

# 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,

**Reports Issued Thursday; Think Growth!** - It is important to note that the learning taking place every day in your child's life is a journey. Your child will be quite hard on themselves and it is important for us as parents not to further compound this with our comments. Conversations around improvement should be growth based and in this way we encourage the effort that they have invested and the belief that they can improve. This building of a self-belief that we can always improve will set them up positively for the learning to come in Semester 2 .

Conversely, conversations that try to lessen the blow by taking the focus off the importance of effort creates a fixed and 'out of my hands' mind set. An example of this is telling your child that 'I was never good at that either'. This tells students that success is inherited and that my effort is a waste of time.

The positive effect of a parent's engagement on their child's learning journey has been well researched and documented. Engagement means being involved and interested in a child's learning. As a parent, you are the first educators of your children and therefore have a wealth of knowledge that can help teachers provide the best instruction.

As always, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about your child's report and their efforts.

| FIXED MINDSET  |            | GROWTH MINDSET  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOMETHING YOU'RE BORN WITH</li> <li>FIXED</li> </ul>  | SKILLS     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COME FROM HARD WORK</li> <li>CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE</li> </ul>                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOMETHING TO AVOID</li> <li>COULD REVEAL LACK OF SKILL</li> <li>TEND TO GIVE UP EASILY</li> </ul> | CHALLENGES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SHOULD BE EMBRACED</li> <li>AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW</li> <li>MORE PERSISTANT</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNNECESSARY</li> <li>SOMETHING YOU DO WHEN YOU ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH</li> </ul>                     | EFFORT     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESSENTIAL</li> <li>A PATH TO MASTERY</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GET DEFENSIVE</li> <li>TAKE IT PERSONAL</li> </ul>  | FEEDBACK   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USEFUL</li> <li>SOMETHING TO LEARN FROM</li> <li>IDENTIFY AREAS TO IMPROVE</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BLAME OTHERS</li> <li>GET DISCOURAGED</li> </ul>  | SETBACKS   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USE AS A WAKE-UP CALL TO WORK HARDER NEXT TIME</li> </ul>                              |

## Feeling Safe

Our School Student Protection Contacts are:

Miss Donnelly,  
Mr Maher and Jayne  
(school counsellor)

### Reminders and To Do List

**Time for a uniform check! Our uniform policy can be found on our school's website.**

**All parents/carers will be informed of any changes to school activities via FlexiBuzz and Email.**

#### 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.

God Bless

Tyronne Maher  
Principal

**"No matter what your ability is, effort is what ignites ability and turns it into accomplishment"**  
Carol Dweck



## School News

**Your Child's Attendance** — Semester reports record the days or part days your child was recorded as absent for the reporting period; including both explained and unexplained absences. The days recorded in this semester's report **do not include the last week of term 1 or the first 3 weeks of term 2 for our Prep to 2 students or the first 5 weeks of term 2 for our years 3 to 6 students.**

A day is a school day. Therefore a child who is away for 15 days of a semester, has missed 3 weeks of learning; or at 5 hours a day; 75hrs of learning. The average days away for a child at St Patrick's for this reporting period for our school is 6.

### Social Distancing and a Safe Holiday —

Thank you families for your cooperation in regard to social distancing. Parents are to phone or email the school to arrange early collection of students, uniform purchasing or a meeting with the classroom teacher. Parents are able to come into school to sign out children when they have called ahead.

While the Government has begun easing restrictions on travel, it is important that we continue to look after ourselves and our children in the same way that we have been in the last couple of months. Proper hand washing, coughing/sneezing etiquette and staying home if we are unwell, must continue throughout the break to keep us all safe.

**Sacramental Program 2020/2021**—Due to the interruptions and restrictions of COVID19, the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion have been cancelled for this year. These sacraments will now be held during 2021.

Fr. Rod has decided that we could run a Sacrament of Reconciliation program during Term 3 of 2020 and allow these students to make their Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion with next year's group. Therefore, any student in Year 3 is eligible to make participate in the Sacramental program next term.

Please see the school if you would like to register your child for this year's Sacramental program or have any queries.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY

| If your child misses .... | That equals ....  | Which is ....     | And over 13 years of Schooling that's .... | Which means the best your child might perform is |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 1 day per fortnight       | 20 days per year  | 4 weeks per year  | <u>Nearly 1 and a half years</u>           | Equal to finishing in Grade 11                   |
| 1 day per week            | 40 days per year  | 8 weeks per year  | <u>Over 2 and a half years</u>             | Equal to finishing in Grade 10                   |
| 2 days per week           | 80 days per year  | 16 weeks per year | <u>Over 5 years</u>                        | Equal to finishing in Grade 7                    |
| 3 days per week           | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | <u>Nearly 8 years</u>                      | Equal to finishing in Grade 4                    |

This infographic 'The Importance of Being at School Everyday' paints a stark picture for those children who are away more than necessary.



**Congratulations to our Prep Students on their successful completion of their first semester of schooling!**

**Keep an eye out for dates coming up in term 4 for our Prep 2021 program.**

### DATE CLAIMERS- 2020

**25th June**—release of Semester 1 Student Reports

**25th June**—Last day of school.

**26th June**—School Closed— Planning and professional learning day.

**13th July**—First day term 3

#### 2020 Term Dates

Term 3- Mon 13 July—Friday 18 September

Term 4 -Tues 6 October—Friday 4 December