



# NEWSLETTER

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8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Principals Report

### BACK ON DECK:

Finally I am able to return to Allentown full time and with no commitments to other schools or conferences. I am looking forward to progressing our work at Allentown over the coming days and weeks left in first term.

I thank everyone for their patience and support during my interrupted start to 2017. Thankfully with the support of a tremendous staff most people have not even really noticed my absences.

### PROOF OF AGE:

We have a number of students in our school for whom we have not sighted proof of identity. This is an important legal part of the enrolment process and is usually done for children with a birth certificate

We sent letters to the families concerned just recently. We still have a number of students for whom we need to check their proof of identity.

If you do not have a birth certificate you can provide us with (we just need to look, not keep) one of the following:

- Centrelink card
- Medicare card
- Health care card

Please make this a matter that you attend to as soon as possible.

### PARENTS APPROACHING STUDENTS:

It is never okay for a parent to approach a student who is not their own child within a school ground to chastise or berate that child.

All concerns about the behaviour of students needs to be raised with a school staff member and left to them to deal with the issue.

Principals have the authority to issue notices to parents banning them from school grounds if these conditions

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are broken. This is a legal authority and will be backed up by the police and courts of law.

Please do not get involved in any playground issues – report them to a staff member as soon as possible.

### KEEP US UPDATED:

Once again – a reminder to make sure that we have the latest details for your family regarding contact numbers, address, emergency contacts, etc.

When students are 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.

### STUDENT LEADERS:

Our student leaders for 2017 have now been inducted in a ceremony on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Congratulations go to all the students (shown below) on their selection for these positions.

<b>School Captain</b>	Connor Campbell	
<b>Senior Leaders</b>	Matthew Bach Melissa Carrington Royce Schibrowski	
<b>House Captains</b>	<i>Cook</i>	Jackson Leyden
	<i>Flinders</i>	Thomas Gleeson
	<i>Oxley</i>	Joshua Walsh
	<i>Phillip</i>	Isaiah Jackson

These students now have to 'live up' to their positions – by providing positive examples of behaviour and leadership to the rest of the school.

I will be working with these students to help them better understand their place within the school this year and the expectations we have for them.

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## STUDENT BEHAVIOUR:

I have noticed a disturbing trend at Allies over the last term or so. That trend is for students to get involved in matters that are not their concern – often making things worse by calling out encouragement to others to fight or get some type of revenge.

I will be talking about this regularly with students over the rest of the year. My message will be simple – mind your own business and do not encourage others to fight or be abusive. The message will be backed up with referrals for students who are caught actively engaging in this type of behaviour.

It is too often that our students see these examples in the real world (at NRL games for example) and we need to help them see that encouraging violence and abuse is wrong.

## TERM FINISH IS NEAR:

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March is the last day of this school term. Students are expected to be in attendance up until the last day.

This year, the Easter part of the holiday is at the end of the school break – 14<sup>th</sup> April is Good Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April is Easter Sunday and 17<sup>th</sup> April is Easter Monday (not a school day). Students (and staff) restart school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR 4 LEARNING

Always Respectful  
"Say NO to Bullying"

## Other News

### JOLLY GRAMMAR – 2 & 3

Capricorn Education Resource Centre now has 'The Jolly Grammar' – 2 & 3 in stock. They are open Tuesday to Friday 3pm to 5pm.

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club – Issue 2 orders are due no later than Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

## ANZAC PARADE

The Anzac Parade will be held in the hall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from 8.45am. Regular Friday Parade will also be held on this week.



## SAME DAY STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Queensland State Schools are to advise parents/carers when their child is absent without explanation as soon as practicable on that day, allowing time for parents/carers to respond before the end of the school day. SMS messages have been introduced because:

- The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the department.
- This requirement reflects community expectations.
- 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.

If your child is absent and you receive an SMS please reply ASAP so absence details can be updated on the class roll and the school and the Primary Carer have been made aware of the absence.

## THANK YOU FROM 2B

Mrs Kelly Pearson and 2B would like to thank the P & C for the new fridgerator in their classroom. It is very much appreciated.



## ALLIES TUCKATERIA NEWS

Krispy Kreme Donuts – Just a reminder that Krispy Kreme Donut orders are due in by 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the latest to the tuckshop. Delivery date is 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

## TUCKSHOP AGM

The Tuckshop AGM will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 2pm in the School Staffroom. Tuckshop always needs more volunteers so even an hour of your time would be most appreciated.

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## P & C - AGM

The P & C AGM is on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 5.30pm in the School Staffroom. All positions will be vacant. Please consider nominating for any of the positions available or just becoming a P & C member. Everyone is most welcome.

## SWIMMING TIMETABLE – Term 1:

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
8:45 – 9:15am		56B	4B		
9:15 – 9:45am					
9:45 – 10:15am		4A	5A	45C	
10:15 – 10:45am					
10:45 – 11:30am	FIRST BREAK				
11:30 – 12:00pm	P1C	1A	234C	3A	
12:00 – 12:30pm					
12:30 – 1:00pm					
1:00 – 1:30pm	SECOND BREAK				
1:45 – 2:45pm	12B	3B	6A	2A	

**Adult helpers urgently needed.** While we are fortunate to have a school pool, we rely heavily on volunteers to be able to run swimming in Terms 1 & 4 each year.

We appreciate the time given by our helpers to make sure that student / adult ratios are met but sometimes classes miss out due to not enough Adult Helpers available.

On these hot days, what better way to cool off and help students to learn life skills? Swimming Caps are available from the office for \$2.00 each.



## LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure your child is bringing home the correct lunch box, water bottle and school hat. Many of these items go missing during the school day. If your child has lost an item, please check Lost Property situated downstairs in A Block. If each item is named, it makes it much easier to find its owner

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Tue	Tuckshop 3-4pm	Hall – for AFL & Soccer Clinics
Every Thur	Playgroup 8.45am-10.45am	Allentown Hall
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tuckshop AGM  2.00pm	Allentown SS  Staffroom
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Book Club Issue 2 Orders Due	Allentown SS
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Krispy Kreme Orders Due Delivery	Tuckshop
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	P & C AGM 5.30pm	Allentown SS Staffroom
24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Anzac Parade 8.45am – 9.15am	Allentown SS
22-25 May	Book Fair	Allentown SS Library

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### DENTAL CLINIC NEWS

The Dental Clinic has reopened at Allenstown School and parents are encouraged to take advantage of this cost free service and encourage their children to form healthy dental habits.

For any enquiries please phone 49222673.



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)

## KNOW FOR SURE

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT



### FREE SEAT CHECK

8am - 12pm Sun 26th March '17

55 Kingfisher Parade  
Norman Gardens

Bookings Essential: 0437 412 676  
[AbsoluteBaby.au@gmail.com](mailto:AbsoluteBaby.au@gmail.com)

**ABSOLUTE** Baby

Proper child car restraint safety can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71%.



Absolute Baby is helping parents know for sure if your child is in the right car seat and offering a FREE car seat check day - strictly by appointment only - on Sunday 26th March 2017 in Rockhampton.

If parents can't attend the free check day and have any questions or would like some guidance on what restraint to buy or use, the contact details are above.

"I am an Australian Child Restraint Resource Initiative (ACRI) trained safety advocate and have over four years' experience in installing and fitting child car restraints" - Rebecca Christiansen (ACRI Professional Member)



### RESOLVE: A POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP FOR SURVIVORS

Tap into your strengths and release your creative energy for healing

Designed for survivors of domestic violence and led by local author and poet Mark Svendsen, this workshop is free and designed to help participants use the art of poetry to promote healing through words

\* No experience necessary

\* Bring paper and pens/pencils

Monday 29 May 2017

12noon - 3.00pm

Fitzroy Room, Rockhampton Regional Library

230 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton

BOOKINGS: Phone 49368 043

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### MUSIC OF THE WORLD

Saturday 25 March | 10am - 12pm

Learn about music from other cultures and countries at the free 'Music of the World' event at the Rockhampton Regional Library. Join in music, song and dance to celebrate Harmony Day on Saturday 25 March from 10am - 12pm. Musicians from associations and the community are invited to showcase a song or instrument at the event where 'everyone belongs'. Email [libraries@rrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:libraries@rrc.qld.gov.au) or call 4936 8043 for more information or to register to participate on the day.

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