



# NEWSLETTER

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19<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Principal's News

### REPORT CARDS:

The student report cards for first semester are being checked and finalised at the moment.

They will be sent home to parents (in a sealed envelope) on Wednesday next week (27<sup>th</sup> June) – the last week of the school term.

The envelope will also include a two page document giving details of the curriculum covered by each class during the semester.

### FINAL WEEK NEARLY HERE:

Next week (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June) is the final week of school for this semester. We will then be on two weeks of winter vacation.

School resumes (for everyone – teachers and students) on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### SOME TEACHER CHANGES FOR NEXT SEMESTER:

After we return from the winter vacation, the following changes will occur in some of our classes:

- Mrs Linda Callaghan will not be returning to Allenstown for the rest of 2018. 1C will be taught by Mrs Amber Shackleton (Mondays) and Mrs Stacey Lanham (Tuesdays to Fridays);
- Mrs Mel O'Keeffe will only return to P/1M for the first two weeks of third term. She will then go on leave to prepare for the arrival of her second child. Mrs Kristy Elson will take over P/1M for the rest of the year.
- It is not yet finalised as to how Mrs Elson will be replaced for her two days of LOTE (Japanese) lessons with the older classes.
- Miss Alderson leaves us to move to Mt Archer State School. 6D will be taught by Mr Spyve for the rest of this year.

### PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:

We are now taking enrolments for Prep in 2019.

Children entering Prep next year should be born between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Please call the office to get the enrolment forms for your child. Let your friends, relatives and neighbours know also – a reminder is always helpful.

The early enrolment of children helps us to make clear decisions about classes for the new school year.

### RAFFLE TICKETS NEEDED BACK:

We are now getting VERY close to the drawing date for our P&C Footy Raffle (Friday is it – at the Trivia Night). **We desperately need to get all tickets back to school.**

Please send in any tickets (***sold or unsold***) and the money as soon as possible (BUT NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY PLEASE). We need the tickets back so that they can be verified as sold or unsold and the draw can then be organised.

### PARADE OF EXCELLENCE:

The end of term Parade of Excellence will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June starting at 8.50am in the hall. Please mark this date on your calendars, phones, tablets or other devices.

At this parade, students will receive awards for attendance and a variety of class achievements. The 6S class will receive their awards the following week (Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June) as they are involved in an excursion to Aurizon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (see above).

### VISIT BY MRS FINTER:

Today, (Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>) Mrs Justine Finter, our new deputy principal from next term, visited Allies. Mrs Finter commences work on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July. However, she is already taking a keen interest in her new position and is keen to get started. Today she briefly visited all classrooms and then met with senior staff members.

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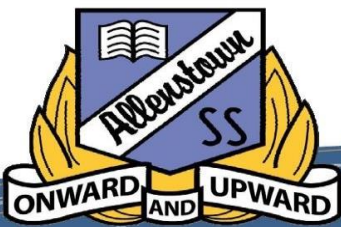
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## Other News

Prep

Into

Step

### What is Step into Prep?

- A term-based programme using a playgroup format where parents stay, play and learn with their child
- Builds a child's social and emotional "skills' bank" as they transition to formal schooling through engaging in age and developmentally appropriate learning games and routines
- Creates opportunities to experience the school environment and to build relationships with teachers and administrative staff

### Families receive:

- Complimentary membership of Playgroup Qld
- Free playgroup sessions for their child over Terms 3 & 4 of 2018
- Access to a range of age and developmentally appropriate resources
- School credit to the value of \$50 (attendance and eligibility criteria exist)

Venue: Allenstown State School  
Date: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
Time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm  
Location: I Block (between the hall & Prep)

For more information please phone 49 300 111

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### 2018 Qld Oztag Tri Series

Oliver Spyve (5F) and Megan Howard (Prac Teacher) represented Queensland Barbarians and Queensland Country Mavericks at the recent Queensland Oztag Tri Series. The event was held on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at the Sunshine Coast Stadium, Kawana.



Congratulations Oliver and Megan on this wonderful achievement.

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### Allies String Ensemble Students



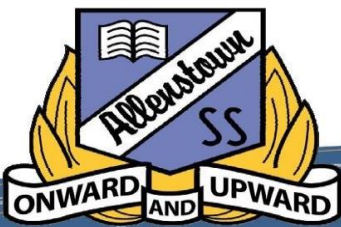
On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May, our String Ensemble joined thirty-five other bands and ensembles to participate in the 2018 Fanfare Festival at North Rockhampton State High School.

Fanfare is a biennial state-wide festival for bands and orchestras in Queensland State Schools. It provides an opportunity for school communities to celebrate their young musicians and instrumental music teachers by

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encouraging and promoting musical excellence through performance.

Our String Ensemble played beautifully at Fanfare and received a Gold Award for their performance. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievement:

Ally 5F; Nara 6D; Delta 6S; Jasmine 5F;  
Alyssa 5/6L; Sunny 6D; Bryden 6S

## Reminders

### LATE ARRIVAL OR EARLY DEPARTURE

**SCHOOL HOURS are 8.45am to 2.45pm**

**Late Arrival** - If students arrive after the second bell of the morning, they are required to come to the office to obtain a Late Slip before going to their classroom so the roll can be updated.

Parents/carers do not need to phone the office to advise of the late arrival. They will receive an SMS text message that they can reply to if the student arrives after 9.30am.

**Early Departure** - Should a student need to leave school early for an appointment, **parents/carers are required to come into the office to sign the student out** as the safety of the child cannot be guaranteed if they leave the school grounds unaccompanied. Please do not phone from the carpark and request that children meet you out on the street.

**Late Collection** - If children have not been collected from school by 3.00pm the staff member on duty will send the students to the office to wait. There is no need to phone the office to advise if you will be a few minutes late.

### INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Interhouse Athletics Carnival is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The house colours are as follows –

**Cook – Blue**

**Flinders – Red**

**Oxley - Yellow**

**Phillip - Green**

All class teachers have a list of the Sports House their students are in so if they are unsure - just ask their teacher.

### SCHOOL CAMPS

**Year 6 Camp** payment of \$200 is due by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June and the balance needs to be finalised by 21<sup>st</sup> September. Regular part payment is encouraged.



### LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure all hats, uniforms, lunch boxes, water bottles, coats etc. have your child's name on them. If your child has lost an item, please check Lost Property situated downstairs in B Block. Any items left in lost property by the end of this term will be donated to charity.

### CORRECT UNIFORMS PLEASE

With the cooler days we are seeing a lot of multi-coloured jumpers and coats on students at school. Please make every effort to get your child into a school jacket or at least something in an appropriate colour (not pink, white, orange or red). Allies School Jackets are available from Inferno (Ph. 49140702)

**ALLENSTOWN STATE SCHOOL**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 22ND JUNE, 2018**  
**SCHOOL HALL**  
Pre sale \$10 per person (Adults Only Event)  
Or \$12 @ the door  
6.30pm – 9pm  
Hosted by "Dr M – Trivia Extraordinaire"  
Online Booking & payment available @  
<https://www.trybooking.com/VWCK>  
Max of 8 players per team  
Drinks, Nibbles & Alcohol Available  
Lots of Fun, Games & Awesome Prizes

Team registration sheets can be obtained from the Allenstown State School Facebook page and from the Tuckshop  
For further enquiries contact Kylie on 0414 840 877 or Kelly on 0459 202 186 or email [ktuns6@eq.edu.au](mailto:ktuns6@eq.edu.au)

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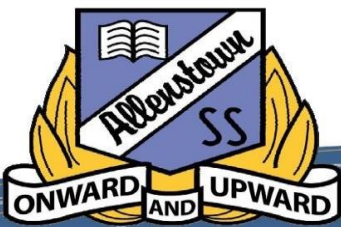
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All ages are encouraged to participate in the competition, with some great prizes to be won.

## Other News



Celebrate the school holidays with a selection of fun STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts & Mathematics) activities.

- Ozobots
- Bike Science
- Art & Science of Leaf Rubbing & Mobiles
- LEGO Mindstorm Robotics
- Pop-Up Card Mechanics
- Spirited Away Anime Movie + Pizza
- 3D Printing for Young Adults
- Constellation Diorama
- Finger Knitting
- Beamafilm for Kids – Freedom Force

Booking are essential for all sessions. Phone 49368043 to secure a spot today.

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## NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK

19-28 October 2018

### “Create a Picture Book Competition”

To celebrate National Children's Week, and to help promote the importance of early literacy in the first 5 years of a child's life, the Rockhampton Regional Libraries will be conducting a Create Your Own Picture Book competition.

Children, parents, carers, teens, retirees and grandparents are invited to write and illustrate a children's book suitable for a child aged under 5 years. It may be a pop-up book, a short collection of poems or songs, lift the flap book or simple story presented in an appealing way for a young reader. You are only limited by your imagination!

The only criteria for entry is that you must be a library member. Library membership is free!

## Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
20 Jun	RETURN RAFFLE TICKETS	Allenstown SS Office
21 Jun	Interhouse Athletics Carnival	Allenstown SS Cook – Blue Flinders – Red Oxley – Yellow Phillip - Green
22 Jun	Parade of Excellence	Allenstown SS Hall
22 Jun	Trivia Night 6.30pm – 9.00pm	Allenstown SS Hall
22 Jun	State of Origin Raffle drawn	Allenstown SS
27 Jun	Ditto Keep Safe Show (Prep to Year 3)	Allenstown SS Hall
27 Jun	Reports Cards sent home	Allenstown SS
28 Jun	Under 8's Event (Prep, Yr 1; Yr 2)	Allenstown SS Oval
29 Jun	Year 6 Camp \$200 payment due	Allenstown SS
31 Jul 14 Aug	ICAS – English Comp ICAS – Maths Comp	Allenstown SS
10 Aug	School Photos	Allenstown SS
21 Sep	Year 6 Camp Final payment due	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-Variou Venues

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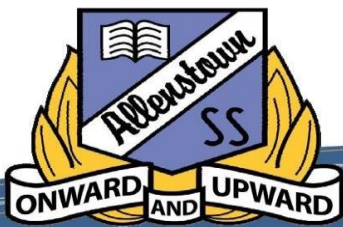
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