

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 with great pleasure and sense of excitement that we announce the staff structure for 2023. The school is currently advertising for a School Officer (Prep) and Arts specialist. We hope to announce the successful applicants by the end of Term 4.

Class/ Role	Staff Member	Class/ Role	Staff Member
Talgai (Prep)	Jannita Hentschel	Science Guidance Counsellor	Jennifer Kirkland Jen Fenn
Cunningham (Year 1/2) Middle Leader	Karine Preston Karine Preston	Learning Enhancement Middle Leader release	Kathryn Lucas Jennifer Kirkland
Dalrymple (Year 3/4)	Katie Hickey	Learning Support Teacher Librarian	Debbie Groombridge Debbie Groombridge
Glengallan (Year 5/6)	Kerri Shooter	Administration and Finance	Elizabeth Partington Emma Heit
Principal Religious Education HPE	Keith Blaikie Keith Blaikie Keith Blaikie	School Officer School Officer (Prep) Health/ Safety	Emma Heit TBC Andrea Lewis
Cleaner	Judy Allen	ICT Technician	Jeeva Rajapakshage

Feeling Safe

Our School Student Protection Contacts are:

Ms Donnelly
Mr Blaikie
Ms Jayne Farquharson

Reminders

Uniform Days

Sports

Wednesday, Friday.

Formal

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.

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

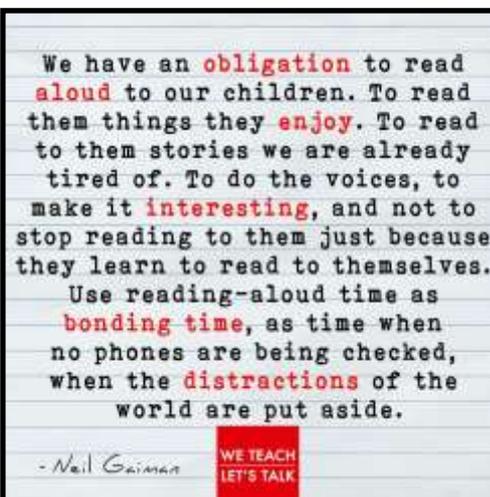
As a school community, we are very pleased to announce the appointment of **Kerri Shooter** to the role of Glengallan: Classroom Teacher for the start of 2023. Kerri will be replacing Mary Donnelly who is retiring next year. Kerri brings a diversity of knowledge and skills to St Patrick's and has 30 years' experience within the State and Catholic education systems. Her roles in these sectors have also been diverse. Kerri has held the roles of classroom and lead teacher, middle leader and currently is an Education Officer Numeracy with the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office (TCSO). Kerri's experience also extends to being a past parent of St Patrick's School.

In welcoming Kerri to the St Patrick's Community, we sincerely thank Mary Donnelly for her years of dedicated service to the students in her care. Whilst Mary has held numerous teaching and leadership roles in the school, it is her understanding and credentials in the visible learning area that provides such a strong platform for others now to build upon.

In addition, Lesley Telford will be retiring after her many years of musical teaching of the St Patrick's School students. Lesley has ensured the students delight the community and themselves by enhancing their hidden musical talents. We sincerely thank Lesley for her dedication and generosity with her time. The school community will formally farewell Mary and Lesley on **Friday 25 November 2022**.

Science of Reading

Mrs Lucas facilitated the initial workshop in reading the St Patrick's Way at the end of Term 3. The Science of Reading is a Body of Research – it is not NEW. Some of the research is decades-old but it is continually being added to and refined. It is not a "program" though many programs have been developed that draw on Science of Reading. It is gaining more momentum as people begin looking for evidence-based ways of improving reading for their students. When asked about her Number 1 reading strategy...*'It's not rocket science. Children need to read aloud to their parents on a regular basis. Parents need to ask their children to summarise what they have just read. It is that simple'*.





Halloween Lisa Cavanagh (TCSO)

Is it time for Halloween? Last week I went into my favourite craft store and had to walk through a barrage of Halloween related paraphernalia to get to the section I wanted. At the moment, you cannot enter a grocery or craft store without the visual reminder that, for many, the time is almost here to celebrate Halloween. I have even noticed an increase in the number of houses decorated in preparation for the day. Have you ever stopped to wonder what Halloween is all about and what we should be sharing – if anything – about this holiday with the young people in our schools?

The word Halloween comes from All Hallow's Eve – the celebration of the vigil for the Catholic Holy day of obligation All Hallow's Day (more commonly known as All Saints' Day). On All Saints' Day, all saints are honoured and remembered, and it is a major feast day in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day is followed on the 2 November each year by the feast of All Souls' Day – a day to pray for and remember all those who have died. What began as a religious celebration has become increasingly commercialised, with the way it is celebrated changing drastically from attending Mass to pray for all saints and all souls, to dressing-up in horror-themed costumes and 'trick-or-treating'. How can we, in the face of such commercialism, ensure that the true meaning of All Hallow's Eve is not lost in the hype?

Why not share one of the many inspirational life stories of the saints with your community? From Australia's very own St Mary of the Cross MacKillop to the recently beatified Blessed Carlo Acutis, Patron of the Internet, there are plenty of role models to help us see the relevance of saints in our lives today. By the way my favourite saint is St Teresa of Avila. I especially connect with the following lines of her prayer. "Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world." Through the example of the saints, we can continue to be God's hands, feet and eyes in the world.

Swimming

As part of the school's HPE Program, all students will participate in swimming lessons over the course of the next three weeks. Swimming lessons will be held on a Wednesday and will run as part of our normal HPE lessons. Lessons commence on **Wednesday 2 November** and will run on **Wednesday 9 November**, and **Wednesday 16 November**. The annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 18 November, 2022. All students are expected to participate in these sessions which will be aimed at their current skill level. These lessons will focus on basic water awareness and fundamental stroke techniques associated with swimming.

Enjoy the rest of your week and we hope to see many of you throughout the remainder of the term. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please contacting the school.

Kindest regards

Keith Blaikie—Principal



4 MORE SLEEPS!!

5th November 12pm—7pm

Allora Sports Club

WHAT PRIZES DO WE HAVE?

<p>GOLF</p> <p>1st Prize \$400 (team) 2nd Prize \$200 (team) 3rd Prize \$100 (team)</p>	<p>BOWLS</p> <p>All prizes (1st, 2nd and 3rd) will be a gift for each player.</p>
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Fancy yourself lucky? **HOLE IN ONE EVENT - CHANCE TO WIN A RAV4!!**
4th hole ONLY - \$25 to enter (one chance per player) - Need to be in a registered team to be eligible.

Want to help your chances?
1st hole ONLY you can buy your team a Birdie for \$30.00 or an Eagle for \$50.00

Other prizes
Longest drive, Nearest pin, Best dressed and Closest approach

Lucky draw for team sponsors will happen at 12.15pm
SEE YOU THERE!!

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 4

- 5 November—P&F Golf and Bowls Fun Day
- 9 November—Audiology Tests
- 9 November—Swimming Lesson # 2
- 11 November—Remembrance Day Liturgy and Class Awards at 9:00am.
- 14 November—P&F Care and Concern home visits from 3:15pm until 5:00pm.
- 16 November—Newsletter uploaded to Sentral
- 16 November—Prep Transition # 3 from 8:45am until 11:00am. (With Parent Information—all things 2023)
- 16 November—Swimming Lessons # 3
- 18 November—Interhouse Swimming Carnival
- 21-23 November—Year 5/6 School Camp Glengallan travel to Tallebudgera
- 25 November—5pm –7pm St Patrick's Community Celebrate Mary & Lesley Retirement
- 1 December—5pm Graduation Mass
- 2 December—Final Day Assembly 10am
School Finishes 12noon