



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

The news from all parts of the globe has certainly been challenging for us all. From COVID 19, the Ukrainian crisis and the floods which have impacted much of the eastern seaboard of Australia has given us many reasons to be thankful. Being able to live and work in a small rural community certainly provides many advantages.

It is hard to believe that Week 7 is now upon us. As we enter the final days of the second week of Lent, we hope that your discipline is holding fast and that you have managed to avoid breaking your Lenten promise. It is an important part of our tradition to give generously during Lent. We have been encouraging the students to really think about the less fortunate in our society by giving them some ideas in how they may contribute during Lent. They could donate part of their pocket money or donate non-perishable foods or clothes to help the poor. Project Compassion (Australia) remind us to do this. We could also promise our time to do something good, doing messages for an older person, visiting someone who is sick, or helping out around the home. It is about putting the needs of someone else before our own needs which is the universal message we are trying to impart to all our students and community during Lent.

Our Glengallan students have started Lent with enthusiasm. They have completed their second week of lunchtime activities which are held every Wednesday. All students complete a range of activities from dancing, dress-ups to soccer and poison ball. There has even been some joke telling and nature hunt. The pleasing aspect of this initiative is that the Glengallan students are driving these activities only with limited guidance from staff.

St Patrick's Parents and Friends Association—2022

With the lifting of COVID 19 restrictions on Friday 4 March allowed the P&F Association to meet in person to hold their annual AGM on Monday 7 March. The school would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the 2021 executive and supporters. Whilst 2021 was a very successful year financially, it was the community building and friendships forged that were the real winners. All executive positions were filled for 2022. They include:

President: Trevor Philp

Vice President: Rob Hoey

Treasurer: Kathryn Hoey

Secretary: Karli Ekerick

Uniform Co-Ordinator: Lisa Dedini.

It was also decided that the **Care and Concern Group** be mobilized when required. With this in mind and in close consultation with Father Rod, the **Care and Concern Group** will hit the ground running this **Saturday 12 March from 9:00am until 11:00am**. As an avenue to foster positive relationships with members of the St Patrick's Parish Community, a group from the St Patrick's P&F will visit members of the parish who are in need of some help. This could be garden maintenance, house cleaning or shopping. If you are keen to help this Saturday please contact Keith Blaikie [email](#) for further information. To quote a famous Australian..."From little things big things grow". Please remember that it is not too late to join the P&F Committee. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 April commencing at 6:00pm.

Roles and Responsibilities—St Patrick's Parents and Friends Association:

- Develop a vibrant and nurturing community which encompasses the Catholic ethos of the school
- Promote interaction between home and school, parents and teachers
- Support and work in partnership with the Principal and staff
- Create a forum for parent discussion
- Assist parents to appreciate teaching and learning programs
- Promote parent engagement in their children's learning
- Plan and organising functions
- Promote the school in the wider community
- Give attention to faith education activities
- Assist in providing school resources when necessary.

St Patrick's School Allora— Newsletter



St Patrick's School Meet and Greet

The annual St Patrick's School Parent Meet and Greet/ Information Night/ Student Disco will be held on Thursday 17 March from 5:15pm to 7:00pm. Whilst this event provides an avenue for both old and new families and staff to mingle, it also provides an opportunity for staff to showcase their expertise and wisdom to our parents. We have an extremely experienced staff who possess a wonderful array of skills and experience.

- **5:15pm to 6:00pm** – Parent Information Session (Student disco to run at this time). Parents and Friends will meet in the library and then move throughout the school to explore the following topics:
 - ◇ Visible learning with Mary Donnelly
 - ◇ Early Years Education with Katie Hickey and Jannita Hentschel
 - ◇ Practical tips for Reading with Karine Preston
 - ◇ Learning Support/ Enrichment/ School Counsellor with Jenn Fenn, Deb Groombridge and Kathryn Lucas.
- **6:00pm to 7:00pm** – BBQ will be provided by the school's P&F Association:
 - ◇ BBQ will be located outside the staff room
 - ◇ BYO drinks
 - ◇ All students and families will mingle on the grass between the church and school. The playgrounds will be closed.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday 17 March. Come and enjoy the inclusive community of St Patrick's.

Parent Teacher Interviews

At St Patrick's School, we cannot stress the importance of the relationship between home and school in the education of our students. This relationship is crucial! It has been wonderful to catch up with many parents over the course of the week as they meet with their child's classroom teacher. These interviews are mandatory so please contact the school if you have been unable to book a suitable time.

Sport Updates

Students from Glengallan certainly have been making great gains in the sporting arena. Jake recently represented Southern Downs at the recent touch football trials in Warwick. Jake gained selection in the Darling Downs team which is a massive effort. Well done Jake. In the pool, Tom has continued on his winning way. Tom recently represented Southern Downs at the recent Darling Downs Carnival. He has qualified to represent the Darling Downs at the Queensland State Championships for the 100m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, Backstroke and Butterfly with some possible relay swims. Well done Tom!



Our Tennis Australia accredited coach Mrs. Mandy Mutch has completed her 5 week program at St Patrick's. The students really enjoyed learning more about the game of tennis. Look out Ash Barty. We are coming after you!!!

Kindest regards

Keith Blaikie—Principal

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 1—2022

- 7 to 10 March—Parent Teacher Interviews
- 11 March—SD Rugby League, Netball and Football trials.
- 15 March—TCSO Inclusion Coach (Jane Murphy) to visit.
- 16 March—CD Tennis Trials
- 17 March—St Patrick's Feast Day and Leaders' Mass. 9:30am in the Church. All community members are welcome to attend.
- 17 March—St Patrick's Meet and Greet/ Information Night/ Student Disco. From 5:15pm until 7:00pm.
- 18 March—World of Maths to visit