



# Newsletter- St Patrick's School Allora

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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 for this week:

**Urgent—Return of Under 8's Permission form with bus money and meal deal Money to office.**

**P&F Meeting tomorrow night Wednesday 16th may at 7pm in the Library**

**Mass 9.30am Tuesday 22nd May - all welcome**

## 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 and Carers,**

**NAPLAN** – Today, Year 3 and Year 5 students began the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) with Language Convention Assessment followed by the Writing Assessment. Wednesday will see the students participating in the Reading Assessment, followed by the Numeracy Assessment on Thursday. Students that are away or unwell will have an opportunity to complete assessments on Friday.

“The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school’s assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.” It is very important for your child to understand the purpose of these tests to address any anxiety around these days.

We wish our students all the best in these national assessments of their learning.

Information take from—<http://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-2018-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

**‘Morning Tea With The Principal’ - Reading** — Thank you to those parents that were able to join us for a chat last Friday to talk about reading. There was great discussion around how to encourage boys to read and what strategies should be encouraged to improve comprehension of what was being read. In brief;

- All children (boys included) should be encouraged to read and parents should join children in the hunt to find books that they like to read.
- The focus should be on quality and not quantity of reading. A reluctant reader might only read a page but a parent might focus on the comprehension or the way it is read. For example, we model for learners the need to be ‘reading like they’re talking’ not reading ‘like a robot.’
- Our school wide decoding strategies; the strategies we teach children to use when they come to a tricky word; are;
  - Does that make sense? The wrong word inserted needs to make sense.
  - Look for parts of the word I know? E.g.—in the word Geography– the smaller word ‘graph’ may be familiar
  - Sound it out—stretch it! B-o-t-t-l-e = bottle
  - Get my lips ready. Get your mouth ready for the first part of the word and then have a go checking to see if it makes sense (combining another strategy)
  - Do I know another word like this one? **Station = relation**
  - Use a picture clue and match it with the starting sound of the word
- Encouraging your child to retell the main idea of what they have read greatly enhances comprehension.

## **Student Protection at St Patrick's School —**

One of the most important concerns of our school community is the health, safety and wellbeing of our students. St Patrick's has a number of specific child protection responsibilities which are detailed in the Student Protection Processes and Guidelines, available on the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Website along with other information for parents and caregivers: <https://www.twb.catholic.edu.au/parents-and-community/student-protection/>

In addition to **all** staff being trained in student protection, we also have two staff members specially trained to assist with student protection concerns. These ‘School Student Protection Contacts’ are Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher. Students can speak to these teachers if they have any worries about their own safety or wellbeing, or that of a classmate. They can also speak to our school counsellor—Jayne.

**God Bless**

**Tyrone Maher  
Principal**



Well done to Evie (Yr 4) who read at a family friend's book launch last Saturday at Toowoomba City Library with her older sister—Shayla. Copies of the two books by St Francis de Sales (Clifton) past student; Meghan Jeffcoat; have been donated to our library. Well done girls!

**“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](https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/lou_holtz_629648?src=t_rules)



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## School News

### Assembly Roster

#### Term 2 Friday 8.50am

Week 5: Gala Day

Week 6: Gala Day & U8's

Week 7: Leaders

Week 8: Broncos Cup

Week 9: Leaders

Week 10: Athletics Day

Week 11: Dalrymple -  
NAIDOC Week

### School Masses – Term 2

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

**Tuesday 22nd May**  
9.30am Mary Help of Christians

**Mother's Day Assembly**—Thank you to all parents and community members that were able to attend our Mother's Day assembly last Friday morning. Students from Cunningham did a wonderful job of reflecting on why our mothers are so important to us. We hope that all Mums had a wonderful Mother's Day last Sunday.

**St Patrick's Care Group** — This year, as a sub-committee to the P&F '*St Patrick's Care Group*' is being formed. St Patrick's Care Group will provide support to new and existing families of our school. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Lisa Hansford (lisaj.hansford@hotmail.com). We look forward to hearing about the school and community relationships this group will nurture.

**NRL Development Cup Players**— Good luck to Atticus, Seth, George, Lewis, Jack, Zac and Jason. These students, as part of the Central Downs Team, will be playing in Warwick on Wednesday afternoon.



(Above) Many school family members joined us for our Mother's Day assembly last Friday. Thank you.

(Below) Congratulations to our sight words and high frequency words champions. Keep working hard!



### Student of the Week Term 2 Week 5

**Talgai** - Mellina Young for improved effort in following classroom procedures.

**Cunningham** - Darius Olsen for a positive, hard-working and considerate attitude.

**Dalrymple** - Hugh Denny for great participation and willingness to learn.

**Glengallan** - Ziggy Gibson for an enthusiastic approach to learning every day.

### Mary Mackillop Award - Reverent

**Talgai** - Molly Williams

**Cunningham** - Piper Gilmour

**Dalrymple** - Harrison Dangerfield

**Glengallan** - Mia McArthur

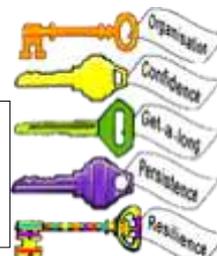
## Glengallan News

**Learning Fun** In Glengallan, for History we have been writing diaries as though we were immigrants to Australia on the First Fleet. Another project we have been working on is a video to show to Dalrymple children that are attending Gala Day for the first time. Hopefully, this will give them confidence to enjoy the day and perform to the best of their ability. We've tried hard to make the videos as entertaining as possible. The Glengallan students are feeling ready for the NAPLAN testing today, as they have been successfully preparing with problem solving and writing activities in the build up to the tests. In Science, we are learning about adaptations of animals in the desert.

**You Can Do It!** We need to have *resilience* when we can't solve a problem, which sometimes happens. Work can be hard, but if we persist and believe in ourselves, we know we can overcome most obstacles. This helps us to achieve.

**Did you know?** Glengallan students have a special dance called the "100% Dance" and when we all get something right, we break into the 'Flossing' move with great gusto! We are working on increasing the number of times we dance in a day. It's a great motivator and is keeping us fit!

**Non-verbals** Another important development in our classroom that helps us to keep the noise down, is the use of nonverbals and sign language to get a message across. We have noticed some significant positive developments in our noise levels.





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## 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 5pm**

**From Sunday 13th May for  
Winter**

**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*

## Trivia Night 2018

Only 10 days to go !!! School Leader permission note to assist with hospitality at Trivia Night will go home today, please return asap..

Could all families please:

1. Donate a box of chocolates
2. Donate items, products or vouchers that we could use in the Multi draw raffle, please leave items at the office
3. Organise your team and book a table by calling the office on 4666 3551.

Thanks Alana 0421208654



**Next P & F Meeting Wednesday 16 May  
7pm in the Library. All welcome.**

## 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**



## Tuck Shop Dates:

Friday 8th June  
And  
Friday 22nd June

St Patrick's, Allora P&F presents

# Rattle of the Brains



**Friday 25th May  
Allora Community Hall**

*Entry includes pizza, nibbles  
and supper with tea and coffee*

1st place \$300  
 2nd place \$200  
 3rd place \$100

And a prize for wooden spoon

**\$15 per person**

**Doors Open at 6.15pm**

**Round 1 starts at 7pm**

**Max of 8 per table**

**RSVP by 21st May**

Thank you sponsors! Your help makes this night so successful!



*Multi-Draw Raffles and  
Auctions throughout the night*

To book a table phone  
St Patrick's school office on 4666 3551



## What's Happening?

### ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA

Invites you to its

**OPEN DAY** on

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 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 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

For further information, please phone  
St Joseph's College on 46 31 8500.

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS  
FOR YEAR 7 IN 2020**

**To request an enrolment package please call  
4631 8525 or email: [enrolments@sjc.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@sjc.qld.edu.au)**

### PLEASE SEE OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OUR 2018 ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **DATE CLAIMERS- 2018**

- 16 May Naplan yrs 3,5,7,9.
- 17 May Naplan yrs 3,5,7,9.
- 18 May Gala Day—Soccer, Netball and League
- 25 May Gala Day2—Soccer, Netball and League, Under 8s Day—Clifton
- 25 May Trivia Night
- 29 May Early Years Expo—open to all under 5s and their parents. Come and have a morning of fun.
- 7 June School tour & information night—5pm
- 8 June Broncos Cup— Soccer, Hockey, Netball and League—10-12 Years for all sports except league (2006 and 2007 only) .
- 19 June Day 1 School Athletics
- 22 June Day 2 School Athletics
- 28 June Semester reports sent home
- 29 June Term 2 Ends
  
- 17 July Term 3 Starts
- 23 July CD athletics—Day 1
- 27 July CD athletics—Day 2
- 29 July Catholic Education Week
- 30 July School Improvement Surveys emailed to parents.
- 3 Aug Bishop's Professional Development Day (School Closed)
- 6 Aug 2019 Prep interviews begin
- 10 Aug SD Athletics
- 21 Sept Term 3 Ends
  
- 8 Oct Term 4 Starts



## Prep 2019 – taking enquiries now

**29<sup>th</sup> May Early Years Expo 9-11:30am**

**7<sup>th</sup> June - School tour and information night**

**5pm : Open to families of all school aged children**

**6<sup>th</sup> August – Prep interviews Contact the school**

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