



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:

Book Club orders to the office by Monday 15 October

Next P & F Meeting

Wed 17 OCTOBER
7pm in the Library. All welcome.

Fete Working Bee

Wednesday 17th October
5– 6pm

St Patrick's Parish and School Fete - Our annual

Fete will be held on Friday the 19th of October.

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,

The Power of 'Making Learning Visible' - Watch this Space!— Here at St Patrick's we are very proud to be one of eight schools included in the Toowoomba Catholic Schools' Light House project in 'Visible Learning'. Our work in this project will see our school being showcased to schools both within and outside our diocese from the year 2020.

What is Visible learning?

- ✓ A way of thinking about teaching and learning
- ✓ A 'one size fits one' approach
- ✓ Evidence and impact data driven
- ✗ A checklist to be completed
- ✗ A 'one size fits all' approach
- ✗ Anecdotal and unsubstantiated



At the end of last term, I was very fortunate to be able to visit two schools in Melbourne—Sacred Heart Primary School in St Alban's and St Vincent de Paul's in Strathmore. These schools are 4 and 3 years into the 'Visible Learning' journey.

Sacred Heart currently has 280 prep to year 6 students enrolled. A third of these arrived in 2016 as refugees from Iraq. Some students only just recently. I spoke to one prep learner about the sentence he was writing and how he knew it was a good sentence. He knew what it was he needed to work on and what his next steps were. I was told later that he had been in Australia and speaking English for just three months.

This learner highlighted the importance of learners (and their teachers) knowing what their current level of learning is, knowing what they need to do to improve and knowing what tools are available to them to improve— an assessment capable, visible learner!

The trip also highlighted for me how far our learners have come in a very short time towards owning their learning. This is in no small part a credit to their teachers. Their teachers know what their current levels of achievement are, and are co-constructing goals with students in order to progress to their next steps in learning.

God Bless


Tyrone Maher
Principal

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Please come along and help out any way you can!!

Your help is always appreciated.

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

John Hattie



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School News

Assembly Roster

Term 4 Friday

8.50am

Week 1: Leaders

Week 2: Leaders

Week 3: Leaders

Week 4: Leaders

Week 5: Remembrance Day Liturgy

Week 6: No Assembly

Week 7: Leaders

Week 8: No Assembly

Week 9: Christmas Liturgy and music concert

School Mass

(all welcome):

9.30am Tuesday 6th November

All Souls/All Saints



Happy Birthday for over the holidays and this week to:

Molly Williams
Jason Deehan
Sarah Brown

St Patrick's Parish and School Fete - Our annual Fete will be held on Friday the 19th of October. Last year, the level of parental representation in the set up, running of stalls and the pack up of the evening was second to none. We'd like to replicate this again this year.

In the last two years the Parish Council has recognized the partnership between school and parish with a sizeable portion of profits from the evening being donated straight back to the school. Last year, the school shared in the profits of the event with approximately \$5000 going to the school's Parents and Friends Association.

This partnership goes back a long way with our parish supporting the school's operation with financial, spiritual and community support. We value the continued support between parish and school and look forward to watching this partnership as fete organisation for this year ramps up.

Prep Transition Day,— All prospective 2019 prep students will attend school on the 30th October to see what being a learner at St Patrick's is like. These days are very important in reducing the anxiety in children as they transition from pre prep to prep education. Teachers and year 5 buddies look forward to welcoming our future prep students on this day.

St Patrick's Playgroup Turns 1! - This Wednesday marks one year since our playgroup began here at St Patrick's School. In this time we have had many under 5's and their families come along and join in the important socialising that children in parents alike need and enjoy. Thank goes to all of our carers and parents who have made this playgroup the success it has been so far. A special thank you to Barb Erhardt and her commitment to this community initiative. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Learning Support News

By Debbie Groombridge

Learning Support Teacher



Around the Classrooms

Welcome back to another busy term at St Patrick's!

Last term we implemented our learning cycles and began to plan in a more focused and personalised format. Classroom teachers meet with Mr Maher and myself regularly to discuss and analyse student learning and to consider alternative ways of presenting information to optimize learning. At the end of last term we opened these discussions up to all teachers to gain a wider pool of knowledge and expertise to draw ideas from. In week 4 of this term students will be completing our yearly standardised tests. This year these tests will be completed on-line. Their purpose is to provide us with data which we use to inform our teaching (content and practice) as well as enabling us to compare individual student data from previous years to ensure each student is progressing and achieving as expected.

Helping your child

As parents you play a vital role in developing positive thinking patterns in your children. We have spoken a lot in the last 12 months about the importance of fostering a growth mindset in children, encouraging them to see the importance of effort and teaching them that failure is a normal part of learning—if they persist and put the effort in they will improve. Teach your children by example to love challenges, to become fueled by their mistakes and to enjoy the effort required to keep learning and to succeed. Other important traits to instill in your child are grit, perseverance, resilience, focus and self-control—the ability to be able to control your actions, behaviours and thoughts to allow you to achieve your goals.

What is Grit?

Grit is a relatively new term in behavioural psychology. It refers to the desire and perseverance required to set and strive for very long term goals. It requires us to sustain interest and to persevere in achieving our goals despite having to face and overcome frustration and disappointment during difficult times when we may feel like giving up. Grit is very closely linked to a growth mindset and requires us to set specific goals, to stay focused and to seek feedback when we are challenged.

If you would like to learn more you can sign up for a free e-book from Pearson with helpful tips for parents teachers and school leaders on developing thinking strategies and behaviours at: <http://www.pearson.com.au/insights-and-news/supporting-students/behavioural-insights-parents/>



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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.



St Patrick's School
Parents & Friends Association

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

**Next P & F Meeting Wednesday 17 October
7pm in the Library. All welcome.**

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

- Fete – Update from Fete meeting
- Year 6 Chocolate Stall
- Jersey Silent Auction
- Fete Helpers/Organisation
- Mango Fundraiser
- Cross country 2019 – joint fundraising idea
- Cricket Net Quotes
- P and F Constitution

'Jar Stall' Class Competition

Our 'Jar Stall' is always a hit at the fete. Each year we run a competition between classes as to which class can gather the most jars/bottles (on average)

Conditions:

- Each bottle is to contain a prize.
- Items are not to be out of date.
- Contents are 'peanut aware'
- Soft drinks are not to be included as prizes

Good luck to all classes, and may the class with the most jars **WIN!!**

Week 1 Term 4—start bringing in your jars!



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? *Providing quality education since 1916*

FREE BUSHkids Webinars - A Steady Start to School

Webinar description: A Steady Start to School is BUSHkids' school readiness program designed to prep your preppie for the big step-up to school. Research shows a child's successful transition into Prep contributes to their future educational success, and 'A Steady Start to School' provides techniques and strategies you can use at home to help your child get ready for starting school and support them through their year in Prep.

A Steady Start To School Free Webinar - Friday 19 October 9am-10.30am

<https://www.bushkids.org.au/bushkids/event/a-steady-start-to-school-free-webinar-9am-10-30am/>

A Steady Start to School Free Webinar - Tuesday 6 November 10am-11.30am.

<https://www.bushkids.org.au/bushkids/event/a-steady-start-to-school-free-webinar-10am-1130am/>

A Steady Start To School Free Webinar - Wednesday 7 November 9.15am-10.45am.

<https://www.bushkids.org.au/bushkids/event/a-steady-start-to-school-free-webinar-9-15am-10-45am/>

Please contact Marianne Taylor at marianne@bushkids.org.au if you would like further information

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

DATE CLAIMERS- 2018

- 17 Oct P&F Meeting 7pm in Library**
- 19 Oct St Patrick's Parish and School Fete**
5pm—Fete begins—stalls open, BBQ operating
5:40pm — All Students gather at front of stage ready for choir performance
6:00pm—Choir performance
- 22 Oct Staff professional learning day— Student Free Day**
- 23 Oct School Standardised Testing**
- 30 Oct Prep transition morning**
- 14 -16 Nov - Year 5/6 Camp—Tallebudgera**
- 30 Nov School Swimming Carnival**
- 4 Dec 5.30pm Graduation Ceremony**
- 7 Dec 10am—Christmas Liturgy and Music Concert**
12pm—School Year Ends

A practical parent/carer workshop to help prepare your child for school – developed specifically for families in rural and remote areas

St Mary's Kindergarten
175 Palmerin St, Warwick
TUESDAY 16th October 2018 @ 6pm – 7:30pm **FREE!**
* Sorry, no childcare available *

Starting school is a big step for children and their families. When children have a good start to school they are likely to have a better time at school overall.

Parents and carers have the ability to provide a good learning environment at home so children can continue to grow and learn with formal schooling.

You will learn practical ways to help learning at home now and when school starts.

This is a workshop to help parents and carers learn:

- Why a good transition to school is important
- Practical things to do before school starts
- Practical things to do when school starts
- How to make a home that is a fun and a good place to learn

Special thanks to our funders & supporters:

Presented by: Yolanda (Speech-Language Pathologist) & Linda (Family Health Support Worker)

For more information:
Please call Marie at St Mary's Kindergarten on 4667 1075 / 0488 665 525
Or send an email to: www@stmarys.edu.au
warwick@bushkids.org.au RSVP – by Monday 31st October 2018 – thank you



Book Club was sent home today with the students.

LOOP is the easiest way for parents to order and pay for Book Club. Just click submit – that's it. If you're not in LOOP, now is the perfect time to opt-in via the Book Club platform. For more information on LOOP, visit: scholastic.com.au/loopinfo. These orders must be placed before the end of the day on Monday, 15th October. Alternatively, please hand in your orders to the school office by Monday 15th October..

Don't let St Patrick's miss out on any rewards.