The big news this week is the Investiture Ceremony, whereby our student leaders were presented with their badges and certificates. The occasion was made all the more special by the attendance of Mayor Peter Blundell who spoke very positively about our school community and presented our student leaders with their badges.

I’d like to congratulate our student leaders for 2016:

- **School Captains**: Austin Lack and Mary Higgins
- **Vice Captains**: Ailish Wallace and Jessica Chisnell
- **House Captain (Deacon)**: Kaitlyn Bott
- **House Captains (Gwynne)**: Ella Gartery and Shae Erhardt

Last Thursday, 25 February, our school photographs were taken. These photos should be ready for collection early in Term 2. The photographers all commented on the very positive behaviour of our students; especially their manners and greetings. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Program is certainly starting to show improvements – well done students!

Speaking of PBL, last Thursday afternoon, 25 February, the majority of students celebrated achieving five or more completed Sunny Cards with a mid-term reward (ice block and additional time at recess). Our end of term PBL reward for ten or more completed Sunny Cards is fast looming and involves a team of specialist coaches working with our students on a number of activities. Parents / carers can assist by ensuring that your children have their Sunny Cards with them each day as they are getting ready for school.

Shane Bowman (Schools Officer – Facilities & Grounds) and Linda Sharman Bowman (Prep Teacher) commenced their long service leave this week. They will be on leave until the start of Term 2. We welcome Mrs Mary Lou Gittins who is replacing Mrs Sharman Bowman in the Prep classroom and Mr Steven Baillie who is replacing Mr Bowman as our acting Schools Officer.

Today, 3 March, our students were treated to an educational awareness program titled – Deadly Australians. It is a public awareness program, educating Australian students about the dangers of the venomous wildlife that inhabit our backyards, bush, beaches and sea. Students saw both live and preserved exhibits including Box Jellyfish, Snakes, Stonefish and Spiders.

From time to time this school year, concerns may crop up regarding your child or a school matter. I invite parents / carers to make early contact and an appointment with your child’s teacher to clarify any concerns and come to an early resolution. School + Home = every student learning and succeeding!

Yours sincerely

SHAUN KANOWSKI
Principal

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**Car Boot Sale - This Sunday - 6 March 2016**

Where: Allora State School’s Soccer Oval (near Prep building)

When: Sunday 6 March

Time: 9am to 12 noon

Cost: Open to the public

Bookings: Please email alloracarbootsale@outlook.com

Enquiries: Krissy Henry – 0413 943 114
Calendar (correct as at time of printing)

MARCH
4 Central Downs Netball Trials - St Patricks School
6 P&C Car Boot Sale
8 Darling Downs 13-19Yrs Netball & Hockey trials
9 QDU Debating - Year 8 & Year 10 teams
10 School Disco - primary 5:45pm; secondary 7:15pm
11 Central Downs Triathlon
15-17 Secondary Instrumental Music Camp
15 P&C Annual General Meeting, 7pm, school library
Southern Downs Netball, Rugby League & Soccer Trials, Warwick
16 Anglo American Broncos Challenge, Round 1 at Stanthorpe State High School
21 Interhouse Cross Country, Allora Golf Course - NO TUCKSHOP
23 Easter Church Services
25 Good Friday Public Holiday
28 Easter Monday Public Holiday
29 School Holidays commence

APRIL
11 School Resumes for Term 2
15 Central Downs Cross Country, Pilton (10-12Yrs)
20 Anglo American Broncos Challenge, Round 3 at Clifton State High School
21 Southern Downs Touch Trials
25 ANZAC Day town march - Public Holiday
26 Southern Downs Cross Country, Allora Golf Course (10-12Yrs)
Border District Cross Country, Allora Golf Course (13-19Yrs)
Arts Council - Prep to Year 6; 11:30am
Arts Council - Years 7-10; 1:30pm
27 QDU Debating - Year 8 & Year 10 teams

MAY
2 Public Holiday
4 Anglo American Broncos Challenge, Round 4 at Assumption College
10-12 NAPLAN Testing
18 Anglo American Broncos Challenge, Round 5 at Allora P-10 State School
QDU Debating - Year 8 and Year 10 teams
20 Gala Day - primary
24 Darling Downs Cross Country, Kearney Springs
25 Anglo American Broncos Challenge, Finals, Warwick
27 Gala Day - primary
31 Science Competition - Years 3 to 10

JUNE
1 QDU Debating - Year 8 & Year 10 teams
15 Southern Downs girls rugby league trials
20-24 Work Experience - Year 10 students
27 School Holidays commence

INVITATION
To:  P&C’s Annual Meeting
Where: School Library
When: 15 March 2016
Time: 7:00pm
All welcome

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Proceeds: Allora State School P&C

Tuckshop
Please consider helping out at the tuckshop. If you are able to assist in the tuckshop, even for a couple of hours a month, please contact Barb Erhardt 4666 3745 (home) or Narelle Moore 4666 7222 (tuckshop - Monday, Wednesday and Friday). If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange a replacement and let one of these ladies know.

Please note there is NO TUCKSHOP on 21 March, due to the Interhouse cross country.

Roster
Frid.  04/3  S Fiechtner, K Collie
Mon.  07/3  S Fiechtner, K Lack
Wed.  09/3  K Frizzell, D Wilkie
Frid.  11/3  C Perry, K Collie
Mon.  14/3  S Fiechtner, T Heslin, B Ford
Wed.  16/3  B Erhardt, M Chandler
Frid.  18/3  C Perry, K Collie
Mon.  21/3  NO TUCKSHOP - Cross Country
Wed.  23/3  K Frizzell, D Wilkie
Thurs.  24/3  C Perry, K Collie
Frid.  25/3  Good Friday public holiday
Student of the Week

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

Monday 22 February 2016

Prep: Caitlyn Hoey - For clever counting
Year 1: Cooper Collins - Trying very hard with the formation of letters
Year 2: Isaac Robson - Whole body listening in class
Year 2: Henry McMillan - Working hard on writing tasks
Year 3: Matilda Lever - Helping others in class
Year 5: Aiden Holmes - Excellent efforts in all areas
Year 6: Macey Heslin - For her very positive attitude to catching up after a long absence
Year 7: Stan Bain - Excellent efforts in English
Year 8: Charli Wolff - A consistently diligent approach to learning
Year 9: Abigail Collins - Consistently respectful greetings
Year 9: Jake Ainsworth - Consistently respectful greetings

Monday 29 February 2016

Year 2: Gabby Newing - Valuable contributions in class
Year 3: Connor Van Bennekom - Consistently respectful greetings
Year 4: Lewis May - Outstanding effort and participation in class
Year 4: Braden Kelk - Always following classroom expectations
Year 5: Macey Hill - A consistently diligent approach to learning
Year 7: Lexie Heslin - Positive contributions to English lessons
Year 7: Connar Feltham - Good responses in English
Year 8: Claudia Bonython - Consistently respectful greetings
Year 8: Conner Feltham - Consistently respectful greetings
Year 9: Jaylen Robson - Collecting and returning his requirements for class
Year 9: Siobhan McEvoy - Insightful questions in History
Year 10: Ben Garton - Respectful greetings

Donations - Mother’s Day Stall

As in previous years, the tuckshop will be holding a stall for students to buy a gift from, for their mother for Mother’s Day. They are asking each family to donate some small item/s that could be sold (no second-hand items, please).

Examples of small, inexpensive gifts include soap, hanky, coat hanger, notebook, pen, hair clip, lip balm, lip gloss, coffee mug, drawer liners or even a packet cake mix.

Please leave donations at the school office or the tuckshop. Thank you for your help in our fundraising efforts.

A Note from the Library

The school term is certainly progressing very quickly. Students are very busy borrowing and returning their books each week. Please remember to send along a library bag with your students so that they are able to borrow from our wonderful library. If they do not have a library bag, they cannot borrow. If they remember their bag and their book, they are rewarded with lots of sunny stamps.

Please note that both Book Clubs have now been sent out. Carnival Book Club has finished. Scholastic Book Club has been sent out, with orders required no later than Monday 7 March 2016. Remember, by supporting book club you are helping our Library purchase new resources.

Southern Downs Swimming

At the Southern Downs Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 17 February, Allora State School students performed very well and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to Cooper for breaking two Southern Downs records at the carnival. The following students achieved Age Champion or Runner-Up medallions:

- Cooper Harm, Age Champion, 10Yrs Boys
- Jackson Pitstock, Runner Up, 11Yrs Boys
- Danni Griffin, Age Champion, 9Yrs Girls (tie)

Darling Downs Swimming

The following students attended Darling Downs Swimming Trials in Gatton on Wednesday, 2 March. Jackson Pitstock, Darcy Pitstock, Kai Hill, Macey Hill, Maddison Griffin, Danni Griffin, Alexia Lever and Cooper Harm.

Congratulations to Cooper Harm who broke a Backstroke record at the meet, received runner-up to Age Champion and has qualified for the State Carnival at Chandler in Brisbane from 17th to 19th March. Southern Downs placed fourth overall.

Results from Allora swimmers are: Cooper Harm - Backstroke and Freestyle - 1st; Butterfly and Breaststroke - 3rd; Jackson Pitstock - Butterfly 5th; Breaststroke 6th; Backstroke 7th; Freestyle 10th; Macey Hill - Butterfly 6th; Kai Hill - Freestyle 5th; Backstroke 8th; Alexia Lever - Backstroke 23rd; Maddison Griffin - Backstroke 17th; Freestyle 25th and Danni Griffin - Backstroke 7th.

Congratulations to all students on their great efforts, sportsmanship and behaviour on the day. Well done! (Photograph on next page).

Border District Winter Trials / Darling Downs Trials

Congratulations to Mary Higgins and Sophie Otten who gained selection in the Border District netball team and to Jack Hill who has gained selection in the Border District hockey team, to attend the Darling Downs trials in Toowoomba on Tuesday, 8 March. Congratulations also to Stan and Paige Bain who have gained selection in the Border District Football (soccer) team to attend Darling Downs trials in Toowoomba on 15 March.

Cross Country Training

Cross Country training continues at school at lunchtimes on Tuesdays to Fridays and Thursday mornings before school. Details of carnivals were listed in 3 March edition of School Link and in the letter sent home earlier this term. They are also listed in the School Link calendar. Please note as previously indicated, for students wishing to participate in the 10-12 Years representative cross country carnival program, it is a requirement to be involved in the training program at school.

Secondary Anglo American Broncos Challenge (netball & rugby league)

The secondary Anglo American Broncos challenge netball and rugby league competition will start on Wednesday, 16 March with a further game on Wednesday 23 March and the competition being completed in Term Two. Training will commence at school in the coming weeks. An information letter including the draw will be sent home soon.
Primary Individual Chess Competition

On Tuesday, 11 Allora State School students travelled to Toowoomba for the annual Chess Competition. Most of these 11 students had been to a competition before, knew what to expect and how exciting the day was to be. The two new students to the competition found out how great a day of competitive Chess really is. There were eight rounds, or eight games, to be played by each student and at the end of the day, every student had won at least one game and amassed at least two points out of eight (1 = win, 0.5 = tie, 0 = loss). The best performers on the day were Chloe Groves and Macey Heslin, who each finished with six points overall. Macey came very close to winning her last game that would have seen her place equal third overall; however, 12th place overall (out of 302 students) is a fantastic effort.

The following is a list of the well behaved Chess students and the points they earned: Tjkami Knox and Lincoln Murphy 2, Lachlan Quirke 2.5, Paul Costello, Lachlan Robson, Jarod Rowan, Nicola Westerman and Isaac Wolff 3.5, Jack Barbierato 4, Chloe Groves and Macey Heslin 6.

Congratulations to all students and the example of great behaviour they set over the day. Chess is on at ‘The Lab’, from 12:45pm Thursdays, for all students who wish to play, practice or learn Chess. A final thank you to the parents and relatives who attended the competition and especially to those who assist in transporting the students to Toowoomba each year!

Dental Van to Visit

We have been advised that the Dental Van will be coming to the school in the near future. Forms will be sent home with students in the near future.
Work Experience - Yr 10s

Year 10 students will participate in a week of work experience at the end of next term, from 20 to 24 June 2016. Consent and preference forms have been sent home with students and are due back at school on Monday, 7 March. This enables us to place our students early, before the spot is taken by another student from another school. Also, as part of this program, students will be compiling a resume and portfolio to assist them with their ‘mock interviews’ during Term 2.

Assessment Information

Mrs Peck’s Classes

Year 7 Maths – Unit 1 Exam (Index, Notation, Fractions & Integers) – Thursday 10 March
Unit 2 Assignment (Vegetable Garden Plan) – started in class and due at the end of Week 3 of Term 2

Year 8 Maths – Unit 1 Exam (Number, Place Value, Real Numbers) – Friday 11 March
Unit 2 Assignment (Data) – Started in class and due at the end of Week 3 of Term 2

Year 9 Maths – Unit 2 Exam (Surface Area) – Wednesday 23 March (results added to Term 2 rating)

Year 10 Maths – Unit 1 Exam – Friday 4 March
Unit 2 Assignment (Probability – Tarket Games) – started in class and due at the end of Week 3 of Term 2

Year 10 Business – Final Accounts Exam – Monday 7 March.

Mr Hay’s Classes

10 English - Satire. Students are working on their assessment item for this unit, an analysis of a political cartoon. Due date for this task will be Monday March 14th.

A draft of the first paragraph should be emailed to me no later than Friday March 4th for feedback, with a completed first draft no later than Thursday March 10th, also by email. The final copy will need to be printed and submitted into the Year 10 English tray in B9.

10 History - With Year 10 students now having been issued with laptops, one of their first tasks was to copy all History AV material to their hard drives for use at home. The pathway is: G Drive/Year 10/ History/ Term 1. Workbooks will be collected weekly to ensure that all writing tasks are up to date.

7 English - Persuasion in motivational speaking. Students will be preparing a speech next week in class to motivate an audience for a particular purpose (eg. a sporting coach speaking to the team prior to a big game). Speeches will begin on Monday March 14th.

8 English - currently reading “Nanberry” by Jackie French and completing a variety of chapter exercises along the way.

Mr Johnson’s Science Classes

Year 7 - Assignment - Water Issues - Week 8-9
Year 8 - Investigation - Experiment Report - Week 8-9
Year 9 Exam - Light and Sound - Week 8
Year 10 - Assignment - Evolution - Week 8-9
## Custodian Order Form 2016

### Collector's Name:
Allora P-10 State School
Canberra Fundraising for 2016

Money and orders to be returned by
FRIDAY 11 March or before
**DELIVERY:** Wednesday 23 March 2016
12:00 noon to 3:30pm from CATERING KITCHEN

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