:

Mrs Linda Callaghan is returning to the 1C class from next week (beginning Monday 13th August).

Mrs Callaghan has cancelled the remainder of her leave for 2018 and will be back with the class fulltime.

I sincerely thank Mrs Lanham for her work with the class since Easter and Mrs Shackleton for her work from the beginning of this term.

Mrs Lanham and Mrs Shackleton will return to their usual roles within our school.

ENROLMENT REQUIRES PROOF OF BIRTH:

If you have a child becoming eligible for Prep in 2019 please make sure that you have their birth certificate with you for enrolment.

It is very important that we can verify the date of birth of every new child at school.

Please pass this information on to friends you may have with children heading for Prep.

Not having proof of birth can mean that enrolments cannot be accepted.

NAIDOC PARADE:

On Friday last week (3rd August), we welcomed Aunty Nicky Hatfield and Aunty Sally Vea Vea to our special NAIDOC parade.

The two ladies, Elders of the Darumbal people, spoke to the students about several things:

- The importance of many of the women in their lives – mothers, grandmothers, cousins, sisters, aunts;
- The importance of being kind and respectful to the women / girls in their lives;
- The renaming of some significant local landmarks with traditional names – (e.g. Mt Jim Crow now known as Baga);
- The importance of education and school to all children.

We were also entertained on parade by the Glenmore State High School traditional dance group. With their accompanying didgeridoo player, the group performed several dances while in traditional dress and markings.

Sincere thanks go to the Elders and dancers for their participation on parade.

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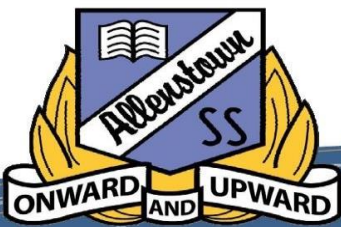
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They capped off a great week of NAIDOC celebrations for our school. Many thanks to Mrs Mel McAllum and Mrs Karin Tanzer, the staff members who took responsibility for organising the many activities and experiences.

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE:

Yesterday (Mon 6th) we had a whole school lockdown drill. We do these during the year so that all students and staff are aware of the procedures if we ever have a real emergency.

Students responded well to yesterday's drill – some seemed to enjoy the three or four minutes they spent under desks behind locked doors and windows.

RUGBY LEAGUE TEAMS IN SEMI-FINALS:

Both our Year 5 and Year 6 rugby league teams have made the semi-finals of the Interschool Sports competition.

The Year 6's finished at the top of the ladder for the 6B comp and our Year 5's qualified third in the 5B comp.

Congratulations to all the players and good luck in your games this week.

Congratulations also to Mr Spyve who has coached the two teams to these positions. He has spent many lunch times on the oval getting our teams organised and skilled in the game.

Deputy Principal's News

2018 School Opinion Survey

School Opinion Surveys will be conducted 30 July to 24 August 2018. All families, school staff and a random sample of students are invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* has been sent home with students. The survey can be

completed via computers, tablets or smart phones with internet connection. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, using a school computer. Please contact the school office on 49300111 to make arrangements for computer access.

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Mrs Finter by contacting the school on 49300 111.

Library News



CBCA Children's Book Week August 20-24, 2018

Book Week Parade:

9 a.m. Wednesday the 22nd August, in the Hall

Theme: "Find your Treasure"

Dress up as a character from a book you treasure. When talking about finding treasure, many people think of pirates! So we might see a few pirates at this year's Book Week Parade.

Please remember it is not a requirement that families go to great expense to create a costume. Please feel free to create a costume using what you already have at home.

Other News



SCHOOL PHOTOS – Friday 10th August 2018

On photo day, **every student will be photographed** regardless of whether you are purchasing or not. Your child should have brought home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully.

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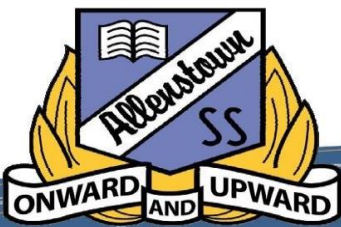
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Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for:

- Separated parents, blended families and grandparents
- Sibling or friends photo (*Sibling photos are only for siblings who all attend the school*)
- Special group (i.e. sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct all your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.

All envelopes are to be given directly to the photographer on the day. Please don't bring them to school earlier than 10th August 2018.



"ALLIES GOT TALENT" AUDITIONS START SOON

Can you sing, dance, use a hula-hoop, play an instrument, do a magic trick, stand-up comedy, cheerleading routine or do something really cool that you would like to show others? You can go solo, in a small group or a whole class.

Then this could be your opportunity to stand on the stage and show off your talent. Auditions will be held in the lunch breaks this Term on Mondays and Wednesdays in weeks 6, 7 & 8, with the Finals held on Wednesday night 19th September 2018.

Watch this space!!!!



FATHER'S DAY STALL

The students at the SEP have once again voted to run a Father's Day Stall. All gifts range in price from \$2 to \$8 and money raised goes towards equipment and other resources for students.

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Students can purchase gifts at each lunch break during the play time from Monday 20 August until Friday 31 August. The stall is set up in the Green Room behind the library.

All items are new, some have been purchased for resale and others have been crafted by friends of the school. If you would like to donate items to the stall they would be gratefully received.

Reminders



NEWSLETTER

The weekly school newsletter can be accessed in various ways.

1. Facebook
2. Allenstown State School website
3. Email
4. Printed copy at the office (to be collected)

Enquiries that are coming into the office indicate that some families are not reading the newsletter each week. To keep up to date with what is happening at Allies, all families are encouraged to access the newsletter by one of the above methods.

If social media does not suit and you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email, please contact the office and have your email address added to the list or call into the office and collect a printed copy each week to avoid students being disappointed by missing out on events.

MEDICATION – Please ensure that students who require Asthma puffers have them either in their school bags each day or kept at the office.

The school requires a Medication form to be completed by a parent/carer if any medication is to be taken by students during school hours even if they can administer the medication by themselves. Forms are available from the office.

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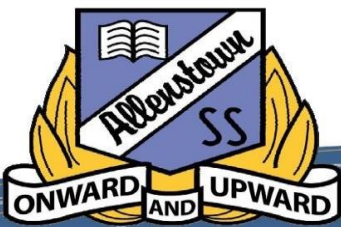
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ABSENCE NOTIFICATION – The school sends SMS text messages to families who have a student absent due to an Unexplained Absence.

Please advise why your child is absent from school by replying to the SMS, by phone or through the QParents App so absence records can be updated. It also enables parents, who may not be aware that their child is absent, to take action.

If a student arrives to school after the second bell in the morning, they are required to come to the office to get a late slip as the classroom roll will have already been marked.

If the student is not sitting in the classroom at the time the roll is marked then they are recorded as absent. By obtaining a late slip, this updates the roll and should prevent the family from receiving an SMS for an unexplained absence.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

The school is still experiencing problems when trying to contact some parents/carers due to incorrect details when your child is 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. Please contact the office and let us know if you have changed any of the following:

- Home or Mobile Phone Number
- Address
- Emergency Contacts
- Work Place

Feel free to contact the office to check who is on your Emergency Contacts list. Up to date details are vital in an emergency.

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 May-24 Aug	Premier's Reading Challenge	Allenstown SS/Home
30 Jul to 24 Aug	Parent Opinion Survey	Allenstown SS
10 Aug	NO PARADE	Allenstown SS Hall
10 Aug	School Photos	Allenstown SS
20-24 Aug 22 Aug	Book Week Book Week Parade	Allenstown SS Allenstown SS Hall
14 Aug	ICAS – Maths Comp	Allenstown SS
22-23 Aug	Combined Schools Concert Workshop	Allenstown SS
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
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-Various Venues

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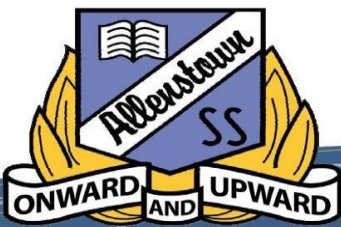
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Where: **Emu Park Surf Life Saving Club**
When: **Sunday 2nd September 2018 & Sunday 16th September 2018**
09:00 to 11:00
Who: **Nippers DoB** between 1 October 2004 and 30 September 2013
Bring: **Identification** – birth certificate and driver license
Togs, towel, goggles, sunscreen for pool evaluation swim
Cost: **Family membership - \$220**
Stinger suits, hi-vis rashies, nipper caps, togs, t-shirts on sale
Season start: **Sunday 7th October 2018 at 09:00**
Come and try: **Sunday 7th Oct, 14th Oct, 21st Oct**
Contact: **Kurt Goodwin** – IAC@emuparkslsc.com.au – 0409792372

ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM

Denison Street Rockhampton
(Between Archer and Cambridge Streets)



SUNDAY 26th August 2018, 9am to 1pm
Ride on the world's only Purrey Steam Tram (operates 10am to 1pm) heritage railway carriages, steam & diesel engine, rail memorabilia, exhibits, live music, market stalls, vintage/Ford/classic cars, lots more.
Food on sale!

Adults \$2 (14yrs+), Under 14 FREE
Purrey Steam Tram Rides \$2.50

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