



Newsletter- St Patrick's School Allora

Providing quality education since 1916

"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:

Family Detail forms—these were sent out last week. Please return the forms indicating any changes to your contact details.

CD Athletics—Week 2 Permission forms to be returned to school ASAP

Bishop's Inservice Day School Closed Friday August 3rd.

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,

Improving learning— In last week's newsletter, I wrote about parental engagement in your child's learning. Specifically, I wrote about the massive effect parents have on the learning progress of their children. Research shows that when parents talk to their children about school, expect them to do well and ensure out-of-school activities are constructive to learning, students make greater gains.

Teachers at St Patrick's are working in impact cycles to improve learning towards meeting specific goals. This is a process of assessing, planning, teaching and evaluating before moving onto the next cycle.

Assessing students means that teachers start with identifying where students are in the learning journey to identify what needs to be the focus.

Planning requires teachers to address the identified need with planned teaching. These interventions include work done both in and out of the classroom. These goals and interventions are shared with all teachers and parents so that a team approach to progressing a child's learning can occur.

At the end of the cycle the teacher **evaluates** the child's progress to work out if the focused support for the child was successful. If it did, new goals are set and the cycle starts again. If goals are not met, the new plan addresses new ways for the child to progress towards the goal which may include different strategies or taking the learning back a step.

Parents are key to the process. When parents know what their children struggle with, they are better equipped to support them by working with them and their teachers. Having improvement conversations with our children and teachers, sends a clear message that learning is important. As always our teachers are always happy to talk about advancing your child's progress.

Your Say! School Improvement Surveys— The 'Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute' (**RADII**) emailed all parents yesterday who have a valid email address. These **anonymous** surveys are another way that you can provide our school with valuable feedback to help improve what we do as a community. Feedback from last year's survey resulted in the formulation of our school's new 'Behavioural Support Plan' and contributed to the creation of the school's new Vision and Mission. Thank you for taking the time to make our school a better place.



God Bless


Tyrone Maher
Principal

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/helen_keller_382259?src=t_together



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School News

Assembly Roster

Term 3 Friday 8.50am

- Week 1: Leaders
- Week 2: No Assembly
- Week 3: No Assembly
- Week 4: Leaders
- Week 5: Leaders
- Week 6: Leaders
- Week 7: Talgai
- Week 8: Leaders
- Week 9: Leaders
- Week 10: Leaders



Week 2

Happy Birthday to:
Will Peters
Kobe Lambert
Beau Henry

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' (SSPCs) are displayed on posters around the school. Our SSPC's for 2018 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.

Open Day— Next week is **Catholic Education Week**. All community members are invited to attend our special mass in our Church on Tuesday at 9:30am. Following this celebration, all children are invited to attend a 'Come Try Day'. This starts at 11:30am and concludes at 2:55pm. This is an opportunity for any child to experience what St Patrick's is all about. Please contact the school if you are planning on bringing your child along. *Please pass this invite on to anyone who may be considering our school.*

Congratulations! - Well done to all students who participated in the first day of competition yesterday as part of the 2018 Central Downs Athletics Carnival. Watching our students give their best and then congratulating one another on their efforts was truly inspirational. Friday will see about 60 of our students competing in the last day of competition. A tuckshop will be operating and all parents and community friends are welcome to attend.



Well done to Cassie, Carla, Dustyn, Molly and Tom who continue to apply themselves in learning the sight words and high frequency words so important to reading!

Talgai News

Learning Fun

As a conclusion to our History unit , Talgai and Cunningham visited the local Allora museum. We spent an interesting couple of hours looking and talking about some of the wide variety of artefacts. The children 's favourite seemed to be the old school building at the rear of the Darling Street Museum. They were intrigued with the old teaching materials or lack there of. It certainly made them aware of how things have changed.



You Can Do It! In class we have been talking about how people are not perfect; children, and adults, and that this includes teachers and parents. We all get it wrong sometimes, but that the important thing is that we strive to get it right and forgive people who get it wrong.

Did you know? Research is showing that children are getting frustrated when they are trying to communicate with their parents but parents are more focused on their devices. As a result children's vocabulary and communication skills are suffering. If we want teenagers to talk to us when they are having problems, we need to develop rapport with our toddlers.



Students of the week Starting the term off with a bang, Harriet Barton received the Student of the Week award for reading effort. Esther Coker was awarded the Mary MacKillop Award for the way she helps others in the classroom.



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Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH –

MASS 9AM

2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF

MONTH – MASS 5pm

From Sunday 13th May for

Winter

4TH, 5TH SUNDAY OF
MONTH – LITURGY OF THE
WORD – 9 AM

Fete

This year's Fete will be held on Friday 19 October.

The 2018 executive is Roy Nott, President; Paul Morris and Paul Bradfield, Vice-Presidents; Lisa Hansford, Secretary and Kerry Haigh, Treasurer.

We welcome Lisa to the committee and thank her for being a School P & F representative.

New faces and ideas are welcome.



St Patrick's School
Parents & Friends Association

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



Next P & F Meeting Wednesday 15 August

3:30pm in the Library. This earlier meeting has

been scheduled to allow for those parents/ friends to attend an earlier meeting who ordinarily cannot attend later meetings.

All welcome.

School Improvement Survey

This year our school will be participating in a School Review and Improvement Survey managed by Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII). As well as school staff and students from Years 5 -6, all parents are strongly encouraged to participate in the survey.

The survey provides valuable feedback for the future directions of our school. It would be appreciated if parents could update their contact details. This will ensure delivery to the correct parent email addresses are available. Contact details have been sent home today for adjustment if required.

Yesterday, RADII sent all parents a personalized invitation to complete the survey online. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

You can complete the survey from anywhere you have access to the internet. The survey will close on Sunday 12 August, 2018. We encourage you to be very honest in your responses to the surveys. All responses go directly to RADII so they are confidential and anonymous. When the surveys are completed, the overall responses will be shared with our school community

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



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What's Happening?

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Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 29 July – 4 August this year.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. The theme for this year's celebrations is:

Discovering New Horizons. You may have seen the fence banner out the front of the school.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

During Catholic Education Week 2018, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate how they are discovering new horizons.

There are 304 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 147,000 students and employ more than 19,000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

Our school is planning a number of activities during the week and we hope you are able to join in the celebrations with us. We look forward to seeing you during Catholic Education Week 2018.

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

DATE CLAIMERS- 2018

- 27 July CD Athletics—Day 2—all nominated students
 - 29 July Catholic Education Week
 - 31 July 9:30am Mass—Church—All welcome
11:30am —Open Day—students of all ages welcome
 - 3 Aug Bishop's Professional Development Day (School Closed)
 - 6 Aug 2019 Prep Interviews Begin
 - 7 Aug Mass—Mary MacKillop 9:30a.m.
- PLEASE NOTE: Change of date for Mass—Mary MacKillop to Tuesday 7th August**
- 10 Aug SD Athletics
 - 15 Aug SD Cricket Trials
 - 20 Aug Book Week—'Book Fair' book shop
Monday morning -8:40am- book week parade followed by 'Reader's Cup'
Monday -Story telling—2:30—2:55pm
 - 31 Aug Diocesan Mass Toowoomba—Glengallan Students
 - 2 Sept Family Mass
 - 4 Sept Tuesday—Show—'Treasure Hunt'
 - 21 Sept Term 3 Ends
 - 8 Oct Term 4 Starts
 - 19 Oct St Patrick's Parish and School Fete
 - 22 Oct Staff PD day—Student Free Day
 - 7 Dec Term 4 and School Year Ends

ALLORA TENNIS SQUAD

Come have a hit!
Everyone Welcome
Monday Afternoons 3:30-4:30pm
during school term

Tennis Skills, Activities, Games and Matches
\$5 per player, Free Club Membership
Games/Activities modified for beginners...

Please phone Mandy Mutch
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information or email
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