

St Patrick's School Allora — Newsletter



Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 2. It was great to see our learners arriving back from their holiday last week, refreshed and ready to go for another exciting term of learning. This term sees our school engaging in it's 'Quadrennial Review' and St Patrick's Students moving to 'Naplan Online'.

Quadrennial Review— Making a good school, great! As mentioned throughout term 1, the School Renewal and Improvement Process, will take place in week 4 of this term. A panel of reviewers, consisting of leadership personnel from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office and a School Principal, will join us on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May. In this time they will individually ask staff, parents, community members and students two questions:

- What as a school are we doing well?
- What could we do better?

The feedback received by the panel will go towards the creation of a report that will drive renewal and improvement for the next four years. The report will be published on our school's website. We would like to finalise the week's timetable by the end of this week. **If you would like to be a part of this very important process, go to our school's 'Newsletter' page on our website and register your interest.**

Naplan Online— Our year 3 and 5 learners will be engaging in the online format of Naplan this year. Unlike the paper version that must be completed over a four day period starting the 14th of May, the online version has a two week window for completion (see the 'info— graphic on page 2) . This window allows for the fixing of any technology errors that may occur, and the catching up of absent students. The students participated in an online practice test last Friday which went very well. Students will be given further opportunities to get used to the program in the lead up to the assessments beginning in week 4. Our school Naplan testing timetable will be released in week 3 as part of the newsletter email reminders. If you have any questions, feel free to see me or, alternatively, the Naplan online site has a very helpful 'demonstration page' (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment>).

ANZAC Day— Forty of our students marched with the rest of the school community during our community's mid-morning march and commemoration. Some of these students also attended the dawn ceremony! Many of our Prep/year 1 students made up the bulk of our number. What great commitment to an Australian tradition— thank you parents. Lest we forget.



God Bless

Tyrone Maher
Principal

"I follow three rules: Do the right thing, do the best you can, and always show people you care."

Lou Holtz

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/lou_holtz_629648?src=t_rules

"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 are:

Miss Donnelly, Mr Maher and Karen (school counsellor)



Reminders and To Do List

Athletics Sports Days this week:
Tuesday 30th April and Friday 3rd May

Monday 6th May
Labor Day, public holiday, school closed

Tuesday 7th May
Winter Uniform starts

Return Dental Registration form to school office by Friday 10th May

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.

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School News



Assembly Term 2 Friday 8.50am

- Term 2
- Week 2: Athletics
- Week 3: Taglai—
Mother's Day
- Week 4: Leaders
- Week 5: Leaders
- Week 6: Leaders
- Week 7: Leaders
- Week 8: Leaders
- Week 9: Leaders
- Week 10: No Assembly
Pupil Free Day



Happy birthday to:
Maggie Philp



The Qld Government Mobile Dental Clinic will be visiting Allora State School to offer treatment to St Patrick's School students.

Please complete the attached form and return to the school office no later than Friday 10th May



Stickers start this week—collect and bring into school

Athletics Carnival— Today, our 9-12 year old students competed in the 200m, 800m and our 8-12 year olds competed in their high jump events. Students showed great resilience, persistence and sportsmanship in their efforts. Well done!

Our whole school athletics carnival on Friday will begin at 9am with our march past, National Anthem and the reading of our School Creed. Competitors can accessorise their sports uniform with their house colours. Students may wear a plain red (Rynne), blue (Hughes) or green (Lynam) shirt if they have one and specialised running shoes are permitted (not compulsory) . Age champion medallions will be awarded to our 8-12 years boys and girls. Teams, colours and other athletics related information can be found on our school's website (under 'Newsletters') . Thank you to the Gasson Family for once again donating our medals and to Laurence Ryan and Daniel Johnson for marking our field.



Sight words and spelling champions! Well done to James, Jemimah, Max and Oscar on their work in learning their sight words and spelling. Keep up the good work children.

Supporting— Not Coaching - Our children thoroughly enjoy your support at any type of event. Supporting includes clapping, cheering or a kind hug (from a loved one) or pat on the back. However, when we start telling them what to do and how to do it, we're coaching. If you're not the coach, this becomes embarrassing and humiliating for a child. If your child asks for some feedback or if you'd like to give them some, do this in the privacy of your home. Chances are, your child is already doing their best. Coaching from the sideline is not going to help them.

Parental Engagement Tool— St Patrick's has begun using the 'FlexiBuzz' App. This has been set up and paid for by the school, all you need to do is download the free App.

The FlexiBuzz App enables teachers to send parents whole class messages or personalised parent messages. When children talk about their learning, their learning is enhanced. We're hoping that this App will help us to assist you in doing this. There are only four easy steps to follow to getting this up and running. Please visit the 'Newsletters' page of our website for more information.



EduSpark Conference—Girls in years 4-6 from St Patrick's will be sharing a bus with St Francis de Sales Clifton and travelling to Toowoomba on the 9th of May to join hundreds of other girls from the surrounding region for the 'EduSpark' conference.

The intent of the conference is to bring together girls and their teachers to connect with inspiring female industry role models, share their current school based activities and projects, create networks of teachers and student teams, and solve social justice design challenges. Our students are very excited. Please note parents that the online permission and registration is due by the 2nd May (located on our school's website).

MAY 2019

WEEK ONE				WEEK TWO				
TUE, 14 Day 1	WED, 15 Day 2	THU, 16 Day 3	FRI, 17 Day 4	MON, 20 Day 5	TUE, 21 Day 6	WED, 22 Day 7	THU, 23 Day 8	FRI, 24 Day 9
<p>WRITING TEST The writing test must be completed any time within the first two days only of NAPLAN Online for Years 5, 7 and 9. Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test and this is to be completed on day 1 only.</p>								
<p>READING TEST The reading test can be completed any time AFTER the writing test, but must be completed BEFORE the conventions of language test.</p>								
<p>CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE The conventions of language test can be completed any time AFTER the reading test, but must be completed BEFORE the numeracy test.</p>								
<p>NUMERACY TEST The numeracy test can be completed any time AFTER the conventions of language test.</p>								

Naplan test window explained

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Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH –

MASS 9AM

2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH

– MASS 5.30pm

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"



Trivia Night Friday 31st May 2018 Update

One month until Trivia Night, could all families please:

- read the letters attached to this newsletter
- check the Helper list; two more helpers are needed for the kitchen
- like and share the " Rattle of the Brains" facebook page

If any one is able to volunteer some time please text me on 0421208654. Thanks Alana

Mother's Day— Our Mother's Day Stall will operate from the Library again this year. Thank you to Kylie Brasch for organising this again this year.

Next P&F Meeting

7pm in the Library on Wednesday 1st May 2019



FlexiBuzz is used by many schools, not to mention numerous businesses. We are using FlexiBuzz to:

- Engage our families in their child's learning- We know that when children can talk about what they've been learning, their learning is accelerated. To assist you in these conversations, teachers will soon be able to send you notifications straight to your phone about what your child has been up to.
- Enhance positive communication between home and school - The App will also be used to send reminders or last minute changes to routine. Teachers will also have the ability to send you personalised communications. FlexiBuzz will not replace the important face to face communication important to building positive and productive relationships. This is why the opportunity to 'Chat' with the teacher, will not always be possible. We are very excited about the opportunities that using this App will offer. In the meantime - stay tuned.



St Patrick's School Mother's Day Stall in the Library

Thursday 9th 8.15am to 8.40am

Thursday 9th 3pm to 3.30pm

Friday 10th 8.15am to 8.40am

(please note that Friday is CD Athletics Day)

Gifts will range in price from \$2
to purchase for Mum / Grandma.

Mother's Day is on Sunday 12th May

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What's Happening?



Strong Not Tough – Adult Resilience

The Strong Not Tough – Adult Resilience program aims to increase an adult's resilience and coping skills.

Backed by years of research the Strong Not Tough program is evidence based and proven to help participants be the best they can be, and reduce their anxiety by imparting on them many skills and tools such as:

- Developing awareness – body language & signals, mindfulness and attention training, being grateful
- How to control and regulate intense emotions
- Relaxation techniques
- Mindfulness skills and exercises to stay in the moment, focus and relax
- Develop positive relationships
- To compromise in tricky situations and avoid conflict
- Setting realistic and achievable life or study goals
- Organisation and focus skills
- Enjoy a healthy life style

The structure of the Adult Resilience Program is a 5 session course, with each session taking approx 1.5 hours.

Developed by Dr Paula Bennett, the Adult Resilience program has helped the lives of thousands of participants.

It has also helped parents and families become stronger as themselves by applying the skills they learn while undertaking the program.

BUSHkids Warwick would like to invite you to the program.
The program will be presented by Family Health Support Worker Lina Cholewiczki - accredited Adult Resilience facilitator.

When: Tuesday's – commencing May 14

Time: 1 – 2.30pm

Where: BUSHkids Centre 191 Wood Street

Cost: Workbook provided free of charge

Register: Phone 4667 1200 or email warwick@bushkids.org.au

Spaces are limited

If you have any questions - contact BUSHkids as we would be pleased to speak with you.

SOON TO BE RELEASED— 2019 ONLINE ANNUAL CALENDAR

DATE CLAIMERS- 2019

Term 2

30 Apr School Athletics (half day) - 9-12yrs—200 and 800m and high jump (8-12yrs)

1 May 7pm—P&F Meeting—Library

3 May School Athletics (Full Day) - whole school

6 May Labour Day Holiday

7 May Winter School Uniform begins

8 May CD Athletics—half day (qualifying students)

9 May EduSpark Conference for girls (yrs 4-6) [Register online](#) on our website by the 2nd May

10 May CD Athletics—first day (qualifying students)

12 May Mother's Day

13-17 May School Renewal Improvement Process

13 May Naplan Online opens (closes 24 May)

31 May Trivia Night

3 June Southern Downs Athletics Carnival

12 June 7pm—P&F Meeting—Library

25 June Semester 1 Reports Issued

27 June Last Day of Term 2—

28 June Professional Learning Day -(Pupil Free Day)

Term 3

15 July Term 3 begins

26 July Gala Day 1

9 Aug Gala Day 2

19 Sept Last Day of Term 3

20 Sept Professional Learning Day—Pupil Free

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA
Invites you to its
OPEN DAY
on
Tuesday 21st May 2019 from 8.30am – 12.00pm


Allow us to introduce ourselves to you on that day.
Feel welcome to participate in the day's activities.

Features include:
Principal's address to parents at 9.00am;
Displays of resources and student work; staff on hand to answer any enquiries;
Enrolment packages available.

We look forward to welcoming you on 21st May.
For further information, please phone St Joseph's College on 46 31 8500.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 IN 2021 & 2022.
To request an enrolment package please
email: enrolments@sjc.qld.edu.au
or visit our website: www.sjc.qld.edu.au

'Like' us on Facebook— To engage more of our community in the wonderful work that staff and students are doing here at St Patrick's, we have branched out into the world of social media. Media consent forms were returned by families recently that sort parent permission in having their children pictured on the world wide web. Please let us know if you would prefer not to have images of your children on Facebook.



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

