



**Dear Families,**

**Welcome to 2019** and another year of learning for your children at St Patrick's School. We enter into our second year of a three year journey into 'Visible Learning'. We know that when students know what they are learning, know how they are going in their learning and know their next steps towards achieving their learning goals, they become more motivated towards achieving success. Last year with your input, we began developing the 'St Patrick's Effective Learner Profile'. Teachers will be leading discussions around these characteristics with the goal of having all students becoming effective, lifelong learners.



**Our New Prep Students—**

Congratulations to Jemimah, James, Lachlan, Couper, Liam, Max, Katelyn, William, Alani, Timothy, Mahailia and Akeera (not in order pictured) on successfully completing their first day of school. Both they and their families have an exciting journey of learning ahead of them.



**First Day Excitement!** - Many family members including parents, uncles, aunties, cousins and grandparents came along to school this morning to wish our young Prep students well on their first step in their education journey. Congratulations to all of our new students on a successful and confident start to the year.

Our year 6 students led with confidence and enthusiasm as buddies to our new Prep students. Our leaders will continue to shadow these students for the next week until they are familiar with our school's routines. We know that you will join us in making these students and their families very welcome in the way that only our St Patrick's community can.

**School Routines—** Being a place of learning, it is not surprising that all of our school's routines are based on enhancing the education of all learners.

**Before School—**Routines established early benefit all children in developing independence in their school day. We strongly encourage parents to farewell their children at the front door or gate in the morning to allow them to develop the independence they need as learners. Sometimes as parents we feel that to care for them we need to do some of these things for them. Unfortunately what results are children that become anxious when parents leave.

**Seeing your child's teacher—**Before the first bell, teachers are planning for a day's learning. For this reason parents are encouraged to see the teacher at the end of a school day rather than before school. Meetings that require more than five minutes should be given the time that they deserve and a meeting should be scheduled with the teacher. This meeting can be arranged with the teacher in person or by seeing Mrs Partington at the front desk at your soonest convenience. (Continued on page 2)

God Bless

Tyronne Maher  
Principal

**"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."**

Anthony J. D'Angelo

Read more at: [https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/anthony\\_j\\_dangelo\\_153989?src=t\\_learning](https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/anthony_j_dangelo_153989?src=t_learning)

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

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

Our School Student Protection Contacts:

**Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher**



**Reminders**

**Book Club orders to be placed Online or to the school office by Monday 4th February.**

**Allora Show Holiday Friday 8th February School Closed**

**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.





## Assembly Term 1 Friday 8.50am

- Week 1: Leaders
- Week 2: No Assembly  
Show Holiday
- Week 3: Leaders
- Week 4: Leaders
- Week 5: Leaders
- Week 6: Leaders
- Week 7: Leaders
- Week 8: Leaders
- Week 9: No Assembly  
Pupil Free

## School Mass Term 1 —all welcome

Opening School Mass  
9.30am  
Tuesday 12th February

Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
9.30am  
Wednesday 6th March



Happy Birthday over  
the holidays and this  
week to:

- William Schied,
- Hally Mutch,
- Braydan Gilmour,
- Jack Hansford,
- Marty May,
- Evie Gilmour,
- Alana Burton,
- Samantha Shaw,
- Mellina Young

**Lunchtime Routine**—For term one, we are trialling a new way of eating lunch. Students are often seen either not eating their lunch or becoming distracted and cutting this important meal short. Students will sit in class with their teachers for the first 10 minutes of playtime before being released to play. This will reduce the amount of transition time required of students to return lunchboxes to their bags. This practice will also enable teachers to pay closer attention to students and whether or not they are eating their lunch. It is also hoped that our students will have more playtime as a result of this new routine.

**Central Downs Swimming Carnival**— Next Wednesday's Central Down's swimming carnival will be held at Allora Public Pool. Swimming times have been submitted from our carnival last year. Families will be notified of their child's successful entry into the carnival as soon as this information comes to hand.

## *Learning Support News*

Debbie Groombridge  
Learning Support Teacher

### *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 to allow us to better meet the needs of each student in an attempt to individualize programs and increase learning outcomes.



Last week we were busy learning more about differentiation and how we can best meet the needs of each student in our classroom. We also met with other lighthouse schools to continue our journey into Visible Learning and best practices to enhance and improve student 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 as soon as possible.

### *School Support Team*

Please remember that you are always welcome to come and discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child. The classroom teacher should always be your first port of call. However, following contact with your class teacher, you are also welcome to make a time to see Mr Maher or myself. In addition to a speech therapist we also have access to an occupational therapist and a counsellor. Let us know if you would like more information.



## St Patrick's School Parents & Friends Association

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

### Parish News

#### LITURGY TIMES

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH –  
MASS 9AM**

**2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH  
– MASS 6pm**

**4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH –  
LITURGY OF THE WORD – 9  
AM**

**2019 first for the new year  
P & F Meeting Wednesday 20 February  
7pm in the Library. All welcome.**

#### SCHOOL BELL

##### TIMES

**8.40am** Start of School  
**10.45am** Break start  
**11.25am** 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



Book Club was sent home today with the children.

LOOP is the easiest way for parents to order and pay for Book Club. Just click submit – that's it. If you're not in LOOP, now is the perfect time to opt-in via the Book Club platform. For more information on LOOP, visit: [scholastic.com.au/loopinfo](http://scholastic.com.au/loopinfo). These orders must be placed before the end of the day on **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**. Alternatively, please hand in your orders to the school office by the above date.

Don't let St Patrick's miss out on any rewards.

Thanks for ordering from Book Club.

**Reporting Student Absences**— Queensland law dictates that you must make sure your child is enrolled and attending school on all school days unless there is a valid reason. In accordance with this law, along with all schools, St Patrick's must monitor the attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers on any unexplained absences. If your child does not want to go to school, contact the school immediately for assistance and support. The above information has been sourced from <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/parents-community/index.html>

### HEAD LICE ALERT

With the warmer weather, head lice are more active. Please check your child/children's hair daily and treat as required.

**Our school does not support the borrowing of hats.**



## What's Happening?



**Wattles Junior Rugby League** football club muster this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, at Platz Oval, Clifton, starting at 11 am.

Wattles has teams in under 7 (includes players who have turned 5 -7 years), under 8,9,10,11,12,14 and 16. Girls are eligible to play tackle league until under 12, from there we have our girls league tag teams – under 14 (girls aged 11-14) and under 17 (girls aged 15-17).

Wattles is a family orientated club, and we welcome all old and new players to join our team.

For further information, please contact Doug Peardon, President, 0456 184272, or Christine Peardon (Registrar) 0488425691.

### SOON TO BE RELEASED— 2019 ONLINE ANNUAL CALENDAR

#### DATE CLAIMERS- 2019

- 6 Feb CD Swimming Carnival
- 7 Feb 'World of Maths' - Student activity
- 8 Feb Allora Show Holiday
- 12 Feb Opening School Mass 9.30am
- 25 Feb SD Swimming—Allora

#### 2019 Term dates

Term 1 Tuesday 29 January to Friday 5 April

Term 2 Tuesday 23 April to Friday 28 June

Term 3 Monday 15 July to Friday 20 September

Term 4 Tuesday 8 October to Friday 6 December

#### 2019 Pupil Free Days—Professional Learning for Staff

Friday 5th April

Friday 28th June

Friday 20th September

Monday 21st October

## ALLORA COMMUNITY PLAY TENNIS AND JUNIOR SQUAD LESSONS...



### ANZ TENNIS HOT SHOTS COMMUNITY PLAY PROGRAM

#### MONDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 3:30PM (SCHOOL DAYS)

For School aged children of all levels and abilities

EVERYONE WELCOME!

COST is \$5 per player – Free Club Membership...

Phone- Mandy Mutch 0428365676

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