

# 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

*Reconciliation Liturgy  
8.50am Tuesday  
10th September  
in Church*

*Tuckshop  
Wednesday 18th Sept  
Orders will go home next week then placed in the class baskets by 9am  
Monday 16th Sept*

**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,**

Last week, Miss Karine Preston, Miss Mary Donnelly and I were fortunate enough to be a part of the Visible Learning Lighthouse contingent from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office to travel to New Zealand to immerse ourselves in the visible learning culture. Newmarket, Clevedon and Stonefields Primary Schools have structured their entire school processes and teaching strategies around the high impact teaching research of John Hattie. Unlike the schools visited in Melbourne last year, these schools are, on average, 7 to 9 years into the approach. This approach has become the culture of the school. As a group of teachers, we were affirmed by what our team at St Patrick's School Allora have already committed to, and put in place for our learners. To say that we were inspired would be an understatement.



**What is Visible Learning?** Visible learning is the term coined by professor John Hattie. To provide a simple definition, visible learning is about students being able to see their learning and the process that their learning takes. Students see their learning from a progress perspective, but also see their learning as a process that they can take to anything that they need to learn.

**Why this approach?** For a long time schools have focused very heavily on the knowledge aspect of what is to be learnt, and not enough on the skills and capabilities that they need to develop to engage with this new knowledge. The traditional focus on knowledge over skills is an outdated process that worked at a time where what was needed for someone entering the workforce was known. Learners of today face the daunting realisation that they are currently progressing through school towards jobs that don't exist yet. Automation of services and the related innovation that comes along with this, is changing the employment landscape for the future. This does not mean that the knowledge or content within the curriculum is not important, this means that a balance needs to be struck between the skills and processes and the new content introduced to learners on a weekly basis.

For our children, this means providing them with an education that builds independence, collaborative skills and resilience. It means providing an educational setting that has learners working with the content and understanding how to apply their learning processes to new learnings every day. It means providing students with opportunities for student agency.

'Student agency' or 'student voice' are processes and routines within the school environment that enable the capturing of student perspectives on learning and progress in learning. We know that giving students a voice to their learning gives them ownership and also promotes higher levels of engagement in their learning.

**This is not new!** From an educational perspective, this is not a new approach. The Australian Curriculum speaks both of the knowledge or content to be delivered and engaged with, but it also speaks of the skills and capabilities required for the 21st century learner. The development of these skills requires us as educators and families to re image our classroom environments and our own held perspectives on what classrooms and learning should look like.

God Bless

Tyronne Maher  
Principal

### What is Visible Learning?

"Visible learning is teachers seeing learning through the eyes of their students, and students seeing themselves as their own teachers"



Quote by  
Professor  
John Hattie.

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## School News

### Assembly on Friday 8.50am

**Term 3**  
**Week 8: Leaders**  
**Week 9: Leaders**  
**Week 10: No Assembly**

### Student of the Week Awards—Week 6

**TALGAI** — Beau Henry for always being organized to start an activity.  
**CUNNINGHAM** — Cassie Ryan for great participation in group work.  
**DALRYMPLE** — Jenna Mutch for setting appropriate learning goals and using your time well to achieve them.  
**GLENGALLAN** — Marcus Oolsen for collaborating by listening to his peers and contributing to discussions.

### Mary MacKillop Award Reverent

**Talgai**— Tim Hansford  
**Cunningham**— Logan Schelbach  
**Dalrymple**— William Peters  
**Glengallan**— Jason Deehan

### Student of the Week Awards—Week 7

**TALGAI** — Dustyn May for taking 'on board' instruction to improve his public speaking.  
**CUNNINGHAM** — Tom Peters for always putting in your best effort, taking the time to do all tasks thoroughly and to do the best of your ability.  
**DALRYMPLE** — Alicia Deehan for approaching challenges with a growth mindset.

### Mary MacKillop Award Reverent

**Talgai**— Liam Hoey  
**Cunningham**— Cassie Ryan  
**Dalrymple**— Zara Sullivan

**Father's Day Assembly**  
Congratulations to the students of Cunningham who last week led our assembly with a Father's Day celebration that celebrated Fathers, Grandfathers and Father figures in our lives. The students shared stories of fact and fiction about their Dads that entertained the many families who were able to be a part of our assembly. Well done boys and girls!



**Broncos Carnival**  
Friday of Week 6 students from our year 5 and 6 classroom joined students from all over the district in Warwick at various venues to participate in hockey and netball competitions. Both of our mixed hockey and netball teams had a great day thanks to our teachers and parent helpers who were able to assist and guide on the day.

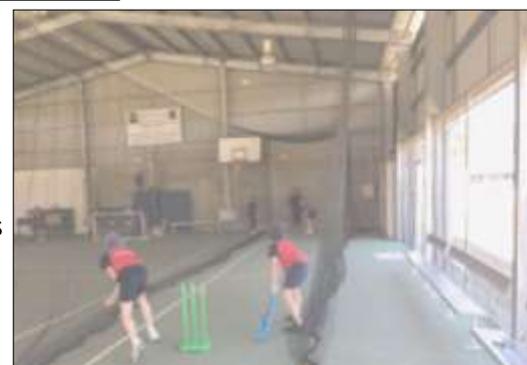


**Family Week Lessons**  
Notes went home indicating the timing in content of lessons this week family health lessons. These lessons are curriculum aligned, age appropriate and are necessary for the holistic development of every child in our schools. Any questions that are not permitted to be answered in class (not developmentally appropriate or curriculum aligned) will be directed back to families.

**School Fees**— School fees contribute to the resourcing and successful running of our school. Fee statements were emailed recently to all families. If ever payment of fees becomes difficult, it is the responsibility of the family to make an appointment to discuss the fees with Mr Maher. These conversations are strictly confidential and honour that which is most important— your involvement in our school community and your child's education.

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

**Word Warriors!**  
Our Prep/1 students continue to impress with their tireless practising of their words! Well done!



Some of our students enjoying the curtain style cricket nets. The funds for these were made possible by the combined family support and the efforts of the P&F.



## 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 5.30pm

4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> 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—6pm (new time) in the Library on Wednesday 18th September



### JOIN ALLORA CWA FOR A WOMEN'S HEALTH INFORMATION DAY.

Everyone is welcome to share the day with the ladies and take some time to focus on you. We're raising awareness on women's health by having some amazing speakers talking on a range of topics. *Take care of yourself - mind, body, and spirit.*

All proceeds for the day will go to DV Connect - Domestic Violence Support.

DATE: Friday 6th September, 2019

TIME: 9.30am for 10am start - 2pm

HELD: St Andrew's Community Centre - cor Warwick & Forde St  
(next to Scope Op Shop)

COST: \$10 pp includes morning tea & light lunch  
RSVP: 5th September - include any dietary requirements

Speakers are from: I Hear, SOS Fracture Alliance, Mobile Women's Health Nurse, Self Care and Tai Chi.

Allora CWA will also have a Country Kitchens showcase & talk on good nutrition and will be introducing a new Walking Group starting in Allora.

A CWA Country Kitchens Healthy Morning Tea & Lunch prepared by the Allora CWA women will be provided along with Goodie Bags, Lucky Door Prizes, raffle, resources, information & some fun & games.

For more information contact - Sandi Bianco - 0408 066 192. Barb McGovern - 0412 849 983  
Email: alloracwa@gmail.com



## St Patrick's School Musical Mermaides



## V Pirates



Wednesday 20th November

6pm to 7.30pm

## What's Happening?



**RockStock 2019**  
**Helidon**  
**Sun 15th Sept 10-3pm**

"Follow The Signs"

Gold Coin Entry

**50's & 60's Rock'n'Roll Family Fun Day**  
 Performers, Dance Displays, Classic Cars, Live Band, Food Market Stalls, Kids Activities

[rockstockfestivalhelidon@gmail.com](mailto:rockstockfestivalhelidon@gmail.com)

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

#### **DATE CLAIMERS- 2019**

##### Term 3

- 2 Sept Family Health Week
- 10 Sept Reconciliation Liturgy 8.50am in church
- 16 Sept Sport uniform—PE lessons (students still wear their sports uniform on Wednesday 18th Sept.)
- 18 Sept P&F Meeting
- 19 Sept Last Day of Term 3
- 20 Sept Professional Learning Day - Pupil Free, School Closed

##### Term 4

- 8 Oct Term 4 begins (Monday 7 Oct—Public Hol.)
- 9-11 Oct - Yr 5/6 School Camp—Tallebudgera
- 18 Oct School and Parish Fete
- 21 Oct Professional Learning Day—Pupil Free
- 20 Nov 'Mermaids v Pirates' -School Musical

#### 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



**'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.




RHealth presents  
**SOUND MINDS**  
 A family friendly concert featuring Brendon Walmsley

FREE ENTRY | 6.00pm start  
 Food and drinks available for purchase  
This is an alcohol free event

14th SEPTEMBER 2019	ALLORA	ALLORA COMMUNITY CENTRE
9th NOVEMBER 2019	GLEN APLIN	GLEN APLIN MEMORIAL HALL
1st FEBRUARY 2020	INGLEWOOD	INGLEWOOD CIVIC CENTRE

**RHEALTH** THIS FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT IS PROUDLY FUNDED BY QLD HEALTH

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