Last Tuesday, candidates for student leadership positions gave their campaign speeches and then waiting nervously for the outcome of the election - conducted via secret ballot. My congratulations to the follow 2017 student leaders:

School Captains: Evan Emms and Amy Harrison
Vice Captains: Emily Tynan and Paige Bain
House Captains (Deacon): Sophie Otten and Emily Tynan
House Captains (Gwynne): Abigail Collins and Paige Bain

On Thursday, 8 December commencing at 9:00am in our Performing Arts Hall, our annual Primary Awards Ceremony will be taking place. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend to be part of the ceremony.

Also on Thursday, 8 December, following the Primary Awards Ceremony, is our annual Volunteers’ Morning Tea. This year we’ve decided to go to Amy’s Café, Allora. If you’ve assisted in our school throughout the year, please join us for a delicious morning tea as our way of acknowledging your wonderful contributions.

Our School website: https://allorass.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx is a great place to find information regarding our school, such as the current School Link. I’d like to draw your attention to our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students located on our website. Contained in the final pages of the document, in the section subtitled “Bullying”, is a link to a helpful resource for students and parents / carers. Check it out for some great advice & strategies.

The School Musical “Creepy Town” Photobook is available for purchasing online, by following the following link: http://www.blurb.com/b/7451661-creepytown-musical-smaller-book

Given that this is our final School Link for 2016, I’d like to wish all of our school community a very happy and safe Christmas and prosperous New Year.


School Watch Hotline: 131 788.

Kind regards

Shaun Kanowski

School Uniforms

New stocks of school uniforms have arrived in the office and are now available for purchase.

If you have old uniforms you wish to donate to our second-hand clothing pool, please drop them in to the school office.
Calendar Events

DECEMBER
5-9   NO TUCKSHOP
6     Pie Drive delivery - collect from Catering Kitchen 12-3pm
8     Primary Awards ceremony, school hall, 9am
8     Volunteers Brunch - 11:30am
9     Last day of the school year - buses depart at 1:00pm

2017
JANUARY
20   Favourite recipes due for 150th Celebrations Recipe Book
23   First Day of the 2017 school year
25   Allora State School trials for Central Downs swimming
26   Australia Day Public Holiday
27   Interhouse Swimming Carnival - Allora Pool - 9yrs to Open

FEBRUARY
3     Central Downs Swimming Carnival, Clifton Pool
10    Allora Show holiday
23    School Photos

APRIL
28-29 150 Years of Schooling celebrations

Term 1 - Monday 23 January to Friday 31 March
Term 2 - Tuesday 18 April to Friday 23 June
Term 3 - Monday 10 July to Friday 15 September
Term 4 - Tuesday 3 October to Friday 8 December
Student Free Day - Monday 16 October 2017

End of Year ‘To Do’ List

Old Uniforms: Please consider donating these to our school uniform stocks. We will take any uniform items, including shirts, shorts, hats, caps and coats.

Student Absences: All student absences need to be explained. Please SMS to the number listed on the front of this School Link.

2016 School Captains/Vice Captains/House Captains: Formal uniforms, including ties, need to be returned in a clean condition, with blazers dry-cleaned and blouses, shirts and trousers washed and ironed. Please return these items of clothing by the end of this school year.

Library Books / Text Books: Return all borrowed books to the library now.

First day of school year for 2017: Monday, 23 January 2017
Public Holiday: Thursday, 26 January 2017
Interhouse Swimming Carnival: Friday 27 January 2017

Please return overdue library books NOW!

Tuckshop Roster

JANUARY
Mon 23   T Lester, S Fiechtner
Wed 25   D Wilkie, K Frizzell
Fri 27   Swimming Carnival - G Steinberger, S Fiechtner
Mon 30   K Bennett, S Fiechtner

Tuckshop News

Narelle and the tuckshop committee sincerely thank all those who have helped at the tuckshop throughout the year. If you are able to volunteer some time in the tuckshop in 2017, we would love to hear from you. Narelle takes this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and looks forward to seeing you in 2017.

Please find a new menu and pricing for 2017 attached to the back of this newsletter.
To help you be organised for next year

During a school year, many expenses arise. The following list may help you with organising a payment or saving plan for some of the school expenses. **Along with the items listed below, there will also be Arts Council performances, sporting costs, PBL Rewards, Instrumental Music Camps and other excursions throughout the year.** Payment plans are available. Please talk to Mrs Stevens in the school office to organise this.

**All year levels:**
School fees due in Term 1

**Year 10:**
Jersey (during Term 1) approximately $75
Canberra excursion (end of Term 3)
Term 4
End of Year medallion approximately $23
Year 10 dinner (students and 2 parents invited) approximately $30 each
Last day Skimish trip approximately $30 for bus etc plus extra money for ammunition, hire of overalls and lunch (approximately $60 upwards)

**Year 9:**
Leadership Camp (Term 4) approximately $165

**Year 5/6 Camp:**
Cost unknown at this stage

**School Transport Services**
School transport services will depart the school at 1:00pm on Friday 9 December 2016

**Year 8 LOTE**

The Year 8 students have been studying “FOOD” in LOTE this term. There is more to food in Japan than merely having a completely different cuisine. Daily life in Japan, as with many Asian cultures, is dominated by the many rituals and ceremonies that surround food. They use chopsticks for a start! The Year 8 students have studied many of these rituals but have also prepared, cooked and tasted “okonomiyaki”, “chahan” and “sushi”. I would like to congratulate the cohort on their maturity, hard work and willingness to try new things.

Have a safe and happy holiday break everyone.

Arigatougozaimashita

Sensei GILL

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### Student of the Week

The following students were awarded with certificates on assembly, for demonstrating our school motto, “Always our Best”.

**Monday 28 November**

Prep  Aleye F - for exemplary manners

Year 5  Holly W - A positive approach to her work

**Congratulations students!**

### Recipe Book - 150th Celebrations

A call out to all the cooks of Allora and surrounds!!!

The hunt is on for your favourite, or never before published, recipes to add to our Recipe Book for our Allora State School 150Yrs Celebration. We are looking for, if possible, a recipe and a sentimental story to be included. A reason why this recipe is special can also be included, for example “Auntie Mag’s Powder Puffs always made their way to the table for family celebrations”.

Email your recipes or any queries to:

cchan5@eq.edu.au
lhan281@eq.edu.au

or phone Kaye Mullins 46663330

or drop off typed recipes to the School Office.

Recipes are required no later than 20 January 2017.

Regards

LEE HARRISON AND CATHY CHANDLER
Community News

Allora Tennis Club - Friday family fun nights (first Friday of each month). Play starts from 5:30pm; sausage sizzle $2; ball fees $2/person or $5/family; drinks & chips available to purchase. Anyone and everyone invited. Also - want to play tennis over the holidays? Court hire $2/person or $5/family. Keys are kept at Freedom Fuels. Contact Mandy Mutch on 0428 365 676 or Andrew Dunn 0408 845 549 for more information.

27/10 to 4/12 - Out.Back touring art exhibition by Vast Arts - at Warwick Art Gallery - 4661 0434

28 November to 22 December - FREE Breast Cancer screening, Warwick Hospital (women aged over 40). For appointments phone 13 20 50.

8 December - Bunnings Warwick Christmas Family Fun Night - 6pm to 8pm. Lots of FREE activities for kids. Gold coin donation to Salvation Army. Contact 4660 1000 for more information.

9 December - Allora Senior Citizens invites you to a Christmas Music Melody - 1:30pm, Allora Senior Citizens Hall, Corner Drayton & Herbert Street, Allora - $5 per person. All ages welcome. Raffles and lucky door prizes - contact Sharlene for more information - 0435 801 102

New Years Eve event - Allora Showgrounds - fireworks, fun for the kids - watch newspapers for more details.


Play NRL – School Holiday Camps – register online at www.playnrl.com – 9-11yrs boys; 12-15yrs boys and 10-16yrs girls. See website for more details.

Cobb+Co Holiday programs - Santa’s Workshop 5-23 December; Rapt in Reptiles 4-20 January 2017; Teen Workshops (leather plaiting; blacksmithing, silversmithing). Find out more - contact Cobb+Co on 4659 4900 or go to their website. www.cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au/Events

Griffith Dental Clinic

Free or discounted dental treatment options for the entire family. Children under 16 receive free treatment (children 4 years and older but who have not yet completed Year 10 at school are eligible for free treatment under the QLD Health agreement). Family members receive competitive discounted rates.

Your family will be treated in our clinic by talented dental students (professional dentists also available), supervised by experts in all areas of Dentistry.

Opening hours: 6:30am-4:00pm, Monday - Friday.
Location: 56 Locke Street, Warwick (adjacent to Warwick Hospital).
Book appointments: call 4667 1312 today

Bring French Culture to Life!

Volunteer to host an international student from France next year. We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local culture, experience our schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All students speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses and we arrange all aspects of their program. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like to know more, please email your interest to rl@sccce.com.au