



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,

James Nottingham who is the Godfather of all concepts related to the Learning Pit, talks of building efficacy through the Learning Pit. In a recent workshop in Brisbane which was attended by Miss Hickey, James Nottingham emphasised just how important it is to have students and staff with high self and collective efficacy. Those with high-self efficacy approach a task with the sense that they can figure it out; those with low self-efficacy believe there is very little they can do to improve things, particularly if they struggle or fail. As a result, the Learning Pit provides an avenue for both staff and students to develop a sense of collective efficacy through joint collaboration and a willingness to make, share and learn from their mistakes. As the experts say:

“If students do not have to work hard to make sense of what they are learning, then they are less likely to remember it in six weeks’ time.” – Dylan Wiliam (2016)

“The most productive classrooms are those in which students work on complex problems, are encouraged to take risks, and can struggle and fail and still feel good about working on hard problems.” – Boaler (2015)

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

It is wonderful to acknowledge the staff of St Patrick's who, like their students, embrace the challenges of the Learning Pit through the completion of extra educational study. Mrs Lewis needs to be congratulated as she has finally completed her Bachelor of Primary Education this term which has taken some 11 years. Ms Preston is also embarking on some further study in the field of learning support through Griffith University. Congratulations to you all!

St Pat's Chats with the Principal

The school would also like to offer any parent an opportunity to sit down with our principal to discuss the future of St Patrick's School. During Week 10 of Term 2 from 3pm until 5pm, Mr Blaikie will be available to talk to any parent. No appointments are necessary. Discussions will focus on the following key points:

- Why are we here?
- What do you want for the future?
- What does success look like in our school?
- What is named/ understood as our success criteria?
- How do you know we are being successful?

Any contribution will be greatly received as we are always looking for ways to improve.

If you have any feedback prior to Week 10, please remember that our door is always open.



Magnificent Me— Supporting your child's self-esteem and confidence (Mrs Jenn Fenn—Guidance Councillor)

Self-esteem is the opinion we have of ourselves. Good self-esteem helps children to believe in themselves and their ability to try new things and face challenges. It impacts on every aspect of our lives, from how we communicate, to what friendships we choose. Parents are pivotal to a child feeling accepted and nurtured. This feeling of acceptance ultimately enables a child to develop their own individuality and self-expression, which supports the development of a healthy self-esteem. A few ways that parents can support their child to develop a positive self-esteem are listed below:

- Focus on strengths, while working on weaknesses
- Model good self-esteem and ways of effectively coping with difficult situations
- Provide emotional support when mistakes are made and encourage them to keep trying
- Provide encouragement for effort made in learning new skills and trying new things
- Teach your child how to handle negative comments and harsh criticism
- Teach new skills (e.g. gardening) and demonstrate how to show persistence
- Encourage positive thinking and having a positive attitude.

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 various 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.

Our next date will be Saturday 18 June from 9am until 11:00am. (Please meet at 8:45am outside the main gate of St Patrick's)

Interhouse Athletics

Preparations are well underway for our annual interhouse athletics carnival. We are very excited to welcome both students and staff from St Francis de Sales, Clifton, who will join our community for this event. **Just a reminder that the 9—12 yrs. 200m and 800m events will be run on Wednesday 22 June at Allora State School from 9am.** If you have a spare 60 minutes, please come on down and support our students. If you would like to volunteer as a timekeeper, please see Mr Blaikie at the venue.

'Meal Deal' notes were sent home yesterday for Thursday's event. Please send them back on Monday 20th. Our thanks goes to the St Patrick's Parents and Friends Association for their willingness to provide lunch, it is greatly appreciated. All parents are also encouraged to think about the selection of their ball game teams. Physiotherapy vouchers will be available for all parents if required.

Department of Main Roads Survey

In partnership with Arup and Zwart Transport Planning, the Department of Transport and Main Roads is gathering insights from parents, carers and staff about bicycle and scooter parking at schools across Queensland. If you would like to contribute your experiences and assist in improving bicycle/scooter parking at schools, we invite you to complete the following online survey by Friday, 24 June 2022. [Survey on bicycle parking in Queensland schools \(for parents/carers and school staff\) \(office.com\)](#)

Date Claimer—Friday 15 July at 9am P&F Coffee and Catchup

All parents and supporters of St Patrick's School Allora are invited to the Parents and Friends Association Coffee and Catchup on Friday 15 July. This informal event will commence at 9:00am and will be held at Wild Sage Collective, 72 Herbert Street, Allora. All are most welcome.

Enjoy the rest of your week. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting the school. See you at the athletics carnival.

Kindest regards

Keith Blaikie—Principal

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 2—2022

- **15 June**—P&F Meeting at 6pm, via ZOOM only.
- **21 June**—NAIDOC Week Mass at 9:30am in the Church. All are welcome! Followed by whole school NAIDOC activities.
- **22 June**— Interhouse Athletics. 9 –12yrs. 200m and 800m events at Allora State School. From 9am until 10:30am. Glengallan and Dalrymple students only.
- **23 June**—Combined Interhouse Athletics with St Francis de Sales—8:45am to 2:30pm.
- **24 June**—Whole School Assembly at 2:20pm. (Learning Journey—Cunningham). Term 2 concludes at 2:55pm.
- **Monday 11 July**—Pupil Free Day. Staff to attend PD activities.
- **Tuesday 12 July**—Term 3 commences at 8:40am