

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

NAPLAN TESTING FOR YEARS 3 & 5:

Next week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our Year 3 and 5 students will sit for the annual NAPLAN tests.

These tests, in the areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy are held every year for every student in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across every school in Australia.

Our Year 3 & 5 students will be completing their tests in the first session of each of the 3 test days. **It is really important that students are at school and on time during these testing days.**

If you have any concerns regarding your child's participation please contact your child's teacher, Mr Spyve or myself as soon as possible to discuss the matter.

A BLOCK PROGRESS:

You may have noticed that the work on the roof of A Block is getting close to finished. The builders expect to complete the fleche (belltower, as we commonly know it) by the end of this week.

All the work on the toilets is now complete and so is all the new flooring and the paintwork that was being done.

The newly refurbished doors for the lower entrances should be re-hung this week. The new operable walls in the upstairs classrooms were installed last Friday.

The cleaners are due in shortly to get things ready for our transition back into the block.

BEEF WEEK EXCURSION:

A final note will be sent home tomorrow (Wednesday 9th May) with the details of the excursion once again.

We have been unable to get anything finalised yet due to the slow trickle of permission notes coming back to school. Once we have final numbers of students and adults we can provide definite advice about space on buses for volunteers.

DONATIONS PLEASE:

We are seeking donations of the items listed below to keep our breakfast club going. Chappy and the SEP staff are now preparing a simple breakfast every school day and this is putting some pressure on our supplies.

Please consider donations of:

- Bread (all for toasting)
- Margarine
- Vegemite
- Jam

These items can be left at the office or tuckshop. Please note that due to allergy considerations we cannot use peanut butter.



GET BEHIND THE FOOTY RAFFLE PLEASE!!!

We have a school family who have very generously donated all the prizes for the current P&C raffle.

All profits from this raffle go directly to the students at our school, with the primary goal of the P and C for 2018 to upgrade all playground equipment.

First prize is very valuable – tickets to the 3rd state of origin game in Brisbane, with accommodation and other extras included.

Please consider grabbing a book of tickets from the office and trying to sell them – at your workplace; to footy mad relatives and friends; to anyone you know who likes to 'have a go'. Please, please help us to get full value following such a generous donation from one of our highly supportive families.

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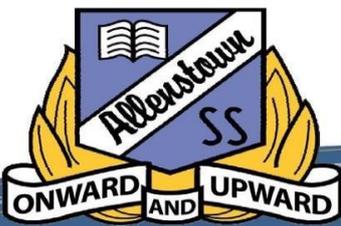
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OLD UNIFORMS PLEASE!!

We would very much appreciate receiving donations of any unused school uniforms. If you have any shirts, shorts, skirts or shoes that are still useable but no longer fit your child please consider sending them along to the office.

We have had a significant claim on our clothing pool this year and some 'top up' donations would be very handy.

Library News



Allenstown State School Library Book Fair

Monday 21st May

PREVIEW ONLY during the school day; classes timetabled to visit. Students will bring home a Wish List of books they'd like to buy.

Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th May

Book purchases during school day – classes timetabled to visit. Purchases may be made after school until 3pm.

The Book Fair will be CLOSED after 3pm on the Thursday. There will be no access Friday.



Wednesday 23rd May at 11 a.m. come along to the school library and be a part of the National Simultaneous Storytime! Come ready to sing some other nursery rhymes, too!



MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

Mother's Day is nearly here and if your child is looking for a gift for that special person in their life the Mother's Day Stall will be open at school in B Block every lunch break. Gifts are reasonably priced so students can come and have a look to find that something special.

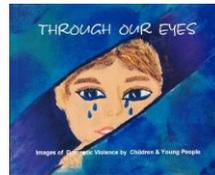


MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Allenstown State School P & C are hosting a Mother's Day Brunch. Details are below:

- Saturday 12th May 2018
- 9.30am to 11.30am
- Allenstown State School Hall
- \$5.00 entry fee
- Fashion Parade, Raffles, Lucky Door Prize
- RSVP to the Tuckshop by 9th May 2018

Come along and join in the fun.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is an annual event held each May to raise community awareness of the social and personal impacts of domestic and family violence and the support available to those affected. The key aims of the month are to:

- raise community awareness of domestic and family violence and its impacts;
- promote a clear message of no tolerance of domestic and family violence in Queensland communities;
- ensure those who are experiencing domestic and family violence know how to access help and support;
- encourage people who use abuse and/or violence to take responsibility for their abusive behaviour and seek support to change

For more details go to:

<http://www.domesticviolence.com.au>

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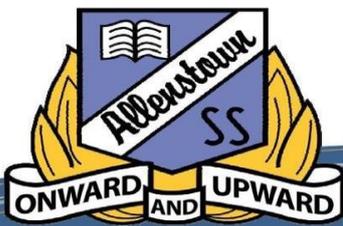
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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2018

Dear parents and guardians

I am delighted to invite all Allenstown State School students to join in the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge. By participating in the Challenge, students will also qualify to move to their next Reading Ninja level in our school's Reading Ninja program.

Reading plays an important part in students' lives during their school years and beyond. It allows children to actively engage their imagination and opens up a world of educational opportunities.

Last year, an outstanding 156,000 students from 850 schools took part in the challenge reading a total of 2.19 million books. The reading period for the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge commences on Monday 14 May and closes Friday 24 August.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2018 challenge is to engage more students than ever before.

Students who have any questions about participating in this year's challenge can talk to their class teacher or to Mrs Gill, our school's Premier's Reading Challenge coordinator.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. Students who participate but don't complete the challenge receive a Certificate of Participation from the school. It will be my great pleasure to present these certificates during the Premier's Reading Challenge celebration weeks to be held 5 – 16 November 2018. For more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, please visit:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/>

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You can play a big part in your children's future by encouraging them to be part of this positive initiative. I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible embrace the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Mr Gary Lynn

Principal: Allenstown State School

REMINDERS:

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 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.

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. Some students are still being sent to the office as they do not have a change of clothing.

SCHOOL CAMPS

Year 5 Camp deposit of \$50 due by Friday 12th May. Regular part payment is encouraged with the final payment due by Monday 29th October.

Year 6 Camp payment of \$200 due by Friday 29th June and the balance needs to be finalised by 21st September. Regular part payment is encouraged.

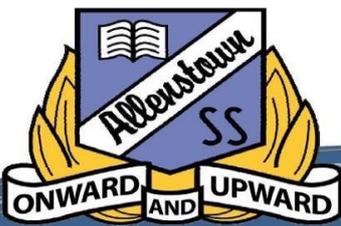
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NO CASH KEPT ON PREMISES

Please note that no cash is kept on the school premises so correct money would be greatly appreciated when paying for excursions etc. It can be difficult to find change if larger notes are tendered.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses.....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's.....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/She is only missing just.....	That equals.....	Which is.....	& over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	nearly 1½ weeks per year	nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1hr 40mins per week	over 2 ½ weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	over 2½ years

Every Day Counts

If you want your child to be successful at school then **YES, attendance does matter!**

Other News



DENTAL CLINIC

The dental clinic at Allenstown State School is open from Monday to Thursday each week. All enquiries - Phone 49 222 673



everyone's family

If you are interested in receiving \$500 in matched savings to buy Education items for your children, please contact Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator 0408 490 984 or 49248125 Email - kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Play Group 8.45-10.45am	I Block Allenstown SS
6-12 May	Beef Week	Rton Show Grounds
12 May	Mother's Day Brunch	Allenstown SS Hall
12 May	Year 5 Camp \$50 Deposit Due	Allenstown SS
15-17 May	NAPLAN	Allenstown SS
18 May	School Disco	Allenstown SS
21 May	Rton Eisteddfod-Chamber Group	Pilbeam Theatre
14 Jun	Rton Show Holiday	Public Holiday
22 Jun	State of Origin Raffle drawn	Allenstown SS
27 Jun	Reports Cards sent home	Allenstown SS
29 Jun	Year 6 Camp \$200 payment due	Allenstown SS
10 Aug	School Photos	Allenstown SS
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	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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