



ALLENSTOWN STATE SCHOOL

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Embrace the Past, Empower the Future

Always Respectful - Always Safe - Always Present - Always Learning

23 April 2024

Term 2 Week 2

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS..

Parade -
Fridays 8:45am in the Hall

Tuckshop -
Open Tuesdays & Thursdays

P&C Meeting -
TBA

SCHOOL HOURS -
8:45AM TO 2:45PM

OFFICE HOURS -
8:15AM - 3:30PM

Morning Session	8:45 - 10:45
First Lunch	10:45 - 11:30
Middle Session	11:30 - 1:00
Second Lunch	1:00 - 1:30
Afternoon Session	1:30 - 2:45

2024 Term Dates	
Term 1	22 Jan-28 Mar
Term 2	15 April -21 Jun
Term 3	8 July-13 Sept
Term 4	30 Oct-13 Dec

Dear Allenstown School Community,

As we embark on another exciting chapter at Allenstown, I am honoured to share with you some reflections on our core values and ongoing commitment to fostering an inclusive and respectful learning environment.

At the heart of Allenstown School are the values of respect and inclusion. These values shape our interactions, guide our decisions, and define our community. It is imperative that all members of our school community, whether students, staff, or visitors, conduct themselves with a fundamental level of respect while on our school grounds. By upholding these values, we create an atmosphere where everyone feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.

Here at Allenstown, we firmly believe that nothing should impede the pursuit of learning. Regardless of challenges or obstacles, we are dedicated to ensuring that the right of every individual to learn is upheld and protected. Our commitment to learning knows no bounds, and we continuously strive to provide a safe and nurturing environment where students can reach their full potential.

I want to take this opportunity to express my unwavering belief in the abilities of your children. Each and every student at Allenstown possesses unique talents, strengths, and potential for growth. It is my privilege to witness their journey of learning and development, and I am committed to supporting them every step of the way.

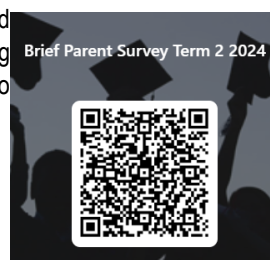
Furthermore, I extend an open invitation to all parents and guardians. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education or share your thoughts and concerns, I am more than happy to meet with you. Simply contact the school office to schedule an appointment, and I will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

In our continuous efforts to enhance our school community, we are seeking your valuable input. We invite all parents and guardians to participate in a brief survey aimed at gaining insights into your experiences and perspectives. Your feedback will help us identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement, ensuring that we continue to provide the best possible education for our students. Look out for the survey link in your email inbox in the coming days. (Or you can scan the QR Code)

Lastly, I must address a concerning issue that has been affecting the teaching sector at large: occupational violence, aggression and inappropriate language. Sadly, incidents of occupational violence are on the rise, posing significant challenges to the safety and well-being of educators. Here at Allenstown, I want to make it unequivocally clear that we have a low tolerance for any form of occupational violence. The safety and security of our staff are paramount, and we are committed to taking proactive measures to ensure a safe working environment for all.

In closing, let us continue to uphold the values of respect, inclusion, and learning that define our school community. Together, we can create a nurturing environment where every individual feels valued, supported, and inspired to excel.

With warm regards,
Jason White
Principal



REMINDERS

DENTIST

The School Dental Clinic is even more easily accessible. Simply scan the QR code below and complete the simple questions to register your child for dental care.

Thankyou

CQHHS CAOHS Medical and consent form:

[If you experience difficulty scanning the QR code with your phone the link below can be clicked:](#)



https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CLBIC9eVvEq6_D_8IMA5wKczHZNfMUxAgHoMz32GRDRUOFdYSldKTEFPUzFUMUY5N04xRIVHN05WVS4u

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is located under A block at the boys toilet end in a cupboard. If you are missing anything please check the lost property cupboard. Anything that is not collected will be given to charity. Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly named.

2nd HAND UNIFORMS

If you have any unwanted uniforms or shoes we would love them. Please drop them into the office. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

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.

LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

If students arrive late to school they are required to come to the office before heading to the classroom to register the absence and receive a Late Arrival slip which will update the class roll.

SCHOOL MEDICATION

If your child needs to take medication (e.g. Tablets, Ventolin Puffer etc.) at school, parents are required to complete a Medication Form before staff are permitted to administer the medication to the student. **Parents/caregivers of students who require ongoing medication for 2024 will need to complete a new medication form for this year.** This includes Epipens and Asthma Puffers (even if the student has the puffer in their bag or classroom and can administer the puffer themselves). The school needs to be aware of what medication is on school grounds.

If a new form is not completed for 2024 then staff are not permitted to administer any medication without this updated information. Forms are available from the office.

Instructions for administering medication **MUST** be written on the medication container provided by the pharmacist at the doctor's request. The instructions on the medication container **MUST** indicate the dosage and frequency that it is to be administered.

ABSENCES

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities of Education Queensland. 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. This is why we will continue to send our daily SMS texts to families who have children away on an **unexplained absence**. Please advise the school by one of the contacts listed below, when your child is not at school. Reply to the SMS message sent by school, report the absence on the QParents app or by phoning the office as soon as possible (A message can be left at any time). Absentee line **07 49 300 166**.

Parents/Carers of children who have unexplained absences will be contacted by the school to provide an explanation.

EARLY COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL

From time to time a student may need to be collected early from school for an appointment or due to illness, so please ensure an authorized adult (on your Emergency Contact list) comes to the office to collect them and arrange to have the student signed out. Students will not be sent out to a vehicle on the street for their own safety.

Please refrain from collecting students early from school unless pre-arranged. Encourage your student to attend school for the entire day to ensure they get the most out of their day's learning at Allies.

Any time missed at school makes a difference to their learning over time. From an early age, if children are taught that they need to "show up" for school and make a commitment, this positive mentality aids academic and career success and brings benefits in adulthood. Please invest in your child's future and ensure they attend school all day – every day!!

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS & EMERGENCY CONTACTS

It is extremely important that we have accurate up to date contact details *including* the name and number of at least one other person to contact in case you are unavailable and an emergency arises with your child.

Please notify the office of any changes in this matter.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events		
Date	Details	Venue
Mon 15 April	Term 2 Commences	
Wed 24/4	ANZAC Parade 1:45pm	Allenstown SS Hall
Thur 25 April	ANZAC Day—Public Holiday	
Mon 29/4	Year 1 Fire Education	Allenstown SS
Tues 30 April	Parent Teacher Interviews from 3pm. Bookings via SOBs—closes 29th April	Allenstown SS Hall
Wed 1 May	Prep Vision Screening	Allenstown SS
Mon 6 May	May Day Public Holiday	
Mon 6—10 May	Beef Week—Rockhampton Show Grounds	
Sun 12 May	Mother's Day	
Fri 17 May	Season B Sport Commences	
Fri 17 May	Day for Dolly—Dress in Blue	
Thur 13 June	Rockhampton Show Holiday	

Does Attendance Really Matter ?

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...	Which means the best your child might perform & ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing at grade 4

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



'Every Day Counts!!'

REMINDER-

Gates open at 8am there is no supervision before that time.

Afternoon supervision is at the "kiss and go zone" on Caroline Street at the dental clinic until 3:15pm or at the Margaret Street gate until 3pm.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop operates each Orders can be made at the window or online via QuickCliq.

<https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>
New exciting menu out now!

ANZAC March—25 April 2024

Details are as follows:

- Arrive in Alma Street at the back of Target between 9:15 and 9:30am. We will be near Glenmore State School. Students are to assemble with the school group. Look for the school banner.
- Students will then be supervised by school staff with parents watching the March and collecting them at the end of the procession.
- Collect your child/ren promptly from the riverbank lower carpark opposite Heritage Hotel at the conclusion of the march.
- Students should be dressed in full school uniform - Allenstown Shirt, (tucked in) navy shorts, skirt or skort, shoes and socks (no sandals or thongs). The Allenstown School bucket hat or navy blue broad brimmed hat is required as the students will be in the sun for quite some time. Students can wear veteran's medals on their right lapel (right side of their shirt)
- Ensure that their child/ren have gone to the toilet before assembling with us, as there will not be any access to toilets before or during the March.



Lest We Forget

WANTED: Casual Cleaning Staff

If you are interested in being offered cleaning shifts on a casual basis (covering absent staff) please call Admin on 49 300 111 to advise your contact details or email your details to admin@allenstownss.eq.edu.au

Education Queensland cleaning staff are required to have a Working with Children Blue Card and a current Criminal History Check

Shifts are on an as needed basis and can be between the hours of 6am and 6pm.



Archer Park Rail Museum



REMEMBERING OUR ANZACS

In conjunction with the Central Queensland Military Museum Join us on our next Family Fun Day to celebrate and remember our ANZACS

One cover charge for both museums
Entry \$6 per adult; \$3 per child; \$15 family ticket
Tickets available upon entry to Archer Park Rail Museum

Displays of our region's rail and military heritage
Have a ride on the Purrey Steam Tram
Enjoy our Refreshment Room & Sausage Sizzle



Sunday 28th April

Archer Park Rail Museum
87 Denison St, Rockhampton 4700
Contact us at admin@archerparkrailmuseum.com
Ph. 07 49222 774, or on Facebook
Eftpos available



ANZAC Biscuits

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| 50g Flour | 50g Butter |
| 75g Sugar | 1tbsp Golden Syrup |
| 1/3C Coconut | 1/2tsp Baking Soda |
| 1/3C Rolled Oats | 2tbsp Boiling Water |

- Mix together flour, sugar, coconut and rolled oats.
- Melt butter and golden syrup.
- Dissolve baking soda in the boiling water and add to butter and golden syrup.
- Make a well in the centre of flour, stir in the liquid.
- Place in spoonfuls on cold greased trays.
- Bake 15 to 20 minutes at 180°C.

Allenstown State School

Playgroup

Come and join us for a fun filled morning

Where: I Block

When: Every Wednesday (school terms)

Time: 8:45am—10:45am

What to bring: Hat, own snack & water bottle

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PCYC
QUEENSLAND

PCYC Allenstown Outside School Hours Care
Partnering with Allenstown State School
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Email: allenstownoshc@pcyc.org.au
Phone: 0419 166 045
Service Manager: Debbie Foster
15th April, 2024

Welcome to the first newsletter from the PCYC Allenstown Out of School Hours Care.

Vacation Care was a wonderful experience for the children who attended. They told us they don't want Vacation Care to end.

Please feel free to come and visit the Service during our Before or Afterschool Care Hours. We have a wide range of resources the children engage with.

The link for enrolments is parent-portal.kidsoft.com.au/create-account/PCYC

6.30am: Breakfast is available as a buffet until 8am. Children are free to explore and play in a safe, supervised, environment until pack up, then prepare for school time at 8.40am.

2.45pm: Children from Prep are picked up by an Educator, they will move to the main undercover area to meet years 1 to 6 to assemble, roll call and walk to the Hall. There the experiences begin. Afternoon tea is available, free play with programmed activities according to children's interests.

Supervised Homework Club begins at 4pm and will run for 30 minutes for children to feel relaxed during this time.

The Entrance to PCYC Allenstown OSHC is on Caroline Street between the School pool and the Oval. 6.30am to 8.40am — 2.45pm to 6pm

Introducing our Team:
Miss Debbie, Miss Mandy, Miss Heidi, and Miss Teresa.
The Allenstown team is very excited. We look forward to a great experience at PCYC Allenstown OSHC, with the school staff, families, children, and stakeholders.

Miss Mandy

Miss Heidi

Miss Teresa