



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.

Making Learning Visible for our Students— Last week, Mili and Jake came to the office and asked if they could read to me. Each of them took their turn to read the book that they had been working on in class and it was clear that they were extremely proud of their efforts. They did indeed read very well with fluency and expression and, equally as important, they were able to answer questions regarding what had been read. However on further questioning, something impressed me even more. Both of these learners were able to explain what their reading levels were at the start of the year and what level they are currently sitting on. They understood the magnitude of their learning progress, they knew their current level of performance and stated where they would like to be by the end of the year. They have a goal for their learning! This is very important.



Jake (above) and Mili (below) are very proud of their progress.

We know that when students identify a goal, are able to set new levels of achievement and celebrate their progress, they are then motivated to go further in their learning. In this case—reading!



It is the role of teachers and families to continually speak with children about their goals and to construct with them the steps necessary to achieve them. Making a plan might look like this:

1. **'What do you want to get better at?'** Possible answer—**'Reading.'**
2. **'What is your goal?'** Possible answer— **'I want to improve by 2 levels this term.'**
3. **'What do you need to improve?'** Possible answer— **'My teacher told me that I need to read to punctuation to improve my fluency.'** (ie. Stop at full stops and pause at commas)
4. **'How are you going to achieve this?'** - Possible answer— **'I'm going to practice and then I'm going to ask a classmate or adult to listen to me.'**

Providing learners with the opportunities, strategies and tools to help them reach their goals and celebrating progress, motivates our children to learn. Better still, they can see their progress and therefore, the purpose of attending school everyday.



Well done to our sight word and spelling quota champs from Talgai!

Day for Daniel - St Patrick's students are encouraged to bring a gold coin and wear red on the 26th of October to help raise awareness for child safety. Funds raised will go directly to the Morcombe Foundation to support harm prevention initiatives.

God Bless


Tyrone Maher
Principal

'Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible.'

Tony Robbins

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/tony_robbins_147791?src=t_goals

Our School Student Protection Contacts:

Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher



Reminders

Fete Working Bee

Wednesday 17th October 5– 6pm

Next P & F Meeting

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

St Patrick's Parish and School Fete

Friday 19th October 5pm.

Pupil Free Day

Monday 22nd October
School Closed

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.





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School News

Assembly Term 4 Friday 8.50am

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
this week to:

Makiah Scotney
Ella Hagenbach

Student of the Week Awards

TALGAI — Jack Hansford for participating in class discussions.

CUNNINGHAM — Daruis Olsen for great efforts in sentence writing.

DALRYMPLE — Braydon Gilmour for improved effort in home reading.

GLENGALLAN — Claudia Barton for working diligently to grow her learning.

Mary MacKillop Award Helpful.

Talgai—Arthur Keleher

Cunningham—

Douglas Ekerick

Dalrymple— Marty May

Glengallan— Ziggy Gibson

Merit Award

Cunningham—

Seth Donovan

Good Luck to our Darling Downs Athletes— Patrick Denny and Lewis May will fly to Cairns this week to compete in the Queensland School Sport, 10-12 years Track and Field State Championships. Both boys have been training very hard and are very excited to be able to represent their region at this level. We wish them well and look forward to hearing of their experiences.

Dalrymple Homestead Visit— Teachers and students from Dalrymple (years 3 and 4 students), performed for the 'Homestead' residents yesterday with some choir pieces that they have been learning. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the students' performance (see page 4 for pictures).

St Patrick's Parish and School Fete - Thank you to all parents for the wonderful response to the request for help for this week's parish and school Fete. Many families are helping on the night with the running of stalls and the barbeque. Thank you also to our families who have contributed in other ways by baking, returning raffle tickets or providing bottles for our bottle stall. This year's Fete is shaping up to be another success! The Fete begins at 5pm on Friday.

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.

Cunningham News

Learning Fun

Wow! It's Week 2 of our final term already. Time really does fly when you're having fun. This will be a very busy term of learning, the fete, swimming lessons, masses, liturgies and graduation. To survive, it will be a case of breathe and take one day at a time. The weather has been extremely unpredictable so far this term. Please ensure that students have their jumper, or jacket in their bag each day. This will ensure that they stay warm, no matter what the conditions.

A big thank you to all those parents who have helped their children fill and bring in bottles for the bottle stall. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated.

You Can Do It! Cunningham students will continue to consolidate all of the You Can Do It concepts this term. However our willingness to have-a-go and being organized will be our priority. Unless we are willing to give a task our best effort, we won't be doing our best learning.

Did you know?

Cunningham will be learning all about the traditions and symbols of Christmas this term. We began with the Christmas tree. The famous German Martin Luther was said to have been the first to put lighted candles on a tree. This was to recreate the beauty of the stars twinkling through the branches of trees in the forest near his home.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Douglas, Seth and Darius who received awards last Friday. Addison received a special Mathematics certificate for great improvement in his accuracy during Term 3. Well done to all of our award recipients!





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**St Patrick's School
Parents & Friends Association**

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

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.

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
- Care Group Report
- Fete Helpers/ Organisation
- Mango Fundraiser
- Cross country 2019 – joint fundraising idea
- Cricket Net Quotes
- P and F Constitution

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



Please start bringing in your plant donations for the St Patrick's fete plant stall. Directions of the appropriate location to place your donations will be provided by the office. Please contact Karli Ekerick M-0438 646 112 if you have any questions. Thank you.



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 2



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$20/week* on fares to and from school (* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October.

Late applications cannot be accepted.



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What's Happening?

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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 5pm—Fete Working Bee
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—School Closed
- 23 Oct School Standardised Testing
- 26 Oct World Teacher's Day
Day for Daniel— Wear red!
- 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
- 2019
- 29 Jan 2019 School Year Begins—Term 1



'Homestead' Performance (from page 2) - The year 3 and 4 students of Dalrymple had a wonderful time presenting to the residents of 'The Homestead' yesterday. The residents enjoyed the performance and the casual chat with students afterwards.