

# NEWSLETTER

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17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## Principals Report

### WELCOME BACK:

Term 2 has started and we have eleven weeks of work ahead of us this term. I hope everyone had a happy and healthy break over Easter and is ready to tackle the term's work and activities.

We welcome Mrs Stacey Lanham to the 1C classroom this term while Mrs Callaghan has some well-earned long service leave.

We are also welcoming several new families who are bringing 6 students into Allenstown between them. I trust you will have a fulfilling stay with us.

### **ANZAC DAY**

This very important annual commemoration is nearly upon us. The Allenstown School will be participating in the following events:

- School Commemorative Service – in the hall at 9.00am on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Students will be involved actively in the service.
- Rockhampton City ANZAC Day March – the annual march through the streets of the city ending at City Hall. Details of where and when to meet will be sent home via note, SMS and Facebook later this week.

Allenstown School has a proud association with the Rockhampton ANZAC march over a lot of years. We hope to see a good showing of students marching with us on this occasion.

**Red Poppies and Military badges are available from the school office for a gold coin donation.**



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### A BLOCK NOT QUITE FINISHED:

Unfortunately, the builders have not been able to meet their projected finish date for the A Block refurbishment.

The strong winds over Easter delayed the removal of the dome from the top of the roof and put the repairs to its structure back as well.

I hope to get a more accurate finish date when I meet with the builders on Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup>) morning.

### SURPLUS FURNITURE TO GO:

In the next couple of weeks we will be having a clean out of some old and surplus student's furniture (desks and chairs in various sizes).

These items will be available for families to take as they may wish. I will have more information in upcoming newsletters.

This is a chance to get a desk and chair combo for the kids to use at home for homework. The desks can also be handy in sheds and under houses as storage options.

The furniture that will be given away does not meet the current specifications for use in schools and is only clogging up our storage spaces.

### POSITIVE PLAY PALS:

Today, Mrs Wyland is implementing a new structured play system during first break.

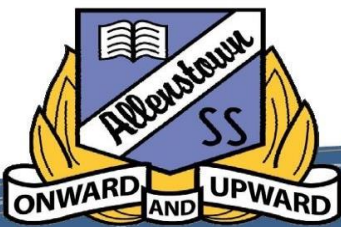
Selected students from the lower year levels will be invited to play a variety of games and activities set up and run by student volunteers from Year 6.

The idea is to promote and teach positive play relationships and behaviour. This is an additional initiative of the Positive Behaviour for Learning Committee.

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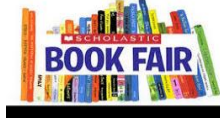
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## Library News

### Allenstown State School Library Book Fair

Dates & Times:

#### 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. Once you've made a decision you can:

1. Send money into school in a sealed, labelled bag **OR**
2. Pay online and record the receipt number. Make sure you select 'Book Fair'. Send the Wish List back to school with the receipt number recorded on the back.

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 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!**

## Other News

### LATE COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL

From time to time we understand that you may be a little late to collect your child from school due to unforeseen circumstances.

**If your child has not been collected by 3.00pm the staff member on duty will direct the student to wait outside the office so there is no need to phone to advise that you will be late.**

The office gets quite busy so the school cannot guarantee that messages will reach students in time or that students will respond to these messages. At times the office is trying to pass messages onto many students in a very short time.

Please discuss with your child each day where they are to wait to be collected from school and if you are late that they will need to go to the office to wait.



### KEEP US UPDATED

Have you changed any of these details on the holidays?

- Address
- Phone Number
- Emergency Contacts

Please advise the office as soon as possible by phone or email of any changes.

We need to be confident that we can contact you (or your nominated contact person) as quickly and efficiently as possible when students are ill, injured or distressed.

### REMINDERS:

#### School Camps

Year 5 camp deposit of \$50 due by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 camp payment of \$200 due by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

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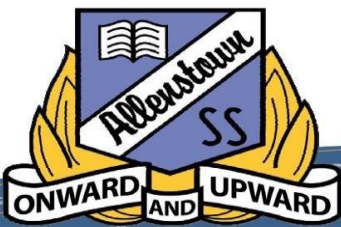
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**Unexplained Absences** – SMS text messages are sent each school day if your child has an Unexplained Absence. Please advise the school by one of the contacts listed below, when your child is not at school:

- Reply to the SMS message sent by school
- Report the absence on the QParents app
- Phone the office as soon as possible (A message can be left at any time)

**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.

### **ROAD SAFETY We all have a role to play**

- SLOW DOWN in 40km/h School Zones
- Always observe the parking signs outside the school to keep children safe
- “Disabled Parking Spaces” are only to be used if the relevant signage is displayed on vehicle
- “Disabled Parking Spaces” are not a “drop off/pick up zone” for students or parents

**“YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY” DEPENDS ON EVERYONE DOING THE RIGHT THING**

## Community News



### **DENTAL CLINIC**

The dental clinic at Allenstown State School is open from Monday to Thursday each week.

All enquiries - Ph 49 222 673.



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](mailto:kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au)

### Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Play Group 8.45-10.45am	I Block Allenstown SS
24 Apr	ANZAC Day Parade	Allenstown SS Hall
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY	Public Holiday
7 May	Labour Day Holiday	No School
6-12 May	Beef Week	Rton Show Grounds
12 May	Year 5 Camp \$50 Deposit Due	Allenstown SS
13 May	Mother’s Day	Happy Mother’s Day
15-17 May	NAPLAN	Allenstown SS
18 May	School Disco	Allenstown SS
14 Jun	Rton Show Holiday	No School
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
5-9 Nov	Year 5 Camp	Fairbairn Dam
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-various venues

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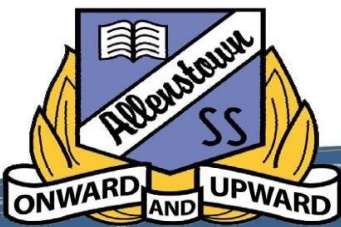
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## 2018 STATE OF ORIGIN RAFFLE

Allenstown State School P & C Association

### First Prize:

Holden 2018 State of Origin Game 3 tickets for 4 people.

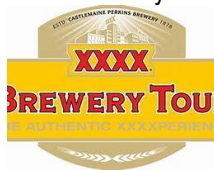
Package includes

- 2 nights accommodation at Oakwood Apartments, Brisbane 11-12 July 2018



- 4 Tickets to the State of Origin Game (for the Maroons Supporters Section – Bronze tickets)

- XXXX Brewery Tour



- Game Day Merchandise
- Supporter Merchandise

Prize is valued at \$1600.00

### Second Prize:



- Jonathon Thurston Limited Edition Unrivalled 300 signed Lithograph with (Certificate of Authenticity)
- Official Farewell Shirt and Cowboys Jersey

Prize is valued at \$550.00

### Third Prize:



- 2 Official 2018 Holden State of Origin Queenslander Polo Shirts
- Queenslander Mason Jars
- Queenslander Stubby Holders
- Queenslander Key Rings
- Queenslander Football

Prize is valued at \$260.00

- Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from the office now in books of 10, 20 and 50.
- To be drawn Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018. Winners will be notified.

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