



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.

Feeling Safe
Our School Student Protection Contacts are:
Ms Donnelly
Mr Blaikie
Mrs Jennifer Fenn

Reminders

Uniform Days
Sports
Wednesday, Friday.

Formal
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.

Summer Uniform

Please remember that we are a...
'Nut Aware' School.

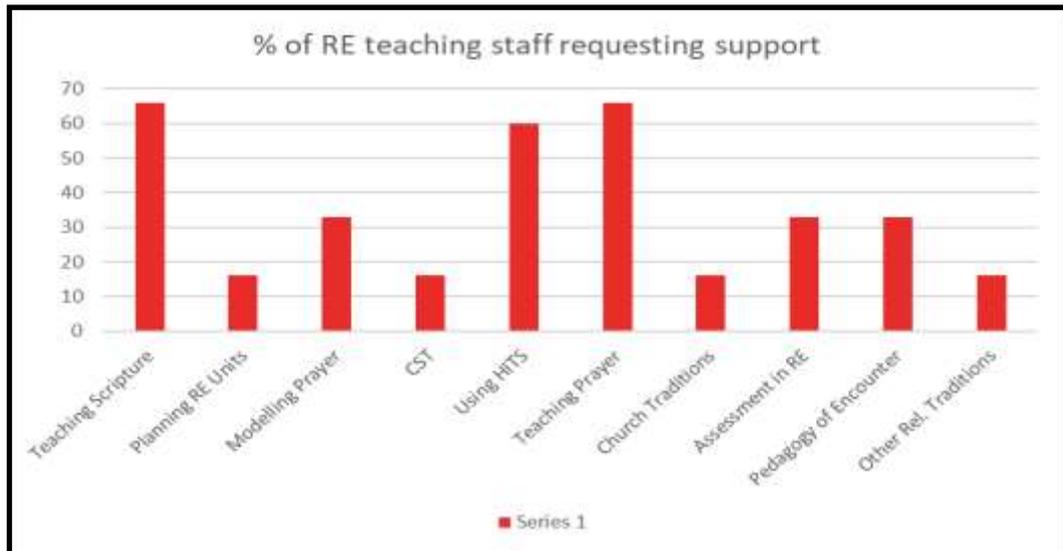
Church Times - Celebrations are up and running again with social distancing measures in place. Times for Masses are as follows:

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

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

Dear Families

As teachers it is all about practising what we preach. The use of Visible Learning provides the necessary guide posts to drive student learning at St Patrick's School. Apart from being sound educational practice, Visible Learning requires the collection of base line data even before explicit teaching occurs. This base line data will hopefully reveal areas of weakness which require explicit instruction. Throughout 2022, teachers will take part in Illuminate Religious Education project which has been designed to improve the teaching and learning of Religious Education. The table below provides a summary of a staff survey which was completed at the beginning of the year. This table provides a clear picture of our baseline data. Upon further analysis it is quite obvious that staff have requested further support in the teaching of scripture and prayer together with exploration of HITS (Higher Order Teaching Strategies). As a result, these key areas will become our focus for the rest of the year. Just like our students, Visible Learning also drives our professional development as teachers.



Shrove Tuesday: It is more than just about the Pancakes

As we all know, the season of Lent begins on Wednesday 2 March with Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. It is a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins.

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing that Christians used to undergo in the past. In shricing, a person confesses their sins and receives absolution for them. When a person receives absolution for their sins, they are forgiven for them and released from the guilt and pain that they have caused them. In the Catholic or Orthodox context, the absolution is pronounced by a priest. This tradition ended in the week immediately before Lent "everyone shall go to their confessor and confess his or her deeds and the confessor shall so shrive him".

Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Giving up foods: but not wasting them. In the old days there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour.

Project Compassion

The St Patrick's School major focus during Lent will be Project Compassion. Whilst the money raised provides some wonderful resources for those less fortunate in the world, it is understanding the difference between charity and social justice which provides the biggest learning opportunities for our students.

Our Project Compassion fundraiser will help people like 12-year-old Anatercia from Mozambique to break the cycle of poverty and forge a brighter future. Thanks to the support of people like you, Anatercia received essential school supplies from our local partner, Caritas Regional Chokwe. They also successfully lobbied the government to have her local school extended to 6th grade, so that children like Anatercia can finish their primary education. Individual Caritas donation boxes will be sent home next week.

Sport Update

On Monday 21 February, eight students travelled to Warwick to represent St Patrick's School as part of the Central Downs district team in the annual Southern Downs School Sport Swimming Carnival. Whilst all swimmers enjoyed their experience, two swimmers, Jonte and Tom, qualified for a number of events at the upcoming Darling Downs Regional Trials. Jonte also managed to secure Runner-Up Age Champion 12 Years and Tom secured the Age Champion 10 Years. Word on the grapevine suggests that Tom is actually growing gills. Tom swam in 7 events and completed a 200m IM just for fun.



Day for Daniel FUNraiser—Term 4, 2022.

Over the summer break the school received a letter of congratulations from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation in regard to the school's participation in the Day for Daniel FUNraiser. In total, the students of St Patrick's raised \$2209.55 for the Morcombe Foundation. Whilst every dollar is important, Toby needs to be acknowledged for going that extra mile as he raised \$350. Congratulations to all our students. Mr Savage from TCSO was on hand last week to present these awards.

Key Dates

- **Sunday 6 March**—We welcome back Father Rod to the Allora community after a well deserved break. Ashes will be available to all parishioners. (Ash Wednesday)
- **Monday 7 March**—Parents and Friends AGM. 6pm in the library. Zoom link will also be available. All new and existing families are most welcome.
- **Thursday 13 March**—Annual P&F Meet and Greet with student disco and Parent Information Session. From 5:15pm until 7:00pm. Further details will be provided over the coming weeks.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews**—Please book your interview using Sentral. Booking period opens at 8:00am on Friday 25 February and closes at 6:00pm on 3 March.

Kindest regards

Keith Blaikie—Principal

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 1—2022

- 23 February—Newsletter 3pm
- 25 February—CD Sport Trials—Glengallan
- 27 February—Project Compassion Launch Mass, 9:00am at St Patrick's Cathedral.
- 1 March—Shrove Tuesday
- 2 March—Ash Wednesday (In-class only)
- 4 March—Assembly at 2:30pm TBC
- 4 March—Current COVID safe plan ends
- 7 to 10 March—Parent Teacher Interviews
- 11 March—SD Rugby League, Netball and Football trials.
- 16 March—CD Tennis Trials