



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

Welcome back to another term. We hope the Easter holidays provided opportunities for you, as a family, to spend some valuable time together. Easter is not just one day. It is a whole season of 50 days which will last until Pentecost. Eastertime is about new life. We rejoice in the new life of Jesus. It is also about light overcoming darkness. At the Easter Vigil, the Pascal candle was lit from the Easter fire and carried into the darkened church. This new Pascal light will burn brightly for 50 days of Easter. It is a symbol of the risen Jesus, the 'Light to the World', whose light was not put out with death but shines now for us all to see.

ANZAC Day

As with previous years, students from St Patrick's School will march in the Allora ANZAC Day parade. The form up will begin at 10.15am at the corner of Drayton and Herbert Streets with march off at 10.40am. We encourage all St Patrick's students to participate in the march. This is an extremely important and reverent occasion for our students to remember the sacrifice and service of our Australian Defence Force personnel.

For children representing St Patrick's School in **Years 1 to 6**, they need to wear the **regular formal summer uniform** (that is not sport uniform) and, especially, their school hat. **Prep students** will wear their normal uniform which is the **regular sports uniform**. We ask that sunscreen is applied before the children march and parents please bring a water.

The march will commence at 10.40am and will finish at the Allora Cenotaph on Warwick Street at 11am for the Commemorative Service, students are to be collected at the completion of the service. Please provide permission via the Parent Portal by Friday 22 April. We hope to see the whole school community march with pride on Monday 25th April 2022.

Just a reminder that the **school will hold an ANZAC Day Liturgy on Friday 22 April**. This commemoration will start at 2:15pm in the St Patrick's Parish Church. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

NAPLAN Online Update

Our Year 3 and 5 learners will be engaging in the online format of NAPLAN this year. The online version of NAPLAN has a two week window for completion which commences on Tuesday 10 May and finishes on 20 May. This window allows for flexibility if any technology errors are encountered during the test or for administering the test if students were absent. Our Year 3 and 5 students will complete online practice tests during the coming weeks. These tests provide a practical example for students to familiarise themselves with the online environment they will encounter. Students will be given further opportunities to explore this online environment in the lead up to the assessments which begin in Week 4.

Our school NAPLAN testing timetable will be released in Week 3 as part of the Newsletter reminders. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school or, alternatively, the NAPLAN online site has a very helpful 'demonstration page'. Access - [Public demonstration site \(nap.edu.au\)](http://nap.edu.au)

St Patrick's P&F Care and Concern Group

The **Care and Concern Group** has been mobilized with a very successful first outing. Our mission with this initiative is to foster positive relationships with members of the St Patrick's Parish Community, where families work together to help members of the parish who are in need of some help. This could be garden maintenance, house cleaning or shopping. **Our next date is Saturday 30 April** from 9am until 11:00am. If you and your children are keen to help please contact Keith Blaikie [email](mailto:keith@stpatricksschool.com.au) for further information. Alternatively, please meet at 8:45am outside the entrance to St Patrick's School. 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.

Project Compassion

Just a friendly reminder that Project Compassion boxes were sent home on Ash Wednesday need to be returned to school by **Friday 22 April**. Any money raised will be greatly appreciated.

Winter Uniform

The St Patrick's School winter uniform will be worn from Tuesday 3 May (Uniform details can be found on the school website). Once the weather warms up in September then a date will be communicated to you when students may resume wearing their formal summer uniform. If you require any advice on the school's winter uniform, please contact the school.

History abounds in Allora—Mrs Hentschel

On Friday 25 March, students from Talgai and Cunningham visited the local Allora Museums. We were greeted by local historians, Jim and Kaye, who volunteer their time so history buffs young and old can understand the way of life in the past. This excursion allowed students to make connections with the way life used to be and compare to the way it is now. Having the opportunity to explore artefacts enabled us to make links with what the students had been learning at school. From the intricate small objects that were used in everyday life to the larger machinery from years gone past was an eye-opening experience for all. St Patrick's students asked wonderful questions and were intrigued with answers of a bygone era. We all decided that should you get the opportunity to visit the Allora museums on their open days it is worth the trip to discover where our beautiful town of Allora and surrounds originated. Some student reflections for your enjoyment.

Today we went to two museums in Allora. First, we saw a lot of mannequins, they were dressed in olden day clothes. Then we saw a typewriter, they are used for typing. Next, we saw an old classroom, they had wooden desks and chairs. We also saw old cars, they had lots of missing paint. Then we saw a huge windmill, it was rusty and laying on the ground. We also saw a seeder; it was used to put seeds in the ground. We also saw an old crib that rocked. Mrs. H and I found a skull (The Talgai Skull) it was black with white teeth. We saw an old shaver and lots of the tops of them were rusty. After, we saw a little perfume bottle. Lastly, we saw a place where war people died, it is called a war memorial. (Poppy)

Today we went to the Allora Museum. We looked at olden day artefacts. Then we looked at olden day stuff including an old printer, wool table, and wool press. Next, we discovered women's underwear, it was hugely different from now. Lastly, we found old classrooms, they were little and did not have air conditioners. We found a one-hundred-year-old piano. (Hunter)



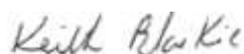
Cross Country 2022

Whilst many of our students were upset at missing the bus trip to Clifton, every cloud certainly has a silver lining. Blessed with a beautiful day together with the school grounds in superb condition, there was no better place to hold our Cross Country than at St Patrick's itself. Congratulations to all students who participated and had a go. It was a great example of the St Patrick's Way of Life. Only 8 points separated first and third place. Congratulations must go to Hughes who won the event, closely followed by Rynne in second place and Lynam in third.



Congratulations to all competitors in the Interhouse Cross Country

Kindest regards



Keith Blaikie—Principal

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 2—2022

- 20 April—P&F Meeting at 6pm in the library
- 21 April—School Photos at 8:45am
- 22 April—Mates Program (Glengallan)
- 22 April—ANZAC Day Liturgy at 2:15pm in the Church. All are welcome!
- 25 April—ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- 29 April—Assembly at 2:25pm
- 2 May—May Day Public Holiday
- 3 May—Winter Uniform
- 4 May—Newsletter uploaded at 3pm
- 4 May—Southern Downs Tennis
- 4 May—Prep Vision Screening