



St Patrick's Allora School Newsletter

Providing quality education since 1916

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 Reminders have gone home today. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss fee payment.

- ◆ Assembly start time is now 9am
- ◆ Order forms for Cross country BBQ lunch please return by Wednesday 22nd March

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.



Reading—*Home reading - The purpose of Home Reading is to provide students with the opportunity to engage with quality literature that meets their interest as well as providing reading practice. Books which the students are reading independently during home reading should allow them to consolidate the skills already taught at school.

It must be remembered that students read many types of text, including fiction and non-fiction, short and long texts, printed and electronic, reading presented through words and reading presented through images. Home reading is about all of these types of texts.

Home reading is a time for parents and children to enjoy reading together. It should be a positive and pleasurable experience for all concerned.

The parent's role is one of support and guidance. The key role for parents in supporting their child is one of monitoring their efforts and exposing them to a wide range of text types as well as enjoying quality literature with their child.

****What parents can do** - Reading is not a perfect process. If your child is experiencing difficulty when reading a book or feeling stressed, try doing any of the following:

- Read aloud and together — the child reads slightly behind you as you read in your normal reading voice.
- Take turns — you read a page, sentence, or paragraph and your child reads the next one.
- Read and reread — read the page, sentence or paragraph and then your child rereads it.
- If the book is 'boring' or too difficult to read find another book. There is no punishment for not reading a whole book. The aim of reading with your child is to build a love of reading. The only challenge should be to find a book that they want to read.

*Extract taken from Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office – 'Reading Guidelines

**Extract taken from www.aquinas.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/.../Parents-guide-to-help-at-home.pdf

Reading levels – Currently all of our students are being tested against the 'PM Benchmarking Assessment Resource' tool as a way of assessing fluency, comprehension and the student's ability to summarise the events of the short passage that they have read.

St Patrick's is refining its practices in relation to this tool following a recent professional learning experience with literacy consultant – Mrs Patricia Edgar. In her experience, not enough emphasis is being placed on the comprehension and retell aspects of the measurement. With a growth mindset in mind, we are using the results to inform teaching and learning in the areas of student comprehension that could be bolstered by concentrating on specific comprehension strategies.

The level that is arrived at through this testing is used to inform reading group selection, to focus teaching and learning and to be able to measure progress. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any further questions regarding this very useful measurement tool.

God Bless

Tyronne Maher
Principal

'Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light.'

–Vera Nazarian



St Patrick's Day Fun!



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Assembly Roster

Term 1 Friday's 9am

Week 9: Year 6 Leaders

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



Happy Birthday this week to:
Harry Wright

School News

Cross Country next Friday – Lunch orders for next Friday's Cross Country at Allora Golf Course are due back at school tomorrow.

As per last year we are combining with the students and staff of St Francis de Sales, Clifton. The day will begin at 9:30am sharp. Teachers will mark rolls here at school before walking students down to the course.

Children born 2012/2011 will run 500m, children born 2010/2009 will run 1km, children born 2007/2008 will run 2km, children born 2006/2005 will run 3km.

Students will receive ribbons for their individual school placing and medallions will be issued for the overall champions in each age group at the conclusion of the day's events. At our next school assembly, house results will be announced and school medallions will be awarded.

Sporting results – Well done to the students who represented the Central Downs region at Southern Downs trials last Friday in soccer, hockey, netball and league. Their sportsmanship was exemplary. Congratulations to Elyse Peters (netball), Jack Wright (league) and George Nott (league) who were successful in gaining selection into the Southern Downs teams to play at upcoming Darling Downs carnivals.

Sunday and Monday saw Billy Mutch representing the Southern Downs at the Darling Downs Tennis Carnival. Billy played very well and made it to the final round of selections. Well done Billy.



Congratulations to Eddison, Gus, Douglas and Riley on their hard work in reaching the next level of sight words.

Term 2 starting Tuesday 18th April 2017

School Mass – Term 2

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

Tuesday 23rd May – Mary Help of Christians 9.30am

Assembly Roster Term 2 Friday's at 9am:

Week 1: Easter Prayers

Week 2: Leaders

Week 3: Leaders

Week 4: Talgai

Week 5: No Assembly Gala Day

Week 6: No Assembly Gala Day

Week 7: Leaders

Week 8: Principal

Week 9: Leaders

Week 10: Whole school presentations of 'You Can Do It' - Getting Along

Dalrymple News

Learning Fun

What a busy and exciting term it has been! In Mathematics, the students continue to build their mental strategies for addition and subtraction. The students have been busily practising how to write within the structure of a narrative and will begin to write their convict narrative this week. Did you hear that the Allora Pool is closing down? Well, not quite but the students have been 'breaking a leg' in their rehearsals for the town meeting to discuss this closure. At this stage, we hope to hold this 'town meeting' for families on Thursday 30th March straight after assembly. It would be wonderful to see as many supportive faces as possible in the audience. Invitations will go out!



You Can Do It!

This term, Dalrymple have been learning how to be organised learners. All students set a goal and each week they set a smaller goal to help them achieve their term goal. This helps them to focus on what it they need to do to be a better learner than they were the previous day.



Did you know?

In our Article-A-Day learnings the students have been learning all about space. So far, they have found out that Uranus was actually discovered long before they actually realised that what they were looking at was a planet and not a comet. The students have also discovered that due to gravity they'd weigh a lot less on other planets.

Students of the week

Congratulations to Bridey Breen, our Dalrymple VIP, for her excellent work on remembering to answer in full sentences. Ziggy Gibson was the recipient of the Mary MacKillop award for reverence in Week 8!



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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



St Patrick's School Parents & Friends Association

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



St Patrick's Parents and Friend's president Mr Roy Nott accepting a cheque for \$4500 from St Patrick's Pastoral Parish Council president Mr Peter Cavanagh. The money is a share of the proceeds from last year's Parish Fete.

- President—Roy Nott
- Vice President—Laurence Ryan
- Secretary—Juanita Breen
- Treasurer—Position vacant
- Uniform convenor—Deanna Kotsopoulos
- Tuckshop convenor—Kirsty Gibson

Next P & F Meeting is Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm in the Library. This meeting will have a large focus on the progress of our Trivia Night preparation.

TUCKSHOP Sweet Treat bakers required for Term 2, please contact Kirsty Gibson 4666 3233 or the school office.



Book Covering Volunteers 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.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA

Enrolment interviews for students wishing to enter Year 7 in 2019 will commence during Term 3, 2017.

If you are considering applying to St Joseph's College for enrolment in Year 7, 2019, please complete an Enrolment Application Form and forward to the College. Enrolments for 2019 will be finalised by Term 4, 2017.

Because of a high demand for enrolments at St Joseph's, it is not always possible to offer places to all enrolment applications. It would be regrettable if children from Catholic Primary Schools were unable to be offered a position because of late application. If you intend enrolling your child at St Joseph's for 2019, you are urged to do so during Term 2, 2017.

St Joseph's College Open Day 2017 will be conducted on Tuesday 23rd May 2017, commencing at 8.30am. All are welcome to attend.

Please contact the Enrolment Officer on:
Phone 4631 8525 or by email: enrolments@sjc.qld.edu.au



What's Happening at St Patrick's Allora?

WATTLES WARRIORS

HOLIDAY CLINICS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, 12TH APRIL 2017
PLATZ OVAL, DAVENPORT STREET CLIFTON QLD 4061

NRL WARRIORS HOLIDAY CLINIC

The PlayNRL Holiday Clinic is a day program for kids aged 6-13 of any gender that focuses on fun, fitness and participation. Costs \$49 per child which includes NRL Holiday Pack.

Register online @ Playnrl.com/programs

Clinic commences at 9:00am and concludes at 12:00pm.

Further details contact: NRL Game Development Officer Jim Stevens
Phone Number 0412 832 835 Email jstevens@nrl.com.au

PLAYNRL.COM

DATE CLAIMERS- 2017

- 21 Mar 'Let's Stamp Out Bullying' Show
- 24 Mar Tuckshop
- 31 Mar School Cross Country—Competing with St Francis de Sales at Allora Golf Course
BBQ lunch—pre ordered
- 31 Mar Term 1 Ends

- 18 Apr Term 2 Starts
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day (School Closed)
- 27 Apr School Photos (formal uniform)
- 1 May Labor Day (School Closed)
- 2—5 May Parent teacher interviews
- 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

RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

A FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

for Primary School Children

put on by the Presbyterian Church of Allora

April 3,4,5

from 9-12 (Come earlier for name tags first day)

at the Allora State School

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Wednesday night 6pm (gold coin donation)

Games, puzzles, crafts, morning tea provided, hats needed

contact: Elton Wiltshire 46663743



EBooks—The Catholic Education Office Resource Centre has set up an eLibrary, using Wheelers as their eBook Platform. The school's Years 4, 5 and 6 students are now able to borrow from this library. They have been shown how they access and borrow these eBooks, which they will do from home and onto a personal home device. The App is free to download and is obtainable by typing Wheelers ebook platform app into Google. All loans can then be managed from there. The eLibrary has a number of titles that are not suitable for our primary classes. These titles have an age restriction, making them unavailable to our students.