



NEWSLETTER

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Principals Report

BULLYING:

Friday 16th March is the National Day of Action (NDA) against bullying. Our school has registered as a participant in this day of education and activities against Bullying.

Between now and 16th our students will be getting some specific and explicit education about what bullying is and what it can cause.

I ask you, indeed beg you, to join with us in helping to make Allenstown as Bully Free as it can be.

I will be including some written extracts over coming newsletters that deals with this very important topic. The first, which follows this paragraph, deals with a definition of what bullying is (and what it isn't).

BULLYING – A DEFINITION:

The national definition of bullying for Australian Schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious or hidden.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

*Behaviours that **DO NOT** constitute bullying include:*

- Mutual arguments or disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- Not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- One-off acts of meanness or spite
- Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, the above conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Bullying has 3 main features:

1. It involves a misuse of power in a relationship
2. It is ongoing and repeated
3. It involves behaviours that can cause harm

SCHOOL LEADERS 'COMMENCE WORK':

Last Friday, 2nd March, the 11 students who have been elected as school leaders for 2018 were 'sworn in'.

Those leaders will now officially assume responsibility for a range of jobs and actions within our school.

I look forward to working with this group, as I believe they all bring a high level of commitment and energy to their roles.

To remind the school community once more, the 2018 leaders are:

School Captains	Montanna James Jai Steere	
Senior Leaders	Toby Milner Bradley O'Shea Caydence Fouracre Connor Munro Aaron Johns Isaac Dunstan Nara Freeman	
Sports House Captains	Cook	Shannan Jacobsen - Roos
	Flinders	Filoreen Fetoa'i
	Oxley	Declan James
	Phillip	Caydence Fouracre

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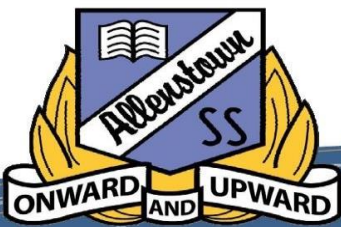
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REFURBISHMENT MOVES UP A NOTCH:

You may have noticed by now that we have a significant amount of scaffolding going up the front of A Block and surrounding the bell tower.

This is a large part of the refurbishment work as they are attempting to 'leakproof' the bell tower.

A lot of safety fencing has been placed around the bottom of A Block to create a clear zone.

[Tuckshop is still operating under A Block](#) and everyone can safely access it via the open panels of safety fencing.

Allies Sports Report

Interschool Sport Results from Friday 2nd March

OZ TAG Results

Allenstown Boys defeated Rockhampton Grammar	3-2
Allenstown Girls defeated St Joseph's Park Avenue	6-1
Allenstown Mixed 1 defeated Allenstown Mixed 2	4-2
Allenstown Mixed 3 were defeated by Parkhurst	0-8

SOCCER Results

Allies Team 2 defeated Allies Team 1	3-2
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Friday 9th March Sports Draw

Oz Tag – Playing at Saleyards Park

- Boys Team v St Joseph PA 2
Field 7 1.52pm
- Girls Team v Mt Archer 2
Field 4 12.38pm
- Mixed Team 1
BYE
- Mixed Team 2 v Depot Hill 2
Field 4 1.50pm
- Mixed Team 3 v R'ton Grammar
Field 2 1.50pm

Soccer – Playing at Allenstown

- Allies 1 v Cres Lagoon blue at Allenstown
12.40pm
- Allies 2 v Cres Lagoon red at Allenstown
1.35pm

Library News

This week is the inaugural Queensland School Library Week 5-9 March 2018. Entry forms for the "School Library in Focus" art competition are available at the library.

Draw or paint a character or event from a favourite book.

Artwork: First Prize
School - \$100 Book Voucher
Student - \$50 Book Voucher

Winning entries will be displayed on the Queensland School Library website.

Winning Schools will be notified on Friday 23rd March 2018.

Let's celebrate our wonderful school library and all the treasures that can be found inside.

Other News



**Fundraising has never tasted so good!
Bake your very own delicious cookies!!**

All funds raised will go towards Allenstown Chaplaincy Service - (our school Chaplain makes a difference)

Please return your brochure & monies to the School Office by 12th March 2018 or



PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE
VISIT WWW.COOKIEDOUGH.COM.AU

Current scheduled day for pick-up of your order is 28th March 2018.

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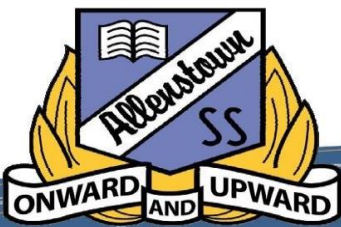
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On Friday 16th March 2018, Australian schools will stand united in their communities to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for school and in 2018; schools are called to imagine a world free from bullying and share their big ideas.

Some students have already shared their thoughts:

- A world free from bullying = Happy Smiles
- Through positive action, we can put a stop to bullying. Now is the time
- No one would be sad because of other people
- Everyone will feel safe to be who they are and what they want to be

Bullying prevention is everyone's responsibility. School staff can do a great deal to prevent bullying and protect students, but can achieve much more if they involve everyone in the school community.

Students and families are central to preventing bullying and creating a school climate of respect and inclusion, and their meaningful engagement demonstrates the value the school holds for students and families.

It is also one way of strengthening a whole-school approach to the prevention of bullying. Family involvement can extend the bullying prevention messages into the home.

For more information go to the Bullying No Way website <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au>



Our P & C has an important job to do and we would love you to be a part of it. P & C is an essential part of the school.

AGM Meeting – The AGM Meeting is fast approaching where all positions will be vacant. The P & C is always looking for new faces as a casual volunteer or an official volunteer. Please consider nominating for any of the positions available or just becoming a P & C member. Follow our Facebook page for upcoming meeting dates. Children do better when parents/caregivers are involved. Everyone is most welcome.



Visit by Registered Nurse for Prep Vision Screening

A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school on the 21st March 2018 to commence vision screening for all Prep Year children.

If you wish to have your child participate in this vision screening program, please complete and sign the consent form sent home with your child and **return this to the office no later than Friday 9th March 2018**. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child's screening.

Enquiries To: Children's Health Queensland
Telephone: 1800 687 372
Email: admin.psnhrp@health.qld.gov.au

Community News



DENTAL CLINIC – back at Allies

The dental clinic at Allenstown State School reopened on Monday 5th March 2018.

The Clinic will be open from Monday to Thursday each week.

All enquiries - Ph 49 222 673.

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Celebrating 100 Years of Rugby League in Rockhampton
Rockhampton Art Gallery
Saturday 3rd March to Sunday 17 June 2018

Relive some of the great moments, remember the games and discover the history of rugby league in Rockhampton through rarely seen memorabilia and footage. Combining material from private and public collections, the exhibition brings together a century of sporting memories and triumphs.
Admission is Free.

FAMILY FRIENDLY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **(Rockhampton Art Gallery)**



Rockhampton Art Gallery has a range of fun and exciting activities and workshops for kids of all ages. Whether you are looking for something to do as a family, or want your children to go off and have fun with kids their own age, there is something for everyone.

Easter Holiday Art Mash-Up

Are your young artists looking for fun and creative ideas for the Easter break? How does map-making, book-making or experimental printmaking sound? Let your tweens and teens unleash their creative talents with Easter Holiday Art Mash-Ups.

STEAM Extreme

Does your child have a creative flair but nowhere to show it off? Perhaps they are interested in design, engineering, or project management. Look no further

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than STEAM Extreme after-school art club, Monday afternoons April to June at Rockhampton Art Gallery.

For more information contact Rockhampton Art Gallery
Phone – 4936 8248
Email - gallery@rrc.qld.gov.au



If you are interested in receiving \$500 in matched savings, please contact

Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator
0408 490 984 or 49248125
Email - kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Wed	Play Group 8.45-10.45am	1 Block Allenstown SS
9 Mar 21 Mar	Forms returned Prep Vision Screening	TBA
23 Mar	Year 6 Camp \$50 Deposit due	Allenstown SS
29 Mar 17 Apr	Last day of Term 1 Term 2 commences	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
12-16 Nov	Year 6 Camp	Brisbane-various venues

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