

## Our Vision

An inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all.

## Our Mission

In the spirit of Saint Mary Mackillop, we strive for excellence with love, dignity, integrity and justice.

## Dear Families

Welcome back to another busy fortnight. The students of St Patrick's have settled well into the routines of their learning and we look forward to lots of positive academic growth. It was also a great pleasure to welcome our Executive Director, Dr. Pat Coughlan to St Patrick's last Thursday. Dr. Coughlan not only met with our administration staff but also visited every classroom. As a school community, we are very appreciative of the time Dr. Coughlan took out of his busy schedule to visit St Patrick's School.

As a community, we would like to acknowledge the many students and staff who participated in the ANZAC Day March on Sunday 25 April. It was wonderful to witness such an enthusiastic roll up of students, not only for St Patrick's but for the many community groups that form the fabric of the Allora and Warwick areas. The reverence of ANZAC Day was further highlighted on Friday 23 April when members of Glengallan represented St Patrick's School at the Allora State School ANZAC Day Ceremony. It was a highly reflective ceremony and a wonderful example of community. We would like to thank the Principal of Allora State School, Mr. Shaun Kanowski for his organisation and willingness to involve St Patrick's School. Being afforded the opportunity as a school community to acknowledge the ANZAC traits of self-sacrifice, mateship and perseverance is always very special.

## Feeling Safe

Our School Student Protection Contacts are:

**Ms Donnelly**  
**Mr Blaikie**  
**Ms Jayne Farquharson**

## Reminders

**Uniform Days**

**Sports**

Wednesday, Friday.

**Formal**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.

**Winter Uniform from Tuesday 4 May 2021**

Please remember that we are a

**'Nut Aware' School.**

**Church Times** - Celebrations are up and running again with social distancing measures in place. Times for Masses are as follows:

**1st Sunday - 9am,**  
**2nd and 3rd Sunday - 5.30pm**

**4th & 5th Sunday - Liturgy of the Word with Communion - 9am**



As you would all be aware, this Sunday marks the celebration of Mother's Day for 2021. I am forever reminded of the example set by my mother and by my wife Eylece in the unconditional love and support they have provided over the years. The month of May and the liturgical season of Easter is a very poignant time for Mother's Day because mothers are people who give life. They try to see that their children are fed, healed, comforted and protected. We give thanks for our mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts and anyone who is like a mother to us. We salute you. With this in mind, we would like to remind you of our Mother's Day Liturgy this Friday at 9.00am which will be held in the Church. Mrs Geyle and Mrs Lucas are world renowned for their liturgies and we look forward to the students from Cunningham, leading us as a school community, for another reflective liturgical celebration.

We are also very grateful to the St Patrick's P&F who will be facilitating a Mother's Day Stall this week. The Mother's Day Stall will be located in the Library. Students will be able to visit the stall in their class group. The stall will be open from 2 to 3pm on both Thursday and Friday afternoons. The following roster will be used for students to visit the Mother's Day Stall:

**Thursday: 6 May – Cunningham and Dalrymple**

**Friday: 7 May – Talgai and Glengallan.**

Students are asked to **bring only \$5** to spend at the stall.





## NAPLAN Online

Our Years 3 and 5 learners will be engaging in the online format of NAPLAN this year. As stated in previous Newsletters, unlike the paper version of the test, the online version has a larger window for completion as it opens on Tuesday 11 May and closes on Friday 21 May. This extra time will allow for any trouble shooting or technical problems to be resolved.

Please find below an outline of our school **NAPLAN Testing Timetable for 2021**. All tests will be completed during Session 1 on the designated school day. Only one test will be completed each day.

- **Tuesday 11 May – Year 3 and 5 Writing Tests**
- **Wednesday 12 May – Year 3 and 5 Reading Tests**
- **Thursday 13 May – Year 3 and 5 Conventions of Language Tests**
- **Monday 17 May – Year 3 and 5 Numeracy Tests**
- **Tuesday 18 May to Friday 21 May – Makeup tests will be completed.**

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (17 to 23 May 2021)

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. NVW celebrates the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers and the nearly 600 million hours they spend in the service of others. The volunteers in our diocese's various ministries, churches and schools are a vital part of the way we, as a church, minister and serve the community. We would like to thank all of St Patrick's School's wonderful volunteers, especially those who assist with reading and school events. More resources on the [National Volunteer Week website](#) or [Volunteering Queensland website](#).

## Glengallan Reports Ruby and Kaleb

On Tuesday Ruby Wright attended the Darling Downs Netball Trials at the Highfields Sports and Recreation Center. The weather was cold in the morning and hot during the day. Out of the Southern Downs team there were three children who made it to possible and probable's. I do not know if they made it onto the team. There were seven courts and seven teams. The day was very overcast and sunny, but we were pleased with our efforts. Ruby

On Tuesday myself, Hugh Denny, Jonte May, Eddison Barton, Billy Keogh and Will Peters went to the DD Football Trials. It was set at the Kuhls Oval. We all tried our best and Eddison, Billy and Hugh scored a try. The weather was cold and then in the middle of the day it got warmer. Out of 170 people at the trial's, 30 people got chosen. Hugh and Jonte got to possible and probable's. Kaleb

## DATE CLAIMERS

### Term 2

- 4 May—Winter Formal School Uniform
- 6 & 7 May—Mothers Day Stall
- 7 May—9am Mothers Day Liturgy in church
- Assumption College Open Day
- 11 to 21 May—NAPLAN
- 14 May—Gala Day Yr3 to Yr 6
- 28 May—Gala Day Yr 3 to Yr 6
- 28 May—U8's Day Prep to Yr 2
- **24 June—Athletics Carnival (St Patrick's)**
- **25 June—Last day of Term 2**

**St Patrick's School – 2022 Trivia Night**

Due to current restrictions on numbers at indoor venues, it is with regret we inform the community that a decision has been made to hold over our annual 'Rattle of the Brains' Trivia Night until May 2022.

So Pencil it in for the end of May 2022!

In the meantime, we have something else in mind to gather the Allora and District community together. Watch this space!

God Bless

*Keith Blaikie*

**Keith Blaikie—Principal**