

9 August 2017

Principals Report

2017 SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY:

It is time for the annual school opinion survey process to take place. In this survey, students, parents and staff all get to answer a variety of questions about the operation of Allenstown State School.

Staff and students (from Years 5 & 6) will complete an online survey at school.

The parent survey is supplied to all families with this newsletter. The survey letter gives you instructions on how to access and complete the online survey. Responses are completely confidential.

These surveys are an important part of our feedback process and help us to plan for future years at Allies.

Please take the time to go online and complete the survey. If you wish to access one of our school computers to do this you are welcome to come to the school office between 8.45 > 9.15am or 2.15 > 2.45pm on any school day. We will arrange for you to sit and complete the survey at a computer in the admin block.

ALLIES GOT TALENT:

Chappy Sam has started advertising 'Allies Got Talent' for 2017. This is an opportunity for our students to showcase their talents for the whole school community.

Check our Facebook page or this newsletter for further details.

NAPLAN RESULTS:

By now you have probably heard talk in the media about NAPLAN results.

At the school we have received some of the reports and results; however, individual students printed reports are not yet available.

At Allies we have received some good news about the emerging results in our priority school area of reading.

The highlights of our schools accumulated results this year include:

- 90% of Allies Year 3 students achieved national minimum standards in reading
- 26% of Allies Year 5 students achieved in the top 2 bands of reading
- Indigenous Yr 3 students at Allies achieved significantly better than Year 3's across Central Qld and the whole state in reading
- Both Yr 3 and Yr 5 students from Allies showed improved results against similar schools in reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy in 2017

While these results are pleasing we still have much work to do with our students to achieve even better results when compared to state and national achievement levels. As soon as the individual student reports are received they will be sent home.

P&C MEETING:

The next meeting of our P&C Association will be held next Tuesday (15th August) at 5.30pm in the admin block staffroom.

All parents are welcome to attend and take part in an important school activity.

Agenda items will include:

- Annual asbestos training for P&C's;
- Possible water options for our school oval;
- The 'dressing up' of our old container on the oval as part of a refurbishment program;
- Possible fundraising ventures for the rest of 2017.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERTS:

Next week Allies hosts the annual concerts for the Southside Schools Instrumental Music students. Students from a range of Southside schools will come together over two days (bands on Wednesday and strings players on Thursday) to learn and practice.

Students will then present a number of items in their evening concerts. If your child is an Instrumental Music student they should have already brought home details of the requirements of the days.

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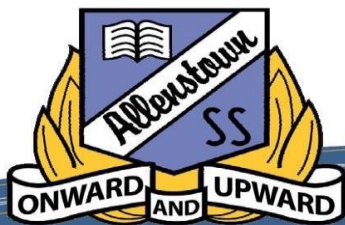
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PARADE BACK TO NORMAL:

This Friday we will re-commence our normal school parade structure.

Parents are welcome to attend and see the students who are rewarded for their efforts in behaviour and other school activities.

It also gives you the opportunity to hear the important messages that students are receiving about events at school.

Library News

READING NINJAS

A reminder that **Reading Ninja Reading Records** need to be completed by parents/carers each night and when finished shown to Mrs Gill in the Library. Once each stage is achieved, students will receive their Ninja dollars. They can then take advantage of the 'pop up shop', which open each Thursday, second break. If you have any questions about this scheme, or if your child requires a new reading record sheet, please see Mrs Gill in the Library. **Please note: the rule of ONE book title or chapter per date remains the same.**

BOOK WEEK 19 - 26 August



This year's theme is 'Escape to Everywhere'. We will have a Children's Book Week Parade at 9 a.m. in the Helen James Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday the 23rd of August.

RED GUM BOOK CLUB

Every order earns resources and books for our school. Orders over \$50 receive a FREE Australian Geographic poster.

The catalogue closed on 8th August but ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school week commencing **20th August**. If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au

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Our school chaplain really does make a difference!!

Help Keep Chappie Sam in our School

If your child has been helped by Chappie Sam you will know that her presence in our school is vital to keep 'at risk' students safe. Support the Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee to raise funds to keep our chaplain in our school.

As the National funding only covers 65% of Chappie's wages, you can help us find the difference. Our next major fundraiser is an Auction on 18 August at Rockhampton High School Hall. Please come and start your Christmas shopping or donate an item to be auctioned.

You will also hear what **chaplains** are doing to **assist our young people** in schools around the region.



Get together a **table** and invite your friends for some fun, or for a bit of competitive bidding!!

EVENT: Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee Auction

DATE: Friday, 18th August 2017

TIME: 6:30pm – 10:00pm

COST: \$5 per person (Under 5's are free)

VENUE: Rockhampton High School Assembly Hall, Campbell Street, Rockhampton

The evening will commence at **6:30pm** with **hot finger foods + dessert**, followed by the **Auction**.

All monies raised and any donations given will be used to assist chaplains supporting young people across Rockhampton and surrounding districts.

For further details:

Phone: Lindy-lou Brown

principal@thehallss.eq.edu.au

"Bringing HOPE to a young generation"



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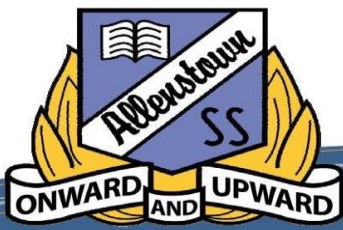
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Sports Draw

Friday 11 August

RUGBY LEAGUE – Semi Finals

Year 5 v Crescent Lagoon @ Allenstown SS 1.00pm

HOCKEY

Allies 1 v St Mary's 3 @ Kalka Shades (Grass 8) 1.00pm

Allies 2 v St Mary's 4 @ Kalka Shades (Grass 7) 1.20pm

Allies 1 v Frenchville 4 @ Kalka Shades (Grass 1) 1.40pm

Allies 2 v Frenchville 5 @ Kalka Shades (Grass 1) 2.00pm

NETBALL

Senior B v The Hall @ Jardine Park (Court 1) 12.30pm

Senior D v Waraburra @ Jardine Park (Court 6) 1.10pm

Bus 1: Jardine Park (netball) & Kalka Shades (hockey)

Other News

DISABLED PARKING ZONES

The Disabled Parking Zones around the school are still being used as "Drop Off and Pick Up Zones".

PLEASE DON'T USE THESE ZONES unless displaying the correct permit on your vehicle. There are some parents and students who need these parking zones so please show consideration for them. Police can issue fines to anyone who use these zones illegally.



ALLIES GOT TALENT

This year we are bringing back Allies Got Talent. The auditions will take place in week 6 & 7 of this term with the Finals taking place on Wednesday 6th September.

If your child can sing, dance, use a hula-hoop, play an instrument, do a magic trick, stand-up comedy, cheerleading routine or do something really cool, please encourage them to audition. They can work solo or in a group.

As part of the Finals Night we will be holding a BBQ, drawing a major prize raffle and showcasing our school (each class to provide something to display from their class) in the School Hall.

Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Monday	Step into Prep 9-11am	Prep Building
Every Thursday	Prep Transition 12-2.30pm	Prep Building
Every Thursday	Playgroup 8.45am -10.45am	Allenstown SS Hall
15 Aug	ICAS – Mathematics Competition	Allenstown SS
15 Aug	P & C Meeting 5.30pm	Allenstown Staffroom
16 Aug	Combined Schools Instrumental Music Band	7.30pm-9.00pm
17 Aug	Combined Schools Instrumental Music Strings	7.30pm-9.00pm
18 Aug	R'ton Chaplaincy Committee Auction	R'ton State High School Assembly Hall
20 Aug	Red Gum Orders Arrive	Allenstown SS
19-26 Aug	Book Week	Allenstown SS
23 August	Book Week Parade 9am	Allenstown SS Hall
6 Aug	Allies Got Talent Finals	Allenstown SS Hall
6 -10 November	Year 5 School Camp (approx. \$310)	Balance by 27/10/17
13 -17 November	Year 6 School Camp (approx. \$450)	Balance by 15/09/17

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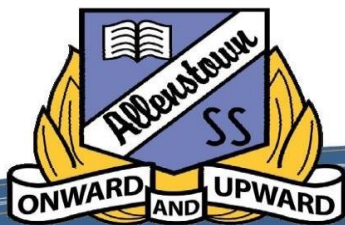
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The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back for 2017. Now anyone can help schools earn amazing equipment by shopping at Woolworths from the 26th July 2017.

Incredibly, last time over 16,000 schools and early learning centres participated in Earn & Learn, and earned nearly 450,000 pieces of individual equipment.

It's easy for your kids, parents, grandparents, staff, neighbours, and friends - absolutely anyone - **to help Allenstown State School** earn amazing resources.

Collect stickers when you shop and place them in the box at Woolworths Allenstown or at the school tuckshop. Collect them on the provided sheets or just drop the stickers straight into the box.

The competition runs until the end of term but it's important for us to have them by the last day so that they can be tallied and sent. With the help of families and friends we are once again hoping to make this a great fundraising event.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Omar Clark who placed 1st in the 800 metre race at the Rockhampton District Trials recently and is now trying out for the Capricornia Trials. Good luck Omar.

Also a big congratulations to the Allies team of Mrs Elson, Mr Fallon and Miss Haynes who completed the Yeppoon Triathlon on the weekend.



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ALLIES TUCKATERIA NEWS

TUCKSHOP IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY

The school tuckshop opens from Tuesday to Friday. Remember to pack a lunch for your child on Monday.



LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure your child is bringing home the correct lunch box, water bottle, school hat and coat. 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.

There is also a collection of small items at the office such as jewellery, toys, mobile phones etc. If your child is missing any of these items please check at the office.

P & C News

NEED A HOLIDAY?

P & C will be conducting a fundraising raffle from 4th August 2017.

1st Prize – 5 nights accommodation for 2 adults and 2 children from a selection of 1st class Rydges Hotels & Resorts throughout Australia and New Zealand.

2nd Prize – iPod Shuffle 2GB

All monies raised will benefit the students and help in maintaining special projects at the school. Raffle tickets will be sent home this week. A letter from the P & C was sent home on Monday with all the details.

If parents/caregivers require any more books of raffle tickets, they are available from the tuckshop. Students are only permitted to bring home books of 5 tickets but if parents/caregivers require larger books they will need to collect them from the tuckshop themselves. Books of 20 are available if needed.

Please return all raffle tickets and money to the tuckshop. Thank you in advance for supporting our major fundraiser for the year.

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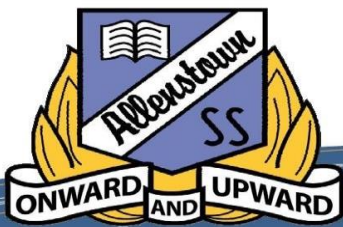
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Community News



DENTAL CLINIC NEWS

The Dental Clinic is open 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.



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



SIGN ON DAY

Join a lifestyle | lifesavingpathways.com.au

When: Sunday 27th August 2017 &
Sunday 3rd September 2017

Time: 9:00am to 11:00am

Who: Nippers DoB between 1 October 2003 and 30 September 2012

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 24th September 2017 at 09:00

Come and try: Sunday 24th Sep, 1st Oct, 8th Oct

Contact: Kurt Goodwin – JAC@emuparkslsc.com.au – 0409792372

EARLY YEARS SERVICES EXPO

Find out more about the services that are available in the community to support your little ones as they prepare for school, and in their early years of schooling.

DATE: Thursday the 31st of August, 2017
TIME: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
VENUE: Helen James Performing Arts Centre, Allenstown State School, Caroline Street, Allenstown

- ❖ FREE sausage sizzle for first 50 attendees
- ❖ CHANCE to WIN a PICTURE BOOK PACK
- ❖ FREE Jumping Castle for children under 8 years of age

Services attending include: Rockhampton Regional Council services, National Disability Insurance Agency, Oral Health, Australian Hearing, Autism Qld, Umbrella Network, The Smith Family, CQU Health Clinic, Bidgerdli, Darumbul Community Youth Service, Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists, Psychologists, Rockhampton Multicultural Playgroup, Playgroup Qld and more! All in one place and ready to answer your questions!
[Please note that inclusion of non-Government services in this Expo does not imply a recommendation from Education Qld. This Expo is for information sharing purposes only.]



MATER HOSPITAL presents "TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC 2017"

Roll up, roll up: 10th SEPTEMBER, 9:30am-2pm
Banyan Picnic area, Botanical Gardens
Come dressed in your favourite circus character

Live music, craft, games, bear hunt, Big TED, Teddy Hospital, food, Prizes

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