

NEWSLETTER

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5th June 2018

Principal's News

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS:

This week at school we are focussing on teaching students about respectful relationships.

This program is a part of the government response to the incidence of domestic violence in the community.

The respectful relationships materials try to establish good, positive behaviours in children with the hope that they will carry the knowledge and actions to their adult life.

At Allenstown, we address relationships education regularly through our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program.

However, for this week we are making a special effort to explicitly teach the students about respect in their relationships with others.

You will find some helpful hints for parents below.

Respectful relationships education

Parents can reinforce students' learning by:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and examine emotions • Encourage and model positive interaction • Discuss and demonstrate ways to show respect • Explore feelings and emotional responses • Encourage working with others and friendly behaviours • Discuss what it means to be safe and who can help keep us safe • Help children interpret their emotional responses • Model and promote safety • Model and encourage empathy, acceptance and tolerance of difference • Encourage skills in good communication • Discuss conflict resolution • Discuss and practise coping strategies • Explore and celebrate your own and others' cultures • Discuss and practise ways of managing behaviour • Explore different family structures • Discuss and model respectful family relationships • Acknowledge and discuss the importance of good mental health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support young people to in developing personal values and ethics • Discuss and model safe and ethical online and social media interactions • Discuss and model a healthy balance of power in relationships • Discuss rights and responsibilities • Model and encourage assertive communication skills • Model and encourage ethical decision-making • Identify and celebrate when your child's peers behave respectfully. • Practise and model empathy • Discuss gender stereotypes • Demonstrate respectful negotiation within relationships • Identify and discuss an imbalance of power in relationships • Support young people to regulate their emotions • Encourage young people to support and care for others
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UNDER 8'S DAY EVENT:

Allenstown State School Students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classes are invited to our Under 8's event that will be held on Thursday 28th June from 9am to 10.30am on the School Oval.

This is a FREE event and Parents/Carers are welcome to attend but as this is for Allenstown State School students only, other children are not permitted at the event.

Each class will be responsible for running an activity so if you are able to support your child's class by volunteering for the morning, please speak with the teacher.



ANNUAL 'FOOTY FEVER':

The first State of Origin is on Wednesday, 6th June.

To show our commitment to the **MAROONS** I encourage students, staff and parents to wear their favourite team colours on that day.

The favourite team may come from any form of Footy. **MAROON** would be preferred but any NRL, QRL or local Rugby League club would be fine.

No 'fines' or costs will be imposed on students for this event (*except maybe those in sky blue.*)



CANETOADS

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COCKROACHES

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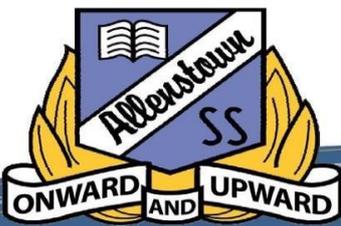
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How would you like to be at Game 3 of the State of Origin to cheer on your favourite team?

We have a school family who have very generously donated all the prizes for the current P&C raffle and 1st prize is tickets to the final Game of the State of Origin.

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.

Time is running out so please help us to get full value following such a generous donation from one of our highly supportive families by selling them to your family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues.

Prizes drawn 22nd June 2018. Don't miss out!!



EXCESS FURNITURE FOR SALE:

Earlier in the year, I indicated that we would be getting rid of some excess student furniture when the A Block refurbishment was finished.

That time has now arrived. Next Monday (11th June) you are invited to come along and purchase excess student desks and chairs from under A Block.

This sale will take place between 7.45 > 8.45am under A Block. All items will be \$2.00 each. If you are looking for more than four items, a discounted price can be negotiated.

Please do not start asking for, or taking, any items before that morning as we still have some sorting to do.

The furniture being offered would make great homework spaces for students. Only student desks and chairs are being included in this sale.

The chairs are all in good condition but have bases that we are no longer allowed to have in schools due to safety risks.

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Other News

SHINE Graduation

Congratulations to all the girls who participated in the Shine Graduation! A lovely evening was had to celebrate the completion of the program. Well done girls you shone through with your sense of worth, strength and purpose.



QUEENSLAND DAY 6 JUNE

Queensland Day is a celebration of Queensland's birthday and its official separation from New South Wales as an independent colony on 6 June 1859.

Celebrated annually, Queensland Day is an opportunity to commemorate the state's culture, heritage, people, places and industry. In 2018, Queensland will mark its 159th birthday on Wednesday 6 June.

LATE ARRIVAL OR EARLY DEPARTURE

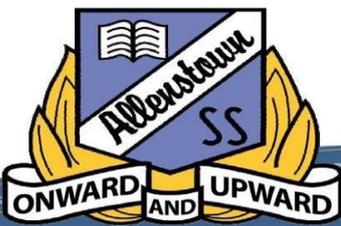
If students arrive after the second bell of the morning, they are required to come to the office to obtain a Late Slip before going to their classroom. Parents/carers do not need to phone the office to advise of the late arrival. They will receive an SMS text message that they can reply to if the student arrives after 9.30am.

Should students need to leave school early for an appointment, 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.

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SCHOOL HOURS are 8.45am to 2.45pm

Students who arrive at school with time to spare have the luxury of settling in, preparing their class materials and focusing on the lessons to come. They have all the time they need to literally wake up. It also benefits students' academic performance and future professional habits.

If you want your child to be successful at school and later in the workforce then attending school for the whole day is vital to their education. We understand that some medical appointments can only be made during school hours but collecting your child before the school day ends for other reasons disrupts the whole class's learning and creates extra work for teachers and office staff especially when students are not in their regular classroom.

Students who regularly are late or leave early – how it affects their learning...

- **Disrupted Routines** - Students know the main reason for being at school is to learn and that routines are in place to help them focus on that learning so when students are repeatedly late or leave early, these routines are disrupted and they often miss out on important information.
- **Distraction** - When a child continuously arrives late or leaves early other students are distracted and attention is drawn away from the teacher and toward the child that is arriving late or leaving early.
- **Low Achievement** – Statistics report that not attending school for the entire day can result in lower grades and lower scores on tests. In classrooms especially in primary school, morning activities are critical to daily lessons.
- **Responsibility** – Part of your child's education is learning to be responsible and how to meet expectations. They learn to follow schedules, obey rules complete assignments and keep track of their materials. Parents can

teach their children organisational techniques that will help them get ready for school faster such as packing their bags and laying out their clothes the night before school. Children learn from the primary role model.

- **Lifelong Habits** – Arriving late to school on a consistent basis can have longer-term academic effects. If showing up late to school becomes a habit, students may develop the notion that tardiness is acceptable behaviour. This belief can negatively impact their future work ethic and employment opportunities.

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.....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/She is only missing just.....	That equals.....	Which is.....	& over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	nearly 1½ weeks per year	nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1hr 40mins per week	over 2½ weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	over 2½ years

Every Day Counts

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

ENGLISH & MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (ICAS)

The International Competitions for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students.

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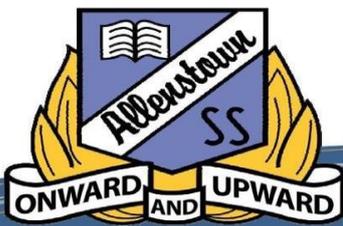
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The 2018 International Competitions for Schools (ICAS) will be held on the following dates:

ENGLISH – Tuesday 31st July 2018

MATHEMATICS – Tuesday 14th August 2018

These competitions are optional for students in Years 3-6. The cost is \$9.90 for each competition so if you would like your child to participate, please collect a permission form from the office and return it to the office with the money by Friday 22nd June 2018.



Ditto's Keep Safe Education Program

The purpose of 'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program' is to teach children personal safety in a non-confrontational, fun and engaging fashion. It aims to "Educate, Empower and Protect" with a focus on resiliency, while building confidence and awareness and teaches children what to do if they feel unsafe or unsure.

On Wednesday 27th June at 2.00pm Prep to Year 3 Students have the opportunity to experience "The Ditto Keep Safe Adventure Education Program" in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend also.

The performance is free; however a gold coin donation will ensure the continuation and expansion of the program throughout Australia. Please bring the money on the day of the performance as a collection will be taken up at the end of the program. Do not send it to the office beforehand.

Only complete the permission form if you DO NOT WISH your child to attend this show.

REMINDERS:

Year 5 Camp deposits of \$50.00 are due. Deposits need to be paid so we can get camp numbers finalised and information out to parents and caregivers. If the deposit has not already been paid and your child is wishing to attend the Year 5 camp, please return the

relevant paperwork and pay the deposit as soon as possible to ensure your child's place at camp.

Rockhampton Show Holiday – Thursday 14th June is Rockhampton Show Holiday. Due to the Public Holiday there is no school on this day; however Friday 15th June is a regular school day and students are required to attend.

Newsletter – The newsletter is posted on the Allenstown State School Facebook page every week. There are also a few printed copies available at the office if you do not have access to Facebook or contact the office and we can add your email address to our Newsletter email list to ensure you receive the newsletter every week.

Found – A green fleecy jacket has been handed in at the office with a football logo on it. If this belongs to your child please contact the office to identify the jacket.

Absence Notification – The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the department. 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. Your child's safety could rely on this.

The parent should be advised that the school is required by law (specifically, section 22 of the [Education \(General Provisions\) Regulation 2017](#)) to notify them when their child is absent from school without explanation, and to seek a reason for the absence from the parent.

Improvements in technology and its widespread use help make same day notification readily accessible for many schools and families. Please reply to the text message or contact the school to advise the reason that your child is absent on the day.

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

"Disabled Parking Spaces" are NOT to be used as a "drop off/pick up zone" for students or parents.

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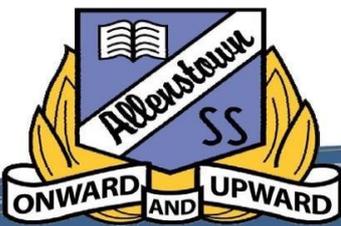
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ALLENSTOWN STATE SCHOOL

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/VWGK>
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

Come & Support Allenstown P&C

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
14 May to 24 Aug	Premier's Reading Challenge	Allenstown SS/Home
6 Jun	State of Origin	Wear favourite team colours
14 Jun	Rton Show Holiday	Public Holiday
21 Jun	Interhouse Athletics Carnival	Allenstown SS Cook – Blue Flinders – Red Oxley – Yellow Phillip - Green
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

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.



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