



NEWSLETTER

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9th October 2018

Principal's News

WELCOME MRS JOB TO 1C

Mrs Christina Job has commenced work with the 1C class. She will be with the class for the whole term while Mrs Callaghan is on some extended sick leave.

Please welcome Mrs Job as you see her around the school.

HOLIDAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS:

Over the Spring Vacation we had several works projects completed around the school.

These included:

- The repainting of the 'green room' in the centre of the school. This building now shows the lovely blue colours from our school uniform.
- The renovation of the toilets in the Prep B side of the Prep Block. There are now 'odour free' toilets in a much lighter and nicer environment than there used to be.
- The resurfacing of our swimming pool. The old, wrinkled liner has been removed and a new spray on rubberised coating has been applied in what should be a leak free and low maintenance surface.

SWIMMING SEASON:

Our fourth term swimming season will commence next week – we are just not sure yet which day we will be able to get into the water.

The new rubberised coating was only finished on Monday (8th Oct) and needs to be left without water for a week.

Fred, our hard working schools officer, will then have to fill the pool (this takes about 15 – 20 hours) and then get the salt levels 'right'. We will keep you in touch with how things are going with the pool via our Facebook page.

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ATTENDANCE AWARDS FOR TERM 3

I will be re-announcing the Attendance Awards for Term 3 on parade this week. This follows a mistake (made by me) where the incorrect data set was used to calculate the awards.

I announced the awards as being for very high or 100% attendance for Term 3. However, I had based the award calculations on data for the whole year up to the end of Term 3.

Therefore, I have many, many more student's names to call out this Friday for either very high or 100% attendance – within Term three.

Please accept my apologies for the error – it pays to check your work.



YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 CAMPS:

These annual camps are coming up very quickly now that we have started our last term.

Year 5's head off to Fairbairn Dam from November 5th > 9th (week five).

Year 6's are travelling to Brisbane from November 12th > 16th (week 6).

Staff attending Year 5 camp will be: Mrs Finter; Mr Fallon and Chappy Sam (cook).

Staff attending Year 6 camp will be: Mrs Bishop; Mrs Smith and Mr Lynn.

Families who have not fully paid for camp need to do so urgently. We have to supply final numbers to camp venues prior to the actual camp dates and we need to be accurate with our numbers.

Please contact us as soon as possible to finalise these payments.

PARADE – Friday 8.45am Helen James Performing Arts Centre

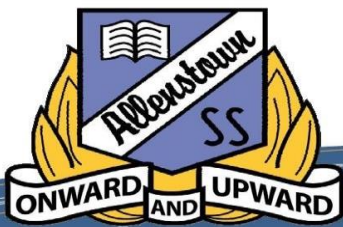
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TRIAL OF NAPLAN ONLINE:

Next week we will have a couple of our Year 5 classes taking part in a state-wide trial of NAPLAN online.

This will give us a good picture of our ability to participate in NAPLAN when it goes fully online across Australia in 2020.

The students will participate using both iPads and workstations to allow us to gauge whether there is any difference in working in either environment. As this is a trial there will not be any formal reporting of results to the families of students who participate.

P&C MEETING:

The next meeting of the Allenstown P&C Association will be held on Tuesday 16th October (next week).

All interested parents and family members are welcome to attend. The meeting will have the following as some of its agenda items:

- Christmas Concert and Fair
- Final review / report on Colour Run fundraiser
- Other issues that are raised at the meeting

Other News

ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

SHOWTIME

When: Friday 26th & Saturday 27th October

Time: 6.30pm

Where: R'ton State High School Performing Arts Complex

Cost: \$10.00 (Tickets must be presented upon entry)

Tickets are available from the Rockhampton State High School office.

A variety of musicals presented through dance, drama, song and music featuring students from –

- Rockhampton State High School
- Bajool State School
- Stanwell State School
- Allenstown State School

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Reminders

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 22nd October is a Student Free Day.

Students do not attend school on this day. Staff will be participating in professional development. Please keep your student home on this day or make alternate care arrangements as no supervision will be available at school.

YEAR 5 CAMP

Year 5 Camp is on 5th – 9th November. Please ensure final payments are made to the office by 29th October to ensure your student's place on camp.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Year 6 Camp is on 12th - 16th November. Please ensure final payments are made to the office by 19th October to ensure your student's place on camp.

There is an information session for parents on 10th October at 7.00pm in the Library.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:

We are now taking all enrolments from Prep to Year 6 for 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.

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.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their school bag every day in case of toileting accidents or clothing getting wet or soiled at playtimes. The school is still having to contact many parents due to not having spare clothing or underwear.

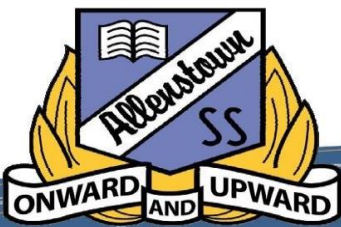
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KEEP US UPDATED:

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.



DENTAL CLINIC

The Dental Clinic is currently closed at Allenstown State School but will reopen on Tuesday 16th October. The clinic can be contacted on Ph. 0749 222 673.

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.

Community News



ROCKHAMPTON FOOD BANK

(Hands of Compassion World Aid Inc.)

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.



everyone's family

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

For more information contact:

0408 490 984 or 1300 610 355

Email - kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

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) |
| 10 Oct | Year 6 Camp Information Night 7pm | Allenstown SS Library |
| 16 Oct | P & C Meeting 4pm | Allenstown Staffroom |
| 19 Oct | Year 6 Camp Final Payment Due | Allenstown SS |
| 22 Oct | Student Free Day | 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 |
| 14 Dec | Last day of Term 4 2018 | Allenstown SS |
| 29 Jan | First day of Term 1 2019 | Allenstown SS |

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