



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

Welcome back to Term 3. We are truly blessed at St Patrick's School with such a vibrant and passionate community. This sense of community was on display at the recent Athletics Carnival. It was wonderful to witness all the students having a fantastic day, to see the laughter and genuine enjoyment of our parents and staff in the ball games and relays. The inclusion of St Francis de Sales' community certainly added another dimension to the day. Whilst there were many people who worked hard behind the scenes to make the athletics carnival a complete success, it is important to acknowledge some key contributors. From Mr Lawrence Ryan who graciously prepared the running track, to the many parent volunteers who helped on the P&F BBQ and to Mr Spranklin and Mrs Heit for their many hours of hard work in preparation for the event. We could not have done it without you. St Patrick's School community is one of inclusion; where students, parents, staff, grandparents, great grandparents and supporters are welcomed and invited to be part of the school fabric.

Catholic Education Week - THEME: COMMUNITIES OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.

Celebrated annually in Week 3 of Term 3, Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all 309 Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos. Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

Catholic Education Week also allows the contribution of staff to be recognised through the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Excellence Awards. It is with a great sense of pride that St Patrick's School acknowledges the significant contribution of Ms Mary Donnelly to Catholic Education. She has been nominated as a finalist in the Primary/ Kindergarten Expert Teacher section. The winner of this section will be announced on Thursday 27 July during the Excellence Awards dinner in Toowoomba. We wish Ms Donnelly all the best!!

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**

Catholic Education Week Program

Tuesday (26 July) – Catholic Education Mass Student Launch – St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba

Wednesday (27 July) – Early Years Morning for Prep 2023 (9:00 to 10:30am)
Catholic Education Week Liturgy – 2:15pm (Church)

Thursday (28 July) – Years 2 to 6 (Brisbane Excursion– Disney Animation) Prep/ Year 1 – Excursion TBC
Catholic Education Excellence Awards Dinner and presentations

Friday (29 July) – Staff attending Bishops Inservice Day (Toowoomba) **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Student Absenteeism—Every day Counts!

Whilst the inevitable effects of Winter cause havoc with us all at one point during the year which necessitates a day at home, many unforced absences have a negative impact on student learning.

“Teacher quality is the single most important in-school factor influencing student achievement (Hattie, 2009). However, the

relationship between teacher quality and student achievement is mediated by the amount of time students spend in the classroom. Irrespective of the reasons for absences, non-attendance affects student outcomes.”

Australia's school attendance rate is comparable to other countries with high performing education systems. For example, in 2016/2017 the overall attendance rate in state-funded schools in England was 95.3% (Department for Education, 2018). There are, however, areas of concern:

- **25% of Australian school students attend less than 90% of school days** – this equates to approximately 20 or more days absent in a school year
- attendance rates tend to decline in secondary school, from Year 8 onwards
- there is a notable attendance gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, as well as between students from
- metropolitan and remote locations.

Please contact the school should you require any further information or guidance. **Please remember that everyday counts!!**



Social Justice Awareness

The provision of tangible experiences for our students which develop an awareness about current social justice issues is a real priority for St Patrick's School. From a Parent and Friends Meeting in Term 2, the idea was broached about providing some financial assistance to schools that have experienced flood damage in 2022. Further investigation revealed Catholic schools in the Lismore Diocese have suffered greatly. As a school community, contact was made with St Joseph's Primary School in Woodburn. An extract has been provided for your information which we received from the school's principal, Jeanette Wilkins. Glengallan students will be tasked to organise some events throughout the remainder of Semester 2 to develop an awareness of the flood damage at St Joseph's Primary School and to raise some much-needed financial support.

St Joseph's Primary School, Woodburn, 2472, NSW. (Email from Principal – Jeanette Wilkins)

Thank you and your P & F for your kind offer of support.

In March this year, we lost our school and everything in it. The School was inundated by flood waters to the roof and the water remained in the school for up to 8 days.

We are a small school with 96 students. The impact on our families was massive - 34 of our families and 50 of our students lost everything. Three months after the floods all of our families are still displaced.

As a school, we relocated to a church and a demountable during the crisis of the floods. Up until last week, we had Years 3,4,5 & 6 in a converted Church and Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 in a demountable classroom. We are lucky to now have received 3 more demountable classrooms. We are not sure what is happening in the future. At this stage, we know that we will be here for 12 to 18 months.

We have amazing children who are so glad to be together despite everything that has happened. Some of them are doing it tough as you can imagine but they are truly grateful for the kindness shown by so many people.

At this stage, we are providing lunch and recess for the children to try and help our parents. Any donations would be very much appreciated and used only for our students and or families.

Please click on the links below to view more information about the story of St Joseph's Primary School, Woodburn.

[Many Hands make a school](#)

[Thank You from St Joseph's](#)

Scope Club of Allora Inc

St Patrick's School was extremely humbled by the very generous donation of \$300 from the Scope Club of Allora. Ms Preston accepted the donation on behalf of the school during the 45th Annual Changeover Lunch which was held at the Commercial Hotel on Sunday 10 July. As a community we would also like to acknowledge the drive and enthusiasm of Mrs Daphne Whatley who ensures that education remains a top priority in Allora.

St Patrick's P&F Care and Concern Group

The Care and Concern Group has been working hard this year and as a result, has helped a number of local residents to manage and tidy various gardens around Allora. This social justice initiative will continue throughout Term 3. Date claimers for Term 3:

Saturday—6 August from 9:00 to 11:00am

Saturday— 26 August from 9:00 to 11:00am

Wednesday— 14 September from 3:15 to 5:00pm

All parents or grandparents are welcome and encouraged to participate. Together, we can make a huge difference.

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 in Allora. **All are most welcome!**

Term 2 Sports Update Emilia – Year 5

There have been many sporting events going on during Term 2. The students in Year 5 and 6 have certainly been very busy and have participated in a number of different sporting fixtures over the term.

In Cross Country, the Southern Downs Trials were held in Toowoomba towards the end of April. Five students which included Jake, Emilia, Dustyn, Tom and Saphia participated in the Southern Downs Cross Country trials. Two students were selected as part of the Southern Downs team which competed at the Darling Downs trials. Those students were Jake and Emilia. They both ran three kilometres in Toowoomba on the 24th of May, trying out for the Darling Downs team. Both students really enjoyed the experience. In terms of results, Jake came 7th and Emilia came 23rd.

In Tennis, students attended the Southern Downs Trials on the 3rd of May at Clifton but only Douglas made it to the Darling Downs trials. Darling Downs trials took place in Dalby on the 23rd of May. Douglas did not gain selection in the Darling Downs team but learnt much from the higher level of competition.

Rugby League is another sport where St Patrick's students are gaining much success. Billy gained selection in the Darling Downs Under 11 team. The Darling Downs team participated in the Queensland State Championships in Townsville from the 4th to the 8th of July. Special mention also needs to be made of Billy who was also selected as captain of the team. This is an amazing achievement given the popularity of rugby league in the Darling Downs region and reflects Billy's tenacity and skill level. Congratulations Billy!



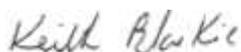
Allora Sports Museum—Saturday 16 July 2022 at 11:30am

Mr Blaikie has kindly accepted an invitation from the Allora Sports Museum to present a Certificate of Appreciation to one of Allora's favourite sons, Wayne Bennett. As you maybe aware, Wayne Bennett attended St Joseph's School (St Patrick's School), commencing on 24 January 1955 as a fresh faced 5 year old.

The St Patrick's School Community are cordially invited to attend this special occasion and celebrate the achievements of the great Wayne Bennett. Students are encouraged to wear their formal school uniform.

Once again, welcome back to Term 3!

Kindest regards

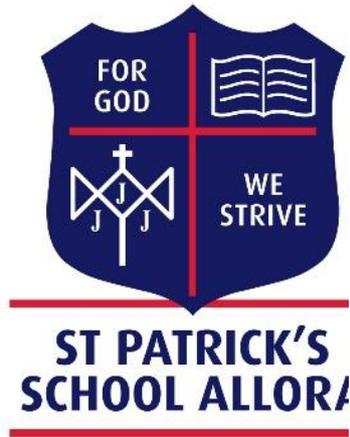


Keith Blaikie—Principal

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 3—2022

- 15 July—P&F Coffee and Catchup, 9am at Wild Sage
- 20 July—Athletics Training, Years 3 to 6
- 21 July—Assumption College Transition Day
- 22 July—Whole School Assembly commencing at 2:20pm in the Church
- 25 July—SD Athletics, Allora State School
- 27 July—Early Years Morning, 9:00 to 10:30am
- 27 July—Catholic Education Week Liturgy, 2:15pm in the Church
- 27 July—Newsletter uploaded to Sentral
- 28 July—School Excursions
- 29 July—Pupil Free, Staff in Toowoomba



Early Years 2023

'Come and Try Morning'

9:00am to 10:30am

Wednesday 27 July 2022

*This session is open to everyone considering
or who has applied for enrolment in Prep 2023*

- Early years activities with current Prep students and Year 6 Leaders
- Opportunity to meet with Principal and key Staff who will answer any questions
- School tours with Year 6 Leaders
- Morning tea and coffee van provided

For school information and to register your attendance online:

<https://forms.office.com/r/KehJRF4et3>

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Love



Dignity



Integrity



Justice

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