



*"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

- 5pm Meet and Greet—Tuesday 19th February
- Parent/teacher interview sheets—please return to teacher return.
- 7pm P&F meeting — Wednesday 20th February.
- Please return Parental/cargiver consent/approval note to school office by 21st February



**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 Families,**

**Parent Engagement and learning—** At St Patrick's we are very proud of the efforts our parents make in engaging with their child's education. Parent engagement is about monitoring the progress of your child in their learning. This means showing interest and offering support in their academic, social, spiritual and physical development. We know that when parents support their child at home and in school that they are happier and perform better at school.

### Why is parent engagement important?

Parent engagement is associated with improvements across a range of areas, including:

- Higher levels of learning;
- Students being more interested in their school work;
- More regular school attendance;
- Better behaviour; and;
- Improved social skills.

### How you can help your child do well at school?

In addition to staying informed and being involved in school activities where possible, there are many things you can do at home which can help your child to do better at school:

- Have high yet achievable goals and expectations of your child.
- Talk regularly about school and the value of learning.
- Encourage positive attitudes and respect for school and teachers.
- Model the behaviours you would like to see in your child such as good communication, good manners and respect for others.

Research tells us that improved student performance results when parents also;

- Read out loud to their child and listen to them read aloud.
- Talk and ask about **what they are learning**.
- Ask what was and was not fun at school.
- Help them to develop strong work habits by helping them in their organisation of school (homework, returning notes etc.) and home related tasks.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews—** Thank you to many of our parents who have already returned their interview preference sheets.

Parent/ teacher meetings will start for most classes on the 18th February. These compulsory interviews are the perfect opportunity for families to begin the year with a knowledge of the next steps for their child in their learning.

God Bless

Tyrone Maher  
Principal



Central Downs Swimming Success— congratulations to (from left) William and Harry on their runners up achievement in the overall age champion points. Well done to Ruby who was the outright age champion for 9yrs girls.

**'Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.'**

William Makepeace Thackeray

Read more at: <https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/mother.html>

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## Assembly Term 1

### Friday 8.50am

Week 3: Leaders

Week 4: Leaders

Week 5: Leaders

Week 6: Leaders

Week 7: St Patrick Feast  
Day Liturgy

Week 8: Leaders

Week 9: No Assembly  
Pupil Free

## School Mass Term 1

### —all welcome

Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
9.30am

Wednesday 6th March

**You're Invited**— The 19th February has been marked as our Meet and Greet'. A barbeque will be provided by our school's Parents and Friends Association (P&F) and a disco will be arranged for the children.

This is a great opportunity for families to meet in a casual environment. The Meet and Greet will begin at 5:00pm here at school and conclude at 7:30pm . Could families please bring dessert to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Opening School Mass** — Today our school community came together for the '2019 Opening School Mass'. This celebration, saw our leaders being officially inducted and our new prep students being welcomed.

**Positive Spectators** - watching your child give their best should be a rewarding experience for both parent and child. 'Coaching' your child, before or after an event in front of his/her peers is not a positive experience for your child. Your child is already giving their best. Telling them to run or swim 'faster' is not helpful.



Central Downs Swimming Success— our junior boys relay team presented a confident effort at last week's carnival

## **Cunningham News**

**Learning Fun** Welcome to Week 3. It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through February already. Cunningham students are settling into class routines and starting to establish a good work ethic.

This term we will be focussing on speaking and writing correctly, consolidating our number and place value knowledge and strengthening our, "Have-a-Go" learning attitude to build our confidence when learning.

**You Can Do It!** We will be focusing our learning on organisation and confidence this term in the You Can Do It program. We know that we need to be organised and ready to learn at the start of each lesson, if we are to do our best learning.

**Interviews** Parent Teacher Interviews commenced this week. Thank you to those parents who have already organized their interview. If you still need to return your interview sheet outlining your preferred times, please return the form as soon as possible. These meetings are extremely important and I appreciate the time you allow to attend.

**Homework:** It is essential that students read and practice their spelling at least four to five nights a week. The old adage of, 'practice makes perfect' definitely applies in these areas.



### **HEAD LICE ALERT**

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





## 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 5.30pm**

**4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> 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"

**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

**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>

## Sports Ability Program



Sports Ability is an exciting inclusive games program developed by the Australian Sports Commission to encourage children to get involved and participate in sport and active recreation.

The program provides participants with an opportunity to learn about all different games and activities.

It is an inclusive program for anyone who would like to come along and have a go!

**Now on Thursdays at 3.30pm**

**Only \$4**



**Warwick Hockey Association**  
**OPEN MORNING!**  
**SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY**  
**9AM - 12PM**  
 SIGN ON INFO TENT, MEET OUR COMMITTEE, TRY IT OUT! MINI FIELDS, BBQ & CANTEN, WATCH A GAME!  
**NEW JUNIOR & SENIOR PLAYERS WELCOME!**  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL [WARWICKHOCKEYQLD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WARWICKHOCKEYQLD@GMAIL.COM) OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WARWICKHOCKEYASSOC.ORG.AU](http://WARWICKHOCKEYASSOC.ORG.AU)  
**2019 SEASON**

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## What's Happening?



INTERSPORT PEAK2PARK  
FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH  
7AM PICNIC POINT  
Event will proceed rain, hail or shine!

enter online now  
[www.peak2park.org.au](http://www.peak2park.org.au)

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

#### DATE CLAIMERS- 2019

- 18 Feb Parent/teacher interviews begin
- 19 Feb Meet and Greet—5pm BBQ and Disco
- 20 Feb P&F Meeting 7pm in Library
- 25 Feb SD Swimming—Allora
- 6 Mar Ash Wednesday Liturgy—2pm
- 15 Mar St Patrick's Day Liturgy—Assembly
- 19 Mar School Photos (Morning)

#### 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

You are warmly invited to the St Saviour's College

*2019 Inaugural Alumni Evening*

An opportunity to reconnect with our College Community

1 March 2019, 6pm-8pm  
The Callaghan Centre, corner of Neil and Perth Streets  
\$10pp includes canapes and drinks

Tickets can be purchased online at Trybooking by 18 February 2019



*Empowering young women in a changing world*

St Saviour's College 2019 Inaugural Alumni Evening  
link: <https://www.trybooking.com/463821>

### CLIFTON CATHOLIC DEBUTANTE BALL

Attention: Possible Debutantes / Flowergirls / Pageboys

Expressions of Interest are requested

Please be advised that it is hoped to hold a Debutante Ball in Clifton this year. The proposed date is **FRIDAY MAY 24**. Girls in Years 10, 11 or 12 are invited to consider the possibility of being a debutante.

- If you are interested in being a part of the Ball this year, please contact Lisa Lucas (0407254078) or Kevin Flynn (0407039519) by February 22. *Night time is best to call.*

Students in Years 3 & 4 are also invited to participate as flowergirls or pageboys. Pleased by advised that a possible cost of up to \$200 might be incurred (dress, shoes, photos, hire of suit etc) for flowergirls / pageboys.