



Dear Parents,

"Never see a need without doing something about it." - Mary MacKillop

Mission—We are an inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all.

Our School Student Protection Contacts:

Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher



Please note:

Term 1 School Fees Fee Statements went home at the end of last week. Fee payments are due Friday 24th February. Payments can be made by cash or cheque to the school office or by direct credit into the school bank account. If you prefer a regular direct debit payment please complete the required authority form at the school office.



St Patrick's School - A Nut Aware School.

We are aware that children may have a severe anaphylactic reaction to peanuts. Parents are requested to be diligent with items packed in lunch boxes.

Student Well Being – At St Patrick's we are committed to the health and well-being of every student. As a part of this, we are currently developing an approach that aims to prevent bullying at our school. We will achieve this by defining bullying for our school community so that everyone knows what bullying is and what it isn't; building strategies to assist students in given situations, defining the role of bystanders in a situation and normalising the process for all when action is needed. Our vision is that our students know what bullying is and that they complete their schooling at St Patrick's with strategies that will assist them as they continue on in life.

Bullying in schools is defined as;

..... an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

(The above definition of bullying has been developed as part of the National Safe Schools Framework and can be found on the Australian Government's Student Wellbeing Hub at <https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/glossary#/>)

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying (but must still be addressed) include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

The 3 main features of bullying;

- It involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- It is ongoing and repeated, and
- It involves behaviours that can cause harm.

How parents and carers can respond - Children need to know that they are being heard, that their feelings matter and that their issue will be investigated respectfully. Their concerns should be taken seriously.

- Listen calmly and get the full story**
- Reassure your child they are not to blame**
- Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do**
- Learn some strategies to talk about with your child**

Contact the school - Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

Check in regularly with your child - Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

(Sources from: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/RespondingToBullying/Parents/Pages/default.aspx>)

God Bless

**Tyrone Maher
Principal**

To effectively communicate, we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others. Tony Robbins

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/p/pauljmeje190945.html?src=t_communication





Assembly Roster

Term 1 Friday's 8.45am

Week 5: Year 6 Leaders

Week 6: Year 6 Leaders

Week 7: Year 6 Leaders

Week 8: No Assembly

Week 9: Year 6 Leaders

Week 10: 'You Can Do It'
Presentations (Thursday)

School Masses – Term 1

Family and friends are invited to share with their children the following celebrations:

Wednesday 1st March

Ash Wednesday Liturgy
9.30am

Friday 17th March –

St Patrick's Feast
9.30am

Happy Birthday
this week to:



Billy Keogh

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

AWARDS Term 1 Week 4

Talgai— Sophia Fein for taking advice to become a better learner.

Cunningham —

Joshua Millard, Alicia Deehan, Sarah Morris and Archie Brown for working well in class and having great attitudes to learning.

Dalrymple – Ella Hagenbach for taking charge of her learning.

Glengallan—Claudia Barton for working so hard to improve her learning.

Mary MacKillop Award - Inculsive

Talgai — Eddison Barton

Cunningham - Whole class

Dalrymple - Patrick Denny

Glengallan— Felicity Nolan

School News **Just Leadership Day** - Our year 6 students were invited to write a letter to Miss Preston outlining why they should be considered to represent

St Patrick's School at the Caritas Just Leadership Day in Toowoomba this coming Friday. The choice was made very difficult, given the high standard of writing and reasons they put forward for consideration. The three students chosen were Elyse, Porscha and Felicity.

Caritas Just Leadership Days encourage students to become leaders for justice, in their schools and in their communities, for both local and global change. Key questions covered during Just Leadership Days include: What is justice? What is leadership? (and) How to be a just leader. We look forward to hearing from our representatives and know that they will have many ideas to bring back to our school's 'Minnie Vinnies' association. More information about Caritas can be found at <http://www.caritas.org.au/?gclid=CLD8v4qzn9ICFZcIKgod0X8Kcg>.

Swimming Success – Congratulations to our swimmers on their efforts and their behaviour at the recent Southern Downs Swimming Carnival. The following students were chosen based on times and the number of nominations that can be put forward by each district. Congratulations to Casey, Darcy, Abbey and Corey who have been selected to represent Southern Downs at the Darling Downs Swimming Championships on Wednesday 1st March in Gatton. Well done.

Central Downs Soccer, League and Netball trials - Information will come home this week regarding trials in these sports taking place next Friday the 3rd of March. League and Soccer will be held in Clifton and the netball trials will be held here at St Patrick's. Private transport will be required for both Rugby League and Soccer.



Glengallan News

Learning Fun

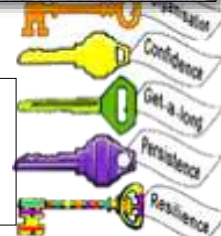
Like many of the classes, Glengallan have been working on school norms of behavior and especially concentrating on making sure that we are ready to learn, coming in every session to begin work immediately on the 'Do Now' activity, being efficient at SHELL and making sure that we track people as they talk to demonstrate good listening.

This Friday we have a group of children heading off to the Central Downs Tennis and some heading into Toowoomba to participate in a Diocesan Just Leadership Day. The children participating in the Just Leadership Day were selected because of the quality of application letter they submitted to attend, which means they submitted the most persuasive reasons for their attendance, so we congratulate them on their dedication.



You Can Do It!

We've been talking a lot lately about how we get along with other students. It's important not to use put downs or make comments that are derogatory if we are to develop positive relationships. We all think that St Patrick's should be a supportive place to learn.



Did you know?

We have a routine of reading, tables and spelling every night for homework and this week we are particularly concentrating on the spelling prefixes and suffixes. The children have a Chatterbox to learn the prefixes and their meanings. See if you can get them right?

Students of the week

Last week, Claudia Barton received the Student of the Week Award for striving so hard to improve her learning, and Felicity Nolan was given the Mary MacKillop Award due to her willingness to help others at all times.

St Patrick's Allora School Newsletter

Celebrating 100 years of Education in 2016



Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH –

MASS 9AM

2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF

MONTH – MASS 6pm

4TH, 5TH SUNDAY OF

MONTH – LITURGY OF THE

WORD – 9 AM

School Family Mass

9am on 5th March

Followed by shared

morning tea



St Patrick's School
Parents & Friends Association

"... as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school."

**First P & F Meeting for 2017 is
Wednesday 22nd February
at 7pm in the Library. All Welcome.**



Want to play Soccer?

Junior registrations are open now

- Ages 4 years - 17 years
- Registrations close 12th March (earlier if age group is full)
- go to our [website](#)
- or find us on Facebook by searching Warwick District Football Association

Info day Saturday 11th February - Rose City Shopping Centre & Saturday 18th February Queens Park clubhouse

Come and join the Warwick Wolves!
500 players
45 teams

www.warwickwolves.com.au




The Library is still in great need of some regular or occasional book covers. There are currently about 500 new readers, ready to go into the classrooms for children, but they require covering first. Mrs Flynn has been putting in a valiant effort to cover them all but she still needs help. This could be done here at school or at your own home – whichever is most convenient for you. Please contact Julie-anne by email: flinnj@twb.catholic.edu.au or call into the library on a Monday or Tuesday if you can assist and she will be able to get you started. Many thanks in advance for your offer of help.




IDEAL FOR PARENTS & CARERS

LEARN FIRST AID 2017 COURSES

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FIRST AID COURSES

If your child, family member or friend needed emergency first aid, would you know what to do?

Complete a one-day first aid course with us to gain the confidence, skills and knowledge to respond to a range of emergency situations - you could even save a life!

The course is held in our dedicated training room, with all training materials and equipment provided. Tea and coffee are available, but please bring your own lunch.

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| COURSE: | H1TAID003 Provide first aid (includes H1TAID001 CPR) |
| DATES: | Saturday 18 February 2017 Saturday 15 April 2017 Saturday 17 June 2017 Saturday 19 August 2017 Saturday 14 October 2017 |
| TIME: | 8.30am - 4.30pm |
| VENUE: | Kath Dickson Family Centre 2 Lawrence Street, Toowoomba |
| COST: | \$120. Bookings essential. |

Call 07 4633 8400 or email info@kdfc.com.au to find out more and reserve your place.

ABOUT YOUR TRAINER

Kerri-Lee Mahone is a Registered Nurse with over 20 years experience, as well as a qualified Training and Education Officer responsible for facilitating first aid courses for the past five years. Her approach to training is practical, patient and engaging.



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What's Happening at St Patrick's Allora?

St Francis de Sales School Centenary

Dates: Saturday 18th and Sunday the 19th March, 2017

Events: **Saturday** evening from 7:00pm Celebrating a Centenary Dinner at F.E. Logan Hall Clifton.

Sunday 9:00 am Mass, followed by celebrations at the school. A Barbeque lunch, display of memorabilia, entertainment and games will be part of the day. Souvenir items will be on sale.

Updates on Face Book: St Francis de Sales School Centenary 2017, or

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DATE CLAIMERS- 2017

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| 22 Feb | P&F Meeting |
| 24 Feb | CD tennis team event—Clifton. |
| 1 Mar | 9.30am Ash Wednesday Liturgy |
| | DD Swimming Championship Gatton |
| 5 Mar | 9am School Family Mass |
| 31 Mar | School Cross Country—Competing with St Francis de Sales at Allora Golf Course |
| 31 Mar | Term 1 Ends |
| 18 Apr | Term 2 Starts |
| 25 Apr | ANZAC Day (School Closed) |
| 1 May | Labor Day (School Closed) |
| 23 June | Term 2 Ends |
| 10 July | Term 3 Starts |
| 15 Sept | Term 3 Ends |
| 3 Oct | Term 4 Starts |
| 16 Oct | Student Free Day (School Closed) |
| 1 Dec | Term 4 and School Year Ends |

SIGN ON DAY

WATTLES JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 9AM -12PM

UNIFORM ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS FOR THE KIDS!!