



NEWSLETTER

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2nd November 2016

Principal's Report

GREAT REVIEW RESULT FOR ALLIES:

Last Wednesday we had a review by two senior people from DET (Department of Education and Training) from Brisbane. They were reviewing the school improvement plan that has been in place since September 2015.

The reviewers spent some time listening to the school leaders outline the improvement agenda work that has been completed during the past year. They then visited classrooms and the playground speaking with staff members and students to verify what they had heard.

The reviewers spoke very positively of the work that has been achieved in the areas of reading instruction, student behaviour and school leadership. They were also very pleased with the future plans for improvements at Allies that were detailed to them.

The review has confirmed the success of all the hard work done this year by the school staff and leadership team and gives us confidence that we are 'on track' to continue to improve the Allies brand.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROCESS STARTED:

The current Year 5 students have been given details of how they can attempt to gain a student leadership position for 2017.

With our cohort for next year being relatively small (only 40 students) it is likely that we will be operating with a reduced number of student leader positions. The group have been told that we will be selecting school captains, senior leaders (prefects) and sports captains.

It is possible that in 2017 we may have only one school captain or that we may have either two male or two female captains if suitable applicants are not available. If you have a Year 5 student interested in this process

please discuss it with them and help them to prepare their 'application'.

CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2017:

We are progressing with plans for the 2017 school year. This includes the first plan for what our class structure may be. This is always subject to change depending on enrolments and student transfers.

Please do not depend on the following structure being absolutely the way that the school will operate next year.

Class	Teacher
Prep A	Mrs Lynn Fetzer
Prep B	Mrs Emma Baldwin / Mrs Kristy Elson
Prep / Yr 1	Mrs Linda Callaghan
Yr 1A	Mrs Melanie O'Keeffe
Yr 1 / 2	Mrs Kris Hewitt
Yr 2 A	Miss Sarah Houlihan
Yr 2 / 3	Mrs Megan Wyland
Yr 3A	Miss Lyn Harth
Yr 3B	Mrs Fiona Halliday
Yr 4A	Mrs Shiralee Warcon
Yr 4B	Mrs Chris Wyer / Mrs Helen Barnes
Yr 4 / 5	Mr Luke Fallon
Yr 5 A	Mrs Deanne Toby
Yr 5 / 6	Mrs Cathy Smith
Yr 6A	Mr Lachlan Spyve

The above class model is based on a similar enrolment in the school and 15 classrooms. More or less students within Allies may see the whole model need to be revised.

Class lists will be worked on over coming weeks. We will be allocating students with a view to balanced classes based on gender, academic achievement, behaviour and relationships with students / staff.

If you have a strong opinion about the best placement for your child (with regards to other students) please contact me (Gary – Principal) with your concerns. Requests for specific placements with teachers will not generally be considered.

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SPORTS NEWS:

Last week saw our T20 cricket team record another strong win – this time against the RGS Black team. Our boys scored over 300 runs with Gareth Usher collecting a century – 104 runs from his time with the bat (this included 7 scores of 12 runs – achieved by hitting the ball over the boundary in a specific zone on the field). Well done boys – undefeated so far.

Our softball girls came up against a very strong Frenchville team and recorded a loss – however, the team continues to develop their skills and knowledge of the game.

Our three basketball teams had mixed results, coming home with two wins and one loss.

Games this week include:

- **T20 Cricket** V Mt Morgan White at Allies oval
- **Softball** have a forfeit from RGS this week
- **Basketball:**
 - Team 1 V Cresso Crocs at Cres. Lagoon at 1.30
 - Team 2 V The Hall Yellow at Hegvold at 2.00pm
 - Team 3 V The Hall White at Hegvold at 2.00pm

SWIMMING IN OUR 'NEW' POOL:

After the recent \$160 000 upgrade to our pool, students are enjoying their HPE lessons for this term.

As well as a whole new filtration system the pool has been converted to a salt water system. On our recent hot days most students have been entering the water with plenty of enthusiasm.

Sincere thanks to all our helpers who are enabling classes to get some really explicit and clear instruction. Thanks also to Mrs Dow and Miss Haynes for their efforts with the squad members who train on Thursdays. This is one of the 'little extras' we provide at Allies.

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK

Allenstown State School is proud to present our 2016 Christmas Concert

Tues 29th November 2016

At the Helen James Performing Arts Building

5:30pm - BBQ & 6:30pm - Start

We invite everyone to dress in Christmas costumes to support our students at our end of year Concert.

ALL ARE WELCOME see you there!

Other News



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA NIGHT - "Merry QUIZmas"

Date: 11 November 2016
Venue: Allenstown State School Hall
Time: 6pm Sausage Sizzle for a 6.30pm start
Cost: \$10.00 per person (adults only event)
Maximum of 8 players per table

Team Registration Sheets can be obtained from the Allenstown State School Facebook page or from Allies Tuckateria (Tuckshop).

PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED TABLE

Lots of fun, games and awesome prizes.

Drinks, Nibbles and Alcohol available

Get your team together.

For further enquiries contact the tuckshop.

2017 PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

A Prep Information Night for students attending Prep in 2017 will be held on Wednesday 9th November 2016 from 5.30pm in the Prep classroom and should be finished by 6.15pm. If you have a student commencing Prep in 2017 and are unable to attend this session, please contact the office.

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YEAR 6 CAMP INFORMATION MEETING

A letter has been sent home with all Year 6 students regarding the upcoming school camp. There is another Parent Information Meeting on **Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 6.00pm** in the **School Library**. The meeting will be used to explain the reasoning behind the changed itinerary and to answer any last minute questions or concerns.



I *my* tuckshop

Smart Choices for Queensland Kids

TUCKSHOP DAY 4th November 2016

The thousands of tireless tuckshop workers in Queensland schools are unsung heroes, so schools across Queensland are encouraged to give a special thank you to their tuckshop workers and volunteers on Tuckshop Day, which is Friday 4th November 2016.

Encouraging students to say please and thank you every time they use the tuckshop is important but the work that goes on to prepare the food and keep the tuckshop well-stocked is done behind the scenes. Making an extra effort to show the volunteers and tuckshop staff that all their work is appreciated by the whole school community is a wonderful way to build school spirit.

Parents and Caregivers are welcome volunteers in schools and especially school tuckshops. The old saying "many hands make light work" is never truer than in school tuckshops and more volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers don't have to spend a whole day at the tuckshop. You can make a real contribution by volunteering for as little as an hour.

Thank you to Mrs Tunsted and her great team of volunteers. You keep Allenstown State School well fed.

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CONGRATULATIONS – Maddison Johns

Maddison recently competed in the Prep age group at the Saddleworld Open Interschool Gymkhana representing Allenstown State School. She received a ribbon for third in Rider Class and a fourth in the Running T. Although the well-supported event was eventually rained out, Maddison had a great day and is looking forward to her next event. Congratulations Maddison.



Library News

redgum book club

We are participating in Redgum Book Club this term and the catalogue has been sent home with your child. Redgum orders will earn resources and books for our school and with every order your child will receive a free gift.

Open the link [Redgum Book Club term 4 catalogue](#) to view the current catalogue. Redgum also have hundreds more great titles on their website, with books starting from \$2.00. www.redgumbookclub.com.au.

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ORDER AND PAY ONLINE BY CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL

(Do not send orders or payments to school)

The catalogue is now open and closes on **Tuesday 8th November**. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school no later than **Tuesday 22nd November**.

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders this term, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au

SWIMMING TIMETABLE – Term 4

Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8.45 to 9.45am		PB	3/4C	PA	
9.45 to 10.45am	4A		5A	4/5B	5/6C
11.30 to 12.30pm	1A	P/1C	2B	3A	
1.45 to 2.45pm	3B	1/2B	6A	2A	

Swimming caps are available from the office for **\$2.00 each**. Correct money would be appreciated.

P & C Meeting - 2016

15 Nov	5.30 – 7.00pm
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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Playgroup 9-11am	I Block
Every Wed	Prep Transition Program 12.00-2.30pm	Prep Rooms
2 Nov	Year 6 Camp Parent Meeting 6.00pm	Allenstown SS Library
4 Nov	Tuckshop Day	Allenstown SS
9 Nov	2017 Prep Information Session 5.30pm-6.15pm	Allenstown SS Prep Classroom
11 Nov	Christmas Trivia Night 6.30pm	Allenstown SS Hall
14-18 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane
14-17 Nov	Xmas Book Fair	School Library
15 Nov	P & C Meeting 5.30pm – 7.00 pm	Allenstown SS
21 Nov	"Lumai Yumba" Health Indigenous Program	Allenstown SS
23 Nov	Swimming Carnival Years 4-6	Allenstown SS Pool
29 Nov	Allies Christmas Play	Allenstown SS Hall
1 Dec	Year 6 Graduation & Awards Night	Allenstown SS Hall
2 Dec	Prep – Year 5 Awards "Parade of Excellence" Final Parade for 2016	Allenstown SS Hall
6 Dec	Report Cards	Allenstown SS
7 Dec	Year 6 Big Day Out	TBA
8 Dec	Break Up Celebrations	Allenstown SS
9 Dec	Final Day of School Year	Allenstown SS
23 Jan 17	School Resumes	Allenstown SS

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Allenstown State School Library Christmas Book Fair

Dates & Times:

Monday 14th November

PREVIEW ONLY during the school day; classes timetabled to visit. **NO** purchases after school on the Monday, please.

Students will bring home a Wish List of books they'd like to buy. Once you've made a decision you can:

1. Send money into school in a sealed, labelled bag **OR**
2. Pay online or by phone and record the receipt number on the back of the Wish List. Make sure you select 'Book Fair'. Send the Wish List back to school. Make sure the receipt number is recorded on the back, as well as your details.

Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th November

Book purchases may be made during the school day – classes will be timetabled to visit. **NO** purchases at lunchtimes.

Purchases may also be made before school, from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. & after school, until 3 p.m.

The Book Fair will be closed after 3pm on the Thursday.

There will be no access Friday.

Book Fair Week will be a celebration of reading!

There will be scavenger hunts and competitions.

**Keep an eye on the Newsletter, and for posters around the school,
for more information.**

