

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

## Principal's News

### P&C CRISIS:

Our P&C Association is in great danger of closing down.

The small group (no more than four or five) of ladies that are active members are just about exhausted. They are also thoroughly demoralised by the apparent lack of support that they receive.

Things like poor attendance at fundraising events, poor support for raffles and lack of attendance at meetings has left the active ladies feeling as though nobody really cares. Over the last couple of years, the P&C (all 4 or 5 of them) have helped the school (and you) by:

- Subsidising transport costs to camps and excursions;
- Providing money directly to the school to purchase reading books; sports uniforms; football posts; technology equipment and other items;
- Keeping the tuckshop running (with very few volunteers) for the convenience of your children;
- Organising uniform contracts;
- Helping the school out through working bees.

This is just a small list of the main things that the P&C (those few ladies) has done over the period of the last two to three years.

However, they have reached a point where their enthusiasm for working to provide these things to over 300 families, with minimal support or thanks, has become very low.

If the P&C should 'fold' (close down) then the immediate effects to all school families would be:

- No tuckshop;
- All camps and excursions at full cost to families;
- No co-ordination of school uniforms;
- Lack of learning resources being provided to students in classrooms.

**Principal** – Mr Gary Lynn

**Acting Deputy Principal** – Lachlan Spyve

**Head of Special Education Services** – Lizz Aspinall

**Head of Curriculum** – Karin Tanzer

**Business Services Manager** – Karen Faulkner

**Office Hours** – 8.15am to 3.30pm (Monday to Friday)

Closed Public Holidays & School Holidays

Page 1 of 5

We are not looking for anything amazing to help the P&C to function. Simply a few more people to share the load, come up with the ideas and do some of the legwork that is needed.

One of the most immediate ways in which you could help would be to get behind the two current fundraisers – the State of Origin raffle and the Trivia Night on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. See Facebook for details.

If even half of all our families took one book of raffle tickets and sold them the P&C would be in a better position.

The P&C is continuously looking for ways to support the school and has committed to a long range plan of providing additional playground equipment. But, in the meantime, they will still support the students (your children) by providing funds for a range of activities and resources – while they can. However, you must realise that the same small group cannot keep going to support the majority of the school. Surely it is not the Australian way to have three or four families providing all the support for over 300 others.

If you can provide help in any way please contact Kelly Thompson (president) or Kylie Tunsted in the tuckshop to have a chat.

### DISCO SUCCESS:

We had approximately 200 students enjoy themselves at the school disco on Friday night. This was the first disco in nearly two years and it went very well.

Students were well behaved and kept up a hectic pace for the whole two hours. A few of the younger ones were a little overcome by the noise and heat but still managed to have a good time.

Thanks to all who supported this event.

My sincere thanks to the school staff who gave up their Friday night to supervise and run this event – your selflessness and energy are appreciated.

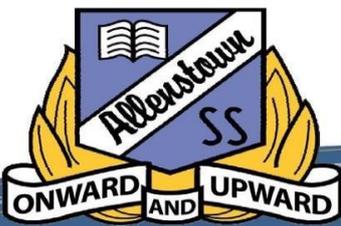
**PARADE** – Friday 8.45am Helen James Performing Arts Centre

**Tuckshop** – Open **Tuesday to Friday** (8.15am to 1.30pm)

**Student Banking** – Thursday

**P & C Meetings** – Third Tuesday of each month 4.00pm Staffroom





# NEWSLETTER

*Embrace the Past, Empower the Future*

Always Respectful - Always Safe - Always Present - Always Learning

13-33 Upper Dawson Road  
Allenstown, Queensland, 4700

Telephone 07 4930 0111

Absentee Line: 0749 300166

Fax: 07 4930 0100

Website [www.allenstownss.eq.edu.au](http://www.allenstownss.eq.edu.au)

Email [admin@allenstownss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@allenstownss.eq.edu.au)

## **AWAY IN LONGREACH:**

I will be away in Longreach for most of next week. The reason is the Central Queensland Region's bi-annual principal's conference.

All principals of school from Mackay to Gladstone and west to Longreach will be participating. The conference is a chance for our senior officers to map out the Department of Education (DOE) grand plan for schools across the state.

Mr Spyve will very ably act as principal during my absence.

## **CHAPPY WEEK:**

This week is Chaplaincy Week in schools.

I would like to acknowledge our Chaplain, Chappy Sam, for all the great work she does at Allies.

Chappy is here at Allies two days each week – Mondays and Wednesdays. In this time she packs in heaps of things – chats with students and parents, class visits, lunch time play activities, staff check-ups and more.

Chappy is always cheerful, always prepared to listen and always there when needed.

Please – when you next see Chappy – give her a cheery wave or have a quick word with her about her value to our school community.

*PS: The Chaplaincy service is another one of those things supported by the P&C.*

Chappy Week is an annual event run by Scripture Union Queensland to raise awareness of the value of school chaplains and to raise funds to support school chaplains. Schools and communities get on board, hosting special events and taking to the streets for their "Chappy". Please support the Chaplaincy High Tea.

## Chappy Corner **chaplaincy** *Chaplaincy High Tea*

**Proudly hosted by North Rockhampton State High School**

Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee fund ten Chaplains in sixteen Rockhampton schools

When: Saturday 26th May 2018

Where: The Master and the Apprentice – Café, Bar and Bistro, North Rton State High School, Simpson Street entrance

Time: 12 noon to 2:00pm

Cost: \$45.00

Bookings and payment required by 23/5/18

North Rockhampton State High School Administration

Phone 4924 7888



## Library News

### **Allenstown State School Library Book Fair**

#### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 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!**



**Principal** – Mr Gary Lynn

**Acting Deputy Principal** – Lachlan Spyve

**Head of Special Education Services** – Lizz Aspinall

**Head of Curriculum** – Karin Tanzer

**Business Services Manager** – Karen Faulkner

**Office Hours** – 8.15am to 3.30pm (Monday to Friday)

Closed Public Holidays & School Holidays

Page 2 of 5

**PARADE** – Friday 8.45am Helen James Performing Arts Centre

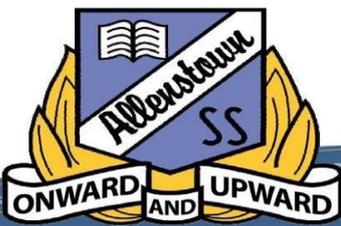
**Tuckshop** – Open **Tuesday to Friday** (8.15am to 1.30pm)

**Student Banking** - Thursday

**P & C Meetings** – Third Tuesday of each month 4.00pm Staffroom



*Proudly a Positive Behaviour for Learning School*



# NEWSLETTER

13-33 Upper Dawson Road  
Allenstown, Queensland, 4700

Telephone 07 4930 0111

Absentee Line: 0749 300166 |

Fax: 07 4930 0100

Website [www.allenstownss.eq.edu.au](http://www.allenstownss.eq.edu.au)

Email [admin@allenstownss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@allenstownss.eq.edu.au)

*Embrace the Past, Empower the Future*

Always Respectful - Always Safe - Always Present - Always Learning

## Other News



### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

This week is National Volunteer Week and is the annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers.

Volunteers are a vital part of the school community. Thank you so much to all our volunteers for your commitment of time and energy in the tuckshop, in the classrooms, on excursions, P & C and many other areas of the school. Your commitment is greatly appreciated.

Volunteering can be very rewarding and we are always looking for more help – no matter how big or small.

### “Give a Little – Change a Lot”



**CANETOADS**

vs



**COCKROACHES**

“State of Origin Fever” is nearly upon us and what better way to enjoy the final game than by being there!!

We have a school family who have very generously donated all the prizes for the current P&C raffle.

Principal – Mr Gary Lynn

Acting Deputy Principal – Lachlan Spyve

Head of Special Education Services – Lizz Aspinall

Head of Curriculum – Karin Tanzer

Business Services Manager – Karen Faulkner

Office Hours – 8.15am to 3.30pm (Monday to Friday)

Closed Public Holidays & School Holidays

Page 3 of 5

All profits from this raffle go directly to the students at our school, with the primary goal of the P and C for 2018 to upgrade all playground equipment.

There are some great prizes up for grabs so please consider grabbing a book of tickets from the office and trying to sell them – at your workplace; to footy mad relatives and friends; to anyone you know who likes to ‘have a go’.

Please help us to get full value following such a generous donation from one of our highly supportive families.

### REMINDERS:

**Asthma Medication** – As the weather turns cooler please ensure that students who require Asthma puffers have them either in their school bags each day or kept at the office.

The school requires a Medication form to be completed by a parent/carer if any medication is to be taken by students during school hours even if they can administer the medication by themselves. Forms are available from the office. Please also ensure that all your contact details are up to date in case you need to be contacted urgently.

**Absence Notification** – The school sends SMS texts to families who have a student absent due to an Unexplained Absence. Please advise why your child is absent from school by replying to the SMS, by phone or through the QParents App so absence records can be updated.

**Late Arrival or Early Departure** - 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.

Should students need to leave school early for an appointment etc., parents/carers are required to come into the office to sign students out before leaving the school grounds. This is for the safety of the students.

**PARADE** – Friday 8.45am Helen James Performing Arts Centre

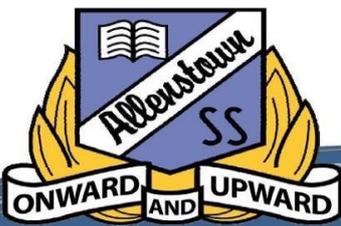
**Tuckshop** – Open **Tuesday to Friday** (8.15am to 1.30pm)

**Student Banking** - Thursday

**P & C Meetings** – Third Tuesday of each month 4.00pm Staffroom



*Proudly a Positive Behaviour for Learning School*



# NEWSLETTER

*Embrace the Past, Empower the Future*

Always Respectful - Always Safe - Always Present - Always Learning

13-33 Upper Dawson Road  
Allenstown, Queensland, 4700

Telephone 07 4930 0111

Absentee Line: 0749 300166

Fax: 07 4930 0100

Website [www.allenstownss.eq.edu.au](http://www.allenstownss.eq.edu.au)

Email [admin@allenstownss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@allenstownss.eq.edu.au)



## **LATE ARRIVALS ARE HAMPERING LEARNING:**

Many students are still arriving late for school. Some have arrived up to an hour later than our school starting time of 8.45am. This causes extra work for teachers and office staff.

Students who regularly arrive late to class are missing a vital part of their daily education. They also cause the class to have to backtrack in order to try and 'clue them in' about what is going on in the lesson or learning activity.

**PLEASE** – work with us to help your child get the most they possibly can from their education. At least in Australia every child can attend school. We need to value that chance and get the children to school **on time every day. Every Day and Every Hour counts!!**

**Lost Property** – Please ensure all hats, uniforms, lunch boxes, water bottles, jumpers/coats etc. have your child's name on them. It is easier to return them to the correct owner if items are named correctly. Lost Property is located downstairs B Block on the port racks.

## **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

## **YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY DEPENDS ON EVERYONE DOING THE RIGHT THING**

## Community News



### **DENTAL CLINIC**

The dental clinic at Allenstown State School can be contacted on 49 222 673. The clinic is not manned every day so contact can also be made with the Rockhampton Base Hospital on 49 206 212 for any enquiries. Please do not contact the school.



everyone's family

## **Could \$500 help you with school costs?**

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs such as computers, uniforms, sports fees and gear, lessons, books and supplies, camps & excursions. For more information contact:

Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator

0408 490 984 or 1300 610 355

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

Web - [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au)

## Upcoming Events

DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Play Group 8.45-10.45am	I Block Allenstown SS
21-24 May	Book Fair	Allenstown SS Library
14 Jun	Rton Show Holiday	<b>Public Holiday</b>
21 Jun	Interhouse Athletics Carnival	Allenstown SS
22 Jun	State of Origin Raffle drawn	Allenstown SS
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
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

**Principal** – Mr Gary Lynn

**Acting Deputy Principal** – Lachlan Spyve

**Head of Special Education Services** – Lizz Aspinall

**Head of Curriculum** – Karin Tanzer

**Business Services Manager** – Karen Faulkner

**Office Hours** – 8.15am to 3.30pm (Monday to Friday)

Closed Public Holidays & School Holidays

Page 4 of 5

**PARADE** – Friday 8.45am Helen James Performing Arts Centre

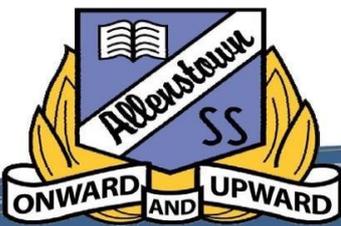
**Tuckshop** – Open **Tuesday to Friday** (8.15am to 1.30pm)

**Student Banking** - Thursday

**P & C Meetings** – Third Tuesday of each month 4.00pm Staffroom



*Proudly a Positive Behaviour for Learning School*



# NEWSLETTER

13-33 Upper Dawson Road  
Allenstown, Queensland, 4700  
Telephone 07 4930 0111

Absentee Line: 0749 300166 |  
Fax: 07 4930 0100

Website [www.allenstownss.eq.edu.au](http://www.allenstownss.eq.edu.au)  
Email [admin@allenstownss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@allenstownss.eq.edu.au)

*Embrace the Past, Empower the Future*

Always Respectful - Always Safe - Always Present - Always Learning

## SHREK The MUSICAL



Performance Dates:  
26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Pibeam Theatre

### AUDITIONS

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June: 5pm - 8pm**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June: 11am - 3pm (Show Holiday)**

Please book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/V5XC>

Venue: Emmaus College Drama Rooms (Yaamba Road Campus)

Children between the ages of 8 and 18 are encouraged to audition for any named role.

Adults & Young Adults are encouraged to audition for Shrek, Fiona and Donkey.

If you would like to be considered for the chorus, you are required to drop into Emmaus College Drama Rooms during the audition days to complete paperwork (please note: you do not need to book an audition for chorus only).

For further information on roles and audition preparation please see the attached document.

Prepare a song of your choice to be sung acapella.

For more information on roles go to:

<http://www.mtishows.com.au/shrek-the-musical>

**Free Fossil Open Day At The Caves**  
2nd June 9am-2pm  
CAPRICORN CAVES

- FREE kids activities & entertainment
- Meet real Palaeontologists
- Arts & crafts activities
- Sausage sizzle

Giveaway prizes

**Fossil Digging**  
Digging, sorting & sieving for REAL fossils

**Free kids tours**

Appearing On The Day

Rocky Instincts Traditional workshops	Little Aussie Encounters Live animal show	Professor Flint The singing Palaeontologist	Dr Scott Hocknull (Old museum)	4RO Broadcasting (live from the Caves)

4934 2883 | [admin@capricorncaves.com.au](mailto:admin@capricorncaves.com.au)



### JOIN WARRIPARI JOEY SCOUTS

- Age requirement from 6 to 7 years
- Parent/Carer must attend the first session with the Youth (Boys/Girls)
- Time is 5.30pm to 6.30pm on Thursdays
- Wear every day clothes & enclosed footwear
- Can attend 3 Thursday sessions with no cost
- Other children welcome to come & try for the first 3 weeks but ages 8 years to 17 years need to phone first

For more information contact

Garry on 0428 575 526

Luke on 0439 441 496

31 Eton Street, Rockhampton

Principal – Mr Gary Lynn  
Acting Deputy Principal – Lachlan Spyve  
Head of Special Education Services – Lizz Aspinall  
Head of Curriculum – Karin Tanzer  
Business Services Manager – Karen Faulkner

Office Hours – 8.15am to 3.30pm (Monday to Friday)  
Closed Public Holidays & School Holidays

Page 5 of 5

PARADE – Friday 8.45am Helen James Performing Arts Centre  
Tuckshop – Open Tuesday to Friday (8.15am to 1.30pm)  
Student Banking - Thursday  
P & C Meetings – Third Tuesday of each month 4.00pm Staffroom



*Proudly a Positive Behaviour for Learning School*