

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,

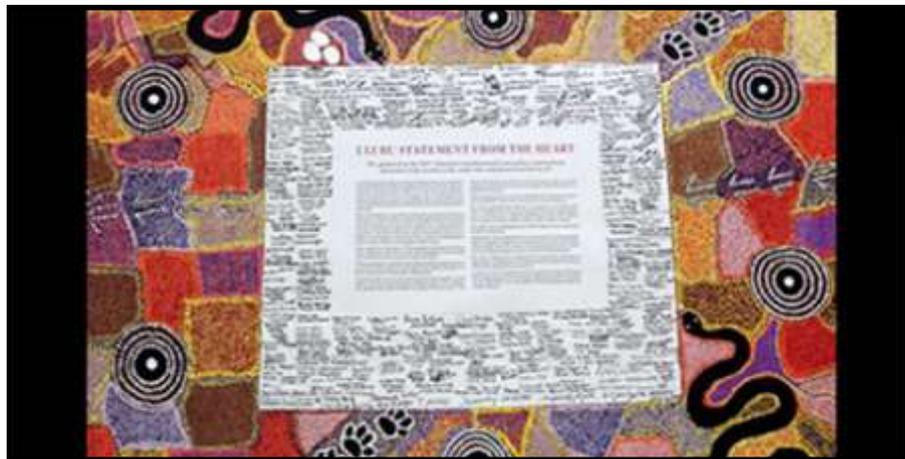
It is hard to believe how quickly the term is moving towards its conclusion. Blink and you will most certainly miss it. Once again, the history of Allora in terms of its links to the Australian Military, is truly remarkable. The Queensland Light Horse commemoration of the 120 year anniversary of the end of the Boer War on Saturday 27 May was a wonderful sight to behold. It was truly impressive to observe the 50 horsemen and women dressed in full military uniforms whilst riding their horses. It certainly proves that the Australian Light Horse were highly skilled and exceptional soldiers. It was also fitting that Allora was the first town in Australia to erect a monument to the Boer War.

This week also allows the students of St Patrick's to explore the symbolic meaning behind National Reconciliation Week and its importance to our First Nations peoples. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Students will participate within the confines of their classrooms in a prayer celebration that centres on the importance of reconciliation. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first National Reconciliation Week. In 2001, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation. In the same year, approximately 300 000 people walked across Sydney Harbour Bridge as part of National Reconciliation Week and, subsequently, across bridges in other cities and towns to show their support for reconciliation.

Today, National Reconciliation Week is celebrated in workplaces, schools and early learning services, community organisations and groups, and by individuals Australia-wide. It is also prudent to acknowledge the importance of the Uluru Statement from the Heart for reconciliation in Australia. We have included an article from Catholic Health Australia for your information.

Catholic Health Australia endorses Uluru Statement (Published: 31 May 2022)



The Uluru Statement from the Heart (Uluru Statement website)

Catholic Health Australia has endorsed the Uluru Statement from the Heart as part of National Reconciliation Week 2022, saying the document provides Australians a chance to “work towards a better future for our nation and its first peoples”. In a statement on its website, CHA said: “We join the many voices who are embracing this move towards greater reconciliation with, and a stronger voice for, First Nations Peoples. “ The injustices that continue to be faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples must be rectified in unity as a nation. Many of these injustices are manifested through the health outcomes that CHA members and their workforces address every day.

On Friday, the Catholic Church joined other major churches and religious organisations to sign a joint resolution calling for a constitutionally guaranteed First Nations voice. It's the first time such diverse faith communities have come together to endorse the Uluru Statement and its call for a First Nations Voice guaranteed by the Constitution.

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.

Winter 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



Glengallan—Genius Hour

Genius Hour is a concept adopted by the students of Glengallan to showcase individual research projects. This classic example of student voice is the school's visible learning in action. Students have identified individual areas of research and will showcase their work on **Thursday 9 June from 1:30pm**. All parents are warmly invited to attend this wonderful showcase of relevant student work. Student research projects will be on display in the courtyard near the old tuckshop. Afternoon tea will be provided for parents. At 2:15pm, festivities will move to the school's assembly where further student work will be presented. We hope to see you there!!

St Patrick's Parish Fete Committee

Yes...back by popular demand, the annual **St Patrick's Parish Fete will be held on Friday 7 October, 2022**. In order to ensure another successful fete, a meeting will be held on Monday 6 June commencing at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room for all interested members of the community. This meeting is open to anyone. Being part of a community goes hand in hand with being human. It is that sense of comradery, the ability to come together to achieve a set of goals or to take responsibility for the welfare of all community members which are traits synonymous with a community like St Patrick's School Allora. An online ZOOM link will also be provided if you are unable to make the meeting in person.

Chats with St Pats

The first instalment of 'Chats with St Pats' was released this week via the school's Facebook page. Glengallan students, Eddison and Riley explored the school's value of love. The boys conducted a number of interviews across the school and gained some rather insightful definitions. For those of you who have not seen this instalment, it will be replayed during our assembly on Friday and it will also be uploaded to the school's website. Our thanks must go to Mrs. Hentschel for producing our first 'Chats with St Pats'.

St Patrick's P&F Care and Concern Group

The **Care and Concern Group** has been working hard this term and as a result, has helped a number of local residents to manage and tidy their gardens around Allora. Whilst families are encouraged to work together to engage with the elderly of our school community, students are beginning to understand and gain a sense of the importance of social justice. It is this notion of social justice which provides a natural and real world context for the school's Religious Education program. Ultimately as a school, our aim is to produce service orientated and productive citizens in a 21st century world. The school acknowledges the Schmidt, Skelton and Hentschel families together with Deacon Brian who helped out on our recent 'Better Homes and Gardens' visit.

Our **next date will be Saturday 18 June from 9am until 11:00am**.

Geckoes Wildlife Presentation

On Wednesday 1 June, the students from Talgai and Cunningham attended the Allora Landcare sponsored Geckoes Wildlife presentation. This opportunity provided an avenue for our students to be up close and personal with a number of local native animals. The animals were discussed in terms of their diet and need for specific habitats. This experience reinforced Mrs Kirkland's science lessons where students have been exploring the life cycles of animals. The 2.5m carpet snake, goanna and rather large fresh water crocodile ensured the students were thoroughly entertained. The highlight of the session for both staff and students alike was the appearance of a wombat at the conclusion of the presentation. Our most sincere thanks and appreciation needs to be extended to Allora Landcare for the organisation of this wildlife presentation.

Enjoy the rest of your week. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting the school. We hope that your training and team selection for the ballgames component of the school's athletics carnival (23rd June) is well underway. Glengallan are quietly confident in their ability to beat all teams this year.

Kindest regards

Keith Blaikie—Principal

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 2—2022

- 3 June— Whole School Assembly at 2:20pm
- 6 June—Parish Fete Committee Meeting at 6:30pm
- 8 June—Athletics training for Glengallan and Dalrymple at 7:30am
- 8 June—Marty Savage TCSO to visit
- 9 June—Whole School Assembly at 2:15pm
- 9 June—Glengallan Genius Presentations at 1:30pm. **All parents are welcome!**
- 10 June— Gala Day (#2) at Allora State School
- 10 June—Under 8's Day at Clifton
- 13 June—Book Club orders to be returned to office
- 15 June—Athletics training for Glengallan and Dalrymple at 7:30am
- 15 June—Newsletter uploaded to Sentral
- 18 June—Care and Concern Group 9—11am
- 23 June—Interhouse Athletics Carnival
- 7 October—St. Patrick's Parish Fete