

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.

Dear Families,

Welcome back to another term of learning and collaboration.

Catholic Education Week— 'Many Voices, One Spirit': Next week sees us celebrating Catholic Education Week. All families are invited to be a part of our small celebration next Tuesday. The morning's activities include:

- 9:30am—Catholic Education Week Celebration—Church
- 10:15am—Morning tea and performances from all classes
- 10:40—Student showing families to their classrooms for a 'show and tell' of what they've been learning.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Engagement and Involvement - What's the Difference? The first two weeks have seen many new families participate in enrolment interviews in preparation for their child to begin Prep in 2020. Among many important topics discussed in these meetings, is the topic of family engagement in the learning process.

Sometimes 'engagement' and 'involvement' are used in the same way. However, when it comes to education, these are, in fact, two very different and important terms.

Involvement— All schools appreciate and welcome the involvement of families as it supports the running of the school. Parents assisting with sporting events, fundraisers and volunteering around the school are all examples of involvement. Unlike engagement, involvement does not have a direct effect on the learning progress of your child.

Engagement— As parents, we are engaged in the learning of our children when we actively seek out opportunities to work collaboratively with their teachers. This could be conversations around homework, what they're currently learning and their academic and social development. It could also be you, as parent, simply taking an interest in their learning and asking your children about it.

The '**Parent Engagement Charter**' is a Toowoomba Catholic Schools' publication, and one that we are using in our conversations with new and existing families. The most important element of this charter is communication. Communication with our children that values learning and regular communication with their teachers about their progress, are both very important in supporting our children's growth in all areas.

See your child's teacher about the goals currently in place for your child and begin the conversation around what we can do collectively to advance them towards achieving them.



Our School Student Protection Contacts are:

Miss Donnelly, Mr Maher and Karen (school counsellor)



Reminders and To Do List

Family Mass Note attached please return by Friday 26th

Gala Day Friday 26th at Allora State School for all students 8years and older.

Next Week—Catholic Education Week

Sacramental Program begins 3.30pm Monday 29th July in the library.



St Patrick's School – A Nut Aware School.

We are aware that children may have a severe anaphylactic reaction to peanuts. Parents are

God Bless

Tyrone Maher
Principal

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.
Bob Beauprez

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School News

School Improvement Surveys— Next week you will receive an email containing a link to the annual school improvement survey. Your completion of this survey is very important. We use the data that comes from your responses to drive improvement at our school. The email will come from the Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII) - please do not delete this. Please contact the school if you are having difficulty accessing the survey. Additional links will be available soon for anyone that may have not received a link or for those who have 'accidentally' deleted it.

Student Drop Off and Collection— Please note that we have instructed all students that they are no longer to enter from the entrance on Mackillop Lane. This follows a near miss with a student last week. Students may enter/exit via the Arnold Street and Warwick Street entrances.

Hockey Success— Last week, we learnt of Year 6 student Ella Hagenbach's success in being selected in the Queensland Under 13's Hockey team (congratulations Ella). Next week we farewell Miss Holly Gilbar who will compete as part of the Queensland Country Women's team once again. Mrs Kerry Roche will replace Miss Gilbar for the week. We wish Holly all the best and safe travels.

School Culture— It's July and questions have begun around who's teaching and in which class in 2020. This information is not released until the end of the year. Additionally, there should be no concern regarding teacher placement.

Our teaching and learning at St Patrick's is based on the research proven, collective belief, that we can raise all students to high levels by;

- Engaging in professional open and honest conversations about individual students and their needs and how instruction (teaching) can address these needs.
- Sharing the collective wisdom. Participating in professional learning that targets the areas of student need.
- Being open to instructional feedback. Teaching is observed and feedback, linked to research supported best practice, is provided to inform better teaching and therefore student learning.

At St Patrick's we believe that we can achieve high levels of learning for all of our students. We believe that the above practices are key to realising this goal for your children.



(Above and Below) **Allora 150 Celebrations**— Last week several of our students represented St Patrick's at the opening of the old 'Council Chambers'. After meeting with the Queensland Governor and receiving a small gift from The Honorable Paul De Jersey, students paraded down the main street of Allora. The students represented our community proudly. Well done!



More 'Sight Word' Success—well done to these learners on achieving their next level of sight words—Great work!

Assembly on Friday 8.50am

Term 3

- Week 2: No Assembly
- Week 3: No Assembly
- Week 4: No Assembly
- Week 5: Leaders
- Week 6: Leaders
- Week 7: Cunningham— Father's Day
- Week 8: Leaders
- Week 9: Leaders
- Week 10: No Assembly



Happy birthday to:

- Lachlan and James Ekerick,
- Harriet Barton,
- Ziggy Gibson,
- Paige Cummins,
- Emilia Walker,
- Archie Brown,
- Kaleb Millard,
- George Philp.

Student of the Week Awards—Week 1

- TALGAI** — James Ekerick for resilience when he was hurt. Mellina Young for improved cooperation with students to achieve goals.
- CUNNINGHAM** — Jack Hansford for showing great confidence and having a go in his learning.
- DALRYMPLE** — Alana Burton for having confidence to step out of her comfort zone.
- GLENGALLAN** — Marty May for being persistent and conscientious in getting work completed.

Mary MacKillop Award Helpful

- Talgai**— Couper Green
- Cunningham**— Eddison Barton
- Dalrymple**— Angus McArthur
- Glengallan**— Harry Wright



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'



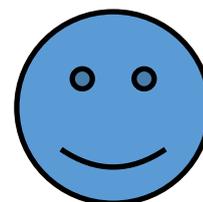
Next P&F Meeting—7pm in the Library on 21st August 2019

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

28 JULY – 3 AUGUST 2019



*Many Voices.
One Spirit.*



School Attendance Every Day Counts!

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.

ALLORA COMMUNITY PLAY TENNIS AND JUNIOR SQUAD LESSONS...



MONDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 3:30PM (SCHOOL DAYS)

For School aged children of all levels and abilities

EVERYONE WELCOME!

COST is \$5 per player – Free Club Membership...

Phone- Mandy Mutch 0428365676

ALLORA TENNIS CLUB, 2 Darling Street, ALLORA

Email- alloratenniscub@gmail.com

Come play tennis in a fun, supportive environment that focuses on being a 'good sport'

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What's Happening?

St Patrick's Parish Fete Committee —

Our Parish Fete has been running for many years. The success of this event is attributed to the contributions of many and measured by the way it brings our community together for an evening of affordable, family fun. Our next meeting is at 6pm on the 5th August.

Anyone interested in being a part of these meetings are is very welcome to attend.

2020 Prep Enrolment Interviews—

Please contact the office to arrange an interview time if you are considering 2020 Prep for your child.

'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.



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

DATE CLAIMERS- 2019

Term 3

- 26 July Gala Day 1 (see [link to online form](#))
- 28 July Catholic Education Week (CEW)
- 29 July School Improvement Surveys sent to families (emailed)
- 30 July CEW celebrations
 - 9:30am—CEW Celebration—Church
 - 10:15am—Morning tea and performances from all classes
 - 10:40—Student showing families to their classrooms for a 'show and tell' of what they've been learning.
- 2 Aug Bishop's Inservice Day - Pupil Free, School Closed
- 4 Aug Family Mass, 9am
- 5 Aug 6pm—Parish Fete Meeting
- 9 Aug Gala Day 2
Under 8s Day (see link to online form)
- 11 Aug School Improvement Surveys —close
- 21 Aug 7pm—P&F Meeting—Library
- 11 Sept P&F Meeting
- 19 Sept Last Day of Term 3
- 20 Sept Professional Learning Day - Pupil Free, School Closed

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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