



"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

Year 5/6 School Camp for Glengallan students Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th November

Tuck Shop orders in the Classroom baskets by Tuesday 20th November

Swimming Lessons (whole school) on Mon 26th, Tue 27th and Wed 28th—Permission Note with details and costs to go home next week.

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,

Parents as Co-Creators in Learning— The terms 'Parent Engagement' and 'Parent Involvement' are often used to mean the same thing. They are not. Both are good, however one has much more of an impact on student learning progress than the other.

Parent involvement in schools includes attending events, volunteering in class or other activities, and serving on school councils and parent committees.

Parent engagement in learning encompasses parent involvement in schooling as well as a broader range of activities, including parent support for children's learning at home, at school and in community contexts—recognising the cultural and social diversity of families and communities.

Why is parent engagement in learning important? There is strong evidence that parent engagement is associated with improvements for students of all ages. This includes early literacy, school adjustment and student attendance, motivation, self-regulatory behaviour, social skills, retention and graduation rates. This evidence confirms the importance of valuing and supporting parent engagement in learning.

School effectiveness research has identified positive home-school relations as a characteristic of schools with high academic standards, regardless of student background variables. Highly effective schools regard parents as partners in education and promote home-school partnerships.

Research has shown that there are elements of engagement that have the greatest effect on academic achievement. This good parenting includes:

- Providing a safe, secure and intellectually stimulating home environment.
- Modelling educational values and aspirations, has a significant and positive effect on achievement and a child's ability to adjust to change.

Home-based parent engagement has been shown to have a greater effect on academic attainment than school-based parent involvement in activities. However, school-based parent involvement is still very important and helps create good relationships between schools and families, facilitating positive teacher-child interactions.

Take time to consult the fact sheets; [learning at home](#) and [parent engagement](#). They list ways that families can enhance their level of engagement in their children's education.

For more information go to <https://www.education.gov.au/parent-engagement-learning-0>

God Bless


Tyrone Maher
Principal

"Stay committed to your decisions; but stay flexible in your approach."

--Tony Robbins

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One characteristic of highly effective schools is that they form partnerships to enhance student learning and wellbeing. This includes partnering with parents and families (Masters, 2015).



Assembly Term 4 Friday 8.50am

Week 6: No Assembly
Week 7: Leaders
Week 8: No Assembly
Week 9: Christmas
Liturgy and music concert



Happy Birthday this week to:
Jenna Mutch

Student of the Week Awards

TALGAI — Noah Schwenke for working hard to complete activities well.

CUNNINGHAM — Eddison Barton for outstanding descriptive writing in literacy.

DALRYMPLE — McKinley Keogh for exceptional effort and improvement in reading.

GLENGALLAN — Atticus Sullivan for being able to transfer knowledge across subject areas for example calling on general knowledge to inform thoughtful answers in reading comprehension.

Mary MacKillop Award Inclusive

Talgai— Jack Hansford
Cunningham— Riley Burton
Dalrymple— William Peters
Glengallan— Jack Phelan

Darling Downs Cricket Success—Last week, Sarah Brown represented Darling Downs in the Queensland Cricket Trials. She was co captain of a team that won their first 5 games in a row, with one of her best games including a captain's knock of 17 runs not out and the taking of two wickets. The Darling Downs Team ended up coming fourth overall, a very respectable result. Sarah has surely learnt a lot from this wonderful experience and she should be proud of her efforts. Congratulations Sarah on a job well done!



Swimming Lessons— Swimming lessons will begin in week 8. These lessons focus on water safety, awareness and swimming fundamentals for our younger students; water safety and stroke correction for our older students. There is a strong focus on participation and all children will be instructed in regard to their needs.

Lest We Forget— On Sunday, Remembrance day was celebrated across Australia. This day marks the signing of a treaty; on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918; which ended world war one. Of particular significance to this day is our 'Shrine'. The Shrine was built in 1918 to honour the local families who lost their sons to war. Students participated in a very respectful prayer service .

Learning Support News

By Debbie Groombridge
Learning Support Teacher

Around the Classrooms

We are now over half way through a very busy term 4 at St Patrick's. With the Christmas holidays fast approaching and the children being away from school for 7 weeks it is very important that they continue practicing reading while at home or on holidays. It is a fantastic way to unwind! As you would have read in last week's newsletter it is not unusual for some children to go back several reading levels over this break if they do not read regularly at home. Make reading fun and engage your child in conversations about what they are reading to reinforce the value that you also place on reading. One of the simplest ways you can ensure that your children are reading over the holidays is to try to set aside 10-15 minutes of reading with your child each day. As well as the educational benefits, regular story time can be time to relax and unwind with your children and demonstrate to them the importance that you place on reading each day. Take turns reading aloud to increase their engagement but also to build fluency and confidence.



Helping your child

In addition to reading with your child each day consider some other activities you can add to your daily routine to ensure that they continue to practice their writing and mathematical skills over the holidays.

Writing: *Maybe they could write a journal about what they have done over the holidays. Maybe they could write a review on a movie they have seen. These would be lovely to share with teachers and classmates in the new year.*

Maths Fun: *Encourage your children to help plan an event with you. Perhaps they could be put in charge of planning and budgeting for something—a meal or picnic, a day trip out. There are many ways of practicing maths skills in real life contexts.*

What is Balance?

While all of these things are important for ensuring that your child does not do the "summer slide", remember that holidays are for enjoyment and relaxation as well. Finding educational activities that your children enjoy are important but so too is allowing them to run around outside, to play games with family and friends, to climb trees and get dirty!

Remember: *The Christmas holidays are a great time to get your children's sight and hearing tested, allowing for optimal learning opportunities in the new year!*

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Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH –
MASS 9AM

2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH
– MASS 6pm

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

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



Soft Drinks @ Cost Price

Leftover from parish fete are Pepsi, Coke and small amount of Kirk lemon. Selling at cost price. 375ml cans Pepsi 50c, Coke (normal, no sugar and zero) 50c, Kirk Lemon 50c. Please contact Catherine 0424605219, Kerry 0419020690.



St Patrick's School
Parents & Friends Association
... as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school

Next P & F Meeting Wednesday 21 November 7pm in the Library. All welcome.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- Cricket Net Decision
- CARE group
- P and F 'Couldn't Do It Without You' Award
- Cross Country 2019 – Joint Fundraising Ideas
- Fete Report

LOWES
Shop & Save
for Christmas

Exclusive offer to
ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

20% OFF
SCHOOLWEAR
AND EVERYTHING ELSE

INSTORE & ONLINE - THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

* Excludes gift cards & all sale packages. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Price stock only. While stocks last. Offer ends midnight (AEST) 15/11/18. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

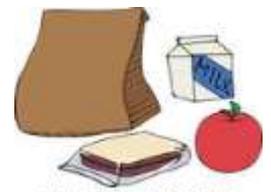
Tuck Shop

Friday 23rd

November

Sweet Treat

Vanilla Cup Cake \$1.00



A paper bag per order with correct money in and a completed order sheet attached are to be placed in the classroom baskets **NO LATER than Tuesday 20th November.** Unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted.

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What's Happening?



SAVE THE UNIVERSE!

(A HOLIDAY PROGRAM of some importance)

Featuring: MAD Science, slime, SPLASHY ART & CODING!

DECEMBER 10-12, 2018 @ SCOTS PGC
(start 8:45am – finish 3:00pm each day)

Limited to only 12 students from Years 3-6
\$55 per day, per participant

For more info & to register:
email [Ted Carter -edwoodeducation@gmail.com](mailto:Ted.Carter@edwoodeducation@gmail.com)
or Facebook: [@edwoodeducation](https://www.facebook.com/edwoodeducation)

Participants will engage in a range of STEAM activities to inspire critical and creative thinking.

Intergalactic heroes are needed to save the lives of helpless, adorable creatures, to capture the evil masterminds who wish to cause mass destruction and design a utopia where all may live in peace and harmony.

This heroic venture is proudly supported by...



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

DATE CLAIMERS- 2018

- 14 -16 Nov - Year 5/6 Camp—Tallebudgera
- 26,27,28 Nov- School Swimming Lessons
- 30 Nov School Swimming Carnival
- 4 Dec Reconciliation Service 9.30am
- 4 Dec 5.30pm Graduation Ceremony
- 7 Dec 10am—Christmas Liturgy and Music Concert
- 12pm—School Year Ends

2019 Term dates

- Term 1 Tuesday 29 January to Friday 5 April
- Term 2 Tuesday 23 April to Friday 28 June
- Term 3 Monday 15 July to Friday 20 September
- Term 4 Tuesday 8 October to Friday 6 December

Date Claimer – 2019

- 5 Feb Opening School Mass 9.30am



Triple P

Positive Parenting Program

Discussion Groups

Solving common parenting problems.

What	When	Where
Developing good bedtime routines	Thursday 22 Nov 2018 9 – 11am	BUSHkids Centre 191 Wood St
Managing fighting and aggression	Thursday 29 Nov 2018 9 – 11am	BUSHkids Centre 191 Wood St
Dealing with disobedience	Thursday 13 Dec 2018 9 – 11am	BUSHkids Centre 191 Wood St
	<small>Please note: no children available</small>	

To Register go to: www.triplep-parenting.net
BUSHkids ph 46671200



SUMMER READING CLUB

1 December 2018 – 31 January 2019

Sign up at your local library to receive your passport and start reading

Get an entry into the prize draw for every 3 hours of reading

Grab a Mystery Read, join in the Treasure Hunts and try out the Holiday Activities at your local Library Branch

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