



"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



Important for Start of school

SCHOOL BELL TIMES

8.40am Start of School
10.50am Break start
11.30am Break finish
1.30pm Snack start
1.50pm Snack finish
2.50pm Pack up
2.55pm End of School

UNIFORM DAYS

Monday — Formal
Tuesday — Formal
Wednesday – Sports
Thursday – Formal
Friday – Sports

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.



Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2017 and another year of learning for your children. For most of our students this is the next important step in their journey. For our new Prep students and their families, yesterday was the very first step in their education journey. Congratulations to all of our new students on a successful and confident start to the year.

Our new Year 6 leaders took to their first task in leadership yesterday with great gusto. Their positivity and enthusiasm in the hospitality and guidance they extended to our Prep students is to be commended. They have definitely set the tone for the year.

In addition to our new Prep enrolments, 5 new students and their families have chosen to join our St Patrick's community. We welcome to William (Year 1), Kaleb, (Year 2) Joshua (Year 3), Samantha (Year 4), and Darcy (Year 5). We know that you will join with us in making these students and their families very welcome in the way that only our St Patrick's community can.

Every Day Counts - Last week, over the course of two days, our teachers engaged in professional learning focused on maximizing the time for learning by applying school wide routines around classroom practices. Learners of all ages thrive on routine. Routine in the classroom environment minimizes distraction and therefore maximizes time for learning. Education, as we know, is a partnership between home and school. Parents can assist in maximizing learning time by;

- Having their children at school on time, ready to learn.
 - Parents can assist by installing daily routines at home that make this possible.
 - Making weeknight bed times and adhering to these will give your child the ten or more hours of sleep they require to grow and concentrate.
- Making sure students are at school as much as possible.
 - Where extended absences are expected, contacting your child's teacher to arrange school work will minimise the learning lost in their absence.
- Making appointments to see teachers if needed to discuss your child's progress.
 - Time before school is used by teachers to put the 'finishing touches' on the lessons they have planned. A mutual time will ensure all parties are able to focus on the discussion.

Morning arrival times, drop off and pick up procedures— please be advised that for their safety, students are not to be at school before 8:10am each morning. Upon arrival, students are to drop their belongings at their respective classrooms before making their way to the multipurpose room to read quietly. Students are collected by a teacher at 8:25am. Please contact the office if circumstances arise that require you to bring your children to school earlier.

Parents and carers are reminded that the roads skirting our school are a school zone and therefore have a speed limit of forty kilometres per hour. If you are running late in the afternoons, please be reassured that your child will not be left unsupervised. Please arrive safely.

God Bless

Tyrone Maher
Principal

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



Welcome to our new Prep students and their families to our school community.



Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/hjacksonb382774.html?src=t_inspirational



Assembly Roster

Term 1 Friday's 8.45am

Week 1: Year 6 Leaders

Week 2: Year 6 Leaders

Week 3: No Assembly

Week 4: Year 6 Leaders

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 Mass

Thursday 17th March –
St Patrick's Feast
9.30am

School News

St Patrick's – a nut aware school - Given the prevalence of nut allergy diagnosis, our school will continue to operate as a nut aware school. Parents are asked to avoid packing peanuts, peanut products or foods where peanuts form part of the ingredients. Food items indicating the possibility of traces of peanuts may be included in lunchboxes.

Parent Information Session—please mark the 8th of February in your calendars for our classroom information night. This year we will also have a guest speaker presenting. There will be more information regarding the sessions in next week's newsletter.

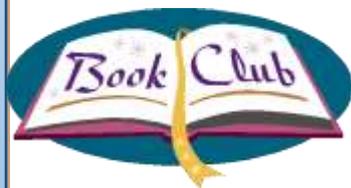
Congratulations to our school leaders upon making the commitment to leadership in our school's opening mass this morning. We look forward to what the year holds for these Year 6 students. Thank you to our community for coming along and showing your support. Your presence is always welcome and appreciated.

Book Club has been sent home today with the children. Please hand in your orders to the school office by Monday, 30th January. Thank you for ordering from Book Club!

There is a new easier way to buy books from Book Club. Instead of raiding the moneybox you are welcome to join Book Club Loop. You first register your child at St Patrick's Allora and the class by going to <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx>. After registering, you can then continue to place an order and pay via a secure payment site. You will also be given a reference/invoice number for your order.

Your order will be attached to our Book Club order and will be sent to the school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Book Club on 1800 021 233 and they will step you through the process. Of course, you are still welcome to pay by cash and cheque. However, we are phasing cash out this year as this new system allows a speedier process for the school.



Congratulations to our school leaders for 2017. Our leaders this year will take on more roles as part of their leadership responsibilities. Thank you to all of our leaders and Miss Preston for their preparation for today's opening mass.



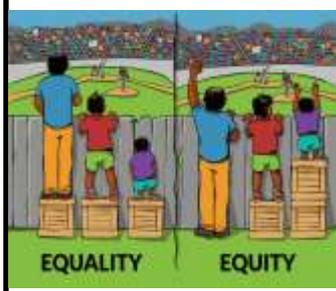
Happy Birthday for the beginning of the year and this week to:

Abbey Mortimer
Elyse Peters
Hally Mutch
Jack Hansford
Darcy Pitstock
Amy Morris
Alana Burton

Learning Support News

*St Patrick's School
Learning Support Teacher -
Debbie Groombridge.*

Interaction Institute for Social Change.
Artist: Angus Maguire



EQUALITY EQUITY

Around the Classrooms

Welcome back to another exciting year of learning at St Patrick's, Allora. As usual we are continuously examining our practices and looking for the best ways to support and enhance student learning. This year learning support will take on a more inclusive approach with much of the support being given within the classroom, although there will be occasions when it will still be necessary to work individually with some students. We are currently analyzing the data from our end of year testing and comparing it with information being collected in class now. This will allow us to better meet the needs of each student in an attempt to individualize programs and increase learning outcomes.

Helping your child

As we begin a new school year, there are many things that you can do now to better prepare your child for the year ahead. It is important that your child's eyes and hearing are tested every 12 months, especially if they have been complaining of sore eyes or you are concerned about their speech. Our speech therapist will ask for this to be done before she can see your child—so consider making an appointment today.

School Support Team

Please remember that you are always welcome to come and discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child with either their class teacher, Mr Maher or myself. In addition to a speech therapist, we also have access to an occupational therapist and a counsellor. Please contact us if you would like to discuss this further.



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



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 8th February at 7pm in the Library.

This weekend schools are participating in the Allora Heritage Weekend by selling drinks at the Drinks Stall. We are seeking St Patrick's families to assist with this task and to fill the following roster. Please call Roy Nott if you are able to assist on 0447 174 487

Saturday 28th January	Sunday 29th January
8am to 11am Leanne Doepel	8am to 11am
11am to 2pm	11am to 2pm
2pm to 5pm Roy Nott	2pm to 5pm



Students – We Need You!

The Allora Show showcases a wonderful array of entries in the Pavilion and you can have the chance to enter in the following categories:-

- ◆ Cooking
- ◆ Vegetable characters
- ◆ Lego
- ◆ Scrapbooking
- ◆ Craft
- ◆ Fine Arts - designing posters, drawing and painting. Prizes may include \$20 for 1st and \$10 for 2nd.

◆ Photography
Please follow this link to the sections.

<http://www.allorashow.org.au/show.html>

As extra entertainment for the Show on Saturday 11th we are having the

TRIBUTE to PHIL HIGGINS

In honour of the late Phil Higgins (1967 – 2016) and his baking prowess, we invite you to make a sponge cake (of any sort) to add to a special display at the 2017 Allora Show. This is non-competitive and the school holidays may be the perfect opportunity to spend some time in the kitchen creating memories with young ones making a cake (that could be frozen until the show). The sponge cake needs to be presented on a disposable tray or plate and covered in a clear plastic bag and delivered to the pavilion at the Allora Showgrounds by 9am on Friday 10th February 2017. For every cake on display, Grant and Janette Lollback will donate \$1.00 to the Melanoma Institute Australia.





What's Happening at St Patrick's Allora?

WARWICK JUNIOR NETBALL

A fantastic team sport for girls and boys.
Ages born 2012 – 2003
Fixtures & Training Saturday afternoons
Sign-on day Saturday 11th Feb 10am – 1pm
Season commences 18th February 2017
Four age divisions
NetSetGo Netters 5-7yrs
NetSetGo Setters 8 & 9yrs
Junior B 10 & 11yrs
Junior A 12 – 14yrs
Please visit our Facebook page for full details.
<https://www.facebook.com/warwicknetball/>
Or ring Linda Bunch 0407 734 380

Netball is a wonderful team sport (no individual pressures). We promoting learning and skill building with fellow players in a positive sportsmanship and enjoyable environment. Our focus at Junior Fixtures level is assisting the players to develop their skills whilst gaining an understanding of all positions on the court and the overall game of netball.

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 contact Lisa: Ph 0407254078

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Pat: ph: 0410415067

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DATE CLAIMERS- 2017

26 Jan	Australia Day Holiday (School Closed)
6 Feb	Central Downs Swimming—Clifton 9am
8 Feb	5pm Parent/teacher information night 7pm P & F Meeting in Library
10 Feb	Allora Show Holiday (School Closed)
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

