

St Patrick's School Allora— Newsletter



Our Vision
An inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all.

Our Mission
In the spirit of Saint Mary Mackillop, we strive for excellence with love, dignity, integrity and justice.

Our School Student Protection Contacts are:
Miss Donnelly, Mr Maher and Karen (school counsellor)



Reminders and To Do List

Prep 2020 Afternoon Tea 3.30 pm to 4.30pm Wed 12 June

Early Years Expo 9 am -11am Wed 19th June

Pupil Free Day— School closed on Friday 28th June

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, Reading Growth— All of our students are assessed at numerous points across the year on their reading ability. This allows us to track their progress and to target specific areas of need for both individual and whole groups of students. Our recent reading data indicates that our learners are making great progress in their reading development. How can families contribute to their child's reading growth?

In the learning of reading, we say that children from kindergarten (pre-prep) to year 2 are learning to read. From year 3 onwards, they're reading to learn. In 'reading to learn', they begin to understand that information can be gained from being able to read. We call this comprehension. This is not to say, however, that children from prep onwards are not comprehending.

Targeted Learning: Prep— to Year 3;

- Sight words—these are words that students must practice to know by sight automatically. This allows children to then focus their energy on solving more difficult words.

- All learners:**
- Reading to and reading with;
 - Children should be exposed to great reading with the people around them on a daily basis.
 - Children should have multiple practices in reading to an adult.
- This is an opportunity to practice the skills they're being taught and to receive positive feedback about their progress.
- Talk about what they're reading. Ask your child to tell you what they think the reading is about or to tell you what strategy they used to work out a word.



More 'Sight Word' success—well done to these Talgai students on achieving their next levels in sight word acquisition. Students are not just tested on their next set of words each time. They are retested on the levels they've already achieved—Very impressive!

Communication- We occasionally have concerned families requesting times to meet to discuss behaviour concerns. Often, families tell us that 'time' does not allow them to report these.

As a parent or carer, a phone call or meeting with a teacher will ensure that concerns can be addressed immediately. There is now also a 'Make a Report' link on our school's website under '[Policies and Procedures](#)'. Once complete, an email notification will be sent to the school for immediate follow up. While the absence of negative student behaviours cannot be guaranteed, parent and student communication can assist in bringing about quick and positive resolutions. If teachers do not know about what is happening, they can't help.

God Bless



Tyronne Maher
Principal

'How people treat you is their karma; how you react is yours.'
Wayne Dyer

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/wayne_dyer_382838?src=t_relationship

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School News

Assembly Term 2 Friday 8.50am

Term 2
Week 8: Leaders
Week 9: Leaders
Week 10: No Assembly
Pupil Free Day



Happy birthday to:
Patrick Denny
Matilda Gasson



Collect your stickers
and bring to school or
deposit in the
St Patrick's box at
Warwick Woolworths

Student of the Week Awards—Week 7

TALGAI —
 Beau Henry for the way he tackles all activities in an organised way.

CUNNINGHAM —
 Tanali Neubauer for showing confidence as you settled back into school routines.

GLENGALLAN —
 Brett Shelton for always having a go and keeps trying even if it doesn't work the first time.

Mary MacKillop Award Reverent

Talgai—
 William Scheid
Cunningham—
 Emilia Hoey
Glengallan—
 Hally Mutch

School Attendance— Every Day Counts! Student semester reports are to be released in week 10 of this term. In addition to providing you with an overview of your child's rate of achievement, each report indicates your child's 'Days Absent'. We know that being away from school impacts on a child's learning progress and, related to this, absenteeism also impacts your child socially and emotionally. While some absences are unavoidable, we know that some are and maximising attendance at school is very important.

In Queensland, school absences are categorised as:

- **Authorised:** For example, illness, undertaking a medical procedure or attending a funeral
- **Unauthorised:** For example, shopping, visiting friends and relatives, fishing or camping, or 'family days'.
- **Unexplained:** when no information has been provided by parents/carers or students and the absence is pending the school's own investigations.



All students from years prep to 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the 'Life Education Van' last week.

A 2013 report from the Queensland Government ; '*Performance Insights— School Attendance*' ; suggests that a low level of school attendance may be associated with:

- Poor academic achievements including lower levels of achievement on literacy (for example, reading, writing) and numeracy
- Reduced opportunities for students to learn and access educational resources
- Further absenteeism in subsequent grades

The report outlines future implications of below average attendance:

- Early school leaving
- Leaving school with fewer qualifications
- Alcohol, tobacco, and substance use in adolescents. Attendance is a stronger predictor of youth substance use than academic achievement
- Unemployment and long-term unemployment
- Labour force status
- Increased likelihood of poverty
- Criminal activity
- Lower level of health/life expectancy.

The table below indicates a percentage of school attendance and how this equates to days absent. The average for Toowoomba Catholic Schools sits at 90% attendance (for all 31 schools). Please contact us if there are circumstances impacting on your child

| Level of attendance (%) - Based on days students are able to attend in term 2 (47 School Days to date) | Days absent (not including 'authorised' days absent) *Rounded up | Hours of learning time missed |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| 90% - 100% | 0-5 days absent | 0– 30 |
| 80%-90% | 7 –9 days absent | 42— 54 |
| 70%-80% | 9-14 days absent | 54– 84 |
| 50%-70% | 14– 24 days absent | 84—144 |

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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

FETE Friday 18th October



St Patrick's School Allora—Parent's and
Friends Association

'As many hands build a house, so many
hearts make a school'



Next P&F Meeting—7pm in the Library on 19th June 2019

Tuckshop Dates for Term 2—orders to be in the classroom
basket by 9am the Monday before:

- Wednesday 26th June Orders due Monday 24th June

BIG SCREEN SHOW TIME!

DON'T JUST WATCH MOVIES THESE HOLIDAYS...
...MAKE YOUR OWN!

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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FOR STUDENTS YEARS 1-12

TOOWOOMBA – USQ - JULY 1-5

WARWICK – SCOTS PGC – JULY 8-9

HIGHFIELDS – SPORT & REC PARK – JULY 10-12

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PRESENTS
THE BAND-O'-COOTS
BUSHBAND

Saturday 22nd June, 11am - 3pm
Leslie Park Youth Bandstand
Palmerin St, Warwick

BUSHKIDS
BUSHdance

Some new faces in the Coot's line-up in 2019, but the same of Coot-scootin' Aussie Bush dancing and cracking good times loved by everyone!

This is a FREE EVENT, with your gold coin donations gratefully accepted!
Food by Rotary Club of Warwick Sunrise members & refreshments by Peck's Mobile Coffee!



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What's Happening?

BUSHKIDS
Keep Queensland Best Children's Health Strong

Dear Service Providers/Educators

Southern Downs Regional Children's Services Network Meeting
Free Presentation

SAVE THE DATE

Date/Time: Tuesday 27 June from 9am to 7.30pm (from 9am food provided)

Venue: BUSHKIDS Warwick Centre
130 Wood Street

Guest speaker: Katrina Macdonald (BUSHKIDS Telehealth psychologist)

Attachment and the Circle of Security overview

'Child Attachment Relationships and an overview of the Circle of Security program'

Katrina will discuss different attachment styles, what this looks like and the many ways parent-child attachment can predict and impact children's learning, development and behaviour. She will then give an overview of the Circle of Security program, and how this aims to shift parents and children towards healthy, secure attachment relationships by developing parents' understanding of their child's attachment needs.

Please forward this email to colleagues/other services you feel would be interested in attending. A quick email letting us know if you are coming would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you on the Tuesday 27 June 2019.

RSVP: Friday 21 June 2019

Kate Fogarty
Warwick BUSHKIDS Team
(Marionne, Shelley, Elise, Linda, Kim and Kate)

www.bushkids.org.au



2019 ONLINE ANNUAL CALENDAR—LOCATED ON OUR SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

DATE CLAIMERS- 2019

Term 2

12 June 2020 Prep Afternoon tea 3.30pm (2019 Prep parents encouraged to attend)

17 June Fete Planning 7pm Parish Meeting Room

19 June P&F Meeting 7pm Library

19th June Early Years Morning - all welcome - 9-11am

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

17 July 7pm—P&F Meeting—Library

20-21 July 150years of Allora Celebrations

26 July Gala Day 1

28 July Catholic Education Week

29 July School Improvement Surveys sent to families

2nd Aug Bishop's Inservice Day - Pupil Free

9 Aug Gala Day 2

11 Aug School Improvement Surveys —close

14 Aug 7pm—P&F Meeting—Library

1 Sept Father's Day

11 Sept P&F Meeting

19 Sept Last Day of Term 3

20 Sept Professional Learning Day - Pupil Free

ALLORA 150 YEAR CELEBRATION
"COME HOME TO ALLORA"
20TH AND 21ST JULY 2019

The town of Allora was proclaimed a municipality on 21st July 1869 by the Governor of Queensland. On the weekend of 20th and 21st July 2019, a celebration is planned to celebrate 150 years of Local Government.

All residents of the district, young and old are invited to participate. On Saturday 20th July a Grand Parade commencing from the Old Shire Hall will proceed down Warwick and Herbert Streets to the Dalrymple Park. We would like everyone to dress in costume to join the celebrations and be part of the parade. Period costume, fancy dress, fashion through the ages - just dress up and join the fun. Families are encouraged to decorate their bikes or prams or billy carts.

For more information of events check out Web: www.allora150org or Facebook Allora 150 Year Celebration; Email: adhssec@gmail.com
Ph. Wendy – 0488673778 or Lyn 0408753085

'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



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