

## 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.

## Feeling Safe

Our School Student Protection Contacts are:

Miss Donnelly,  
Mr Maher and Jayne  
(school counsellor)

## Reminders and To Do List

- **Change to FlexiSchools**— please note that we have now changed over to 'FlexiSchools'. [Click here for instructions](#)
- **Please remember that we are a 'Nut Aware' School.**
- **Church Times** - Church celebrations are up and running again with social distancing measures in place. Times for masses are as follows:

1st Sunday - 9am,  
2nd and 3rd Sunday  
– 5.30pm

4th & 5th Sunday -  
Liturgy of the Word  
with Communion -  
9am

Dear Families,

**Visible Learning Open Afternoon**— Early next term, other schools from across the diocese will be visiting our school to witness first hand how it is that St Patrick's students learn. For the last 3 years, as part of the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Lighthouse Project, we, along with eight other schools, have changed the culture of learning by making the learning visible to teachers, parents and students.

Some of the significant shifts witnessed in this time have included:

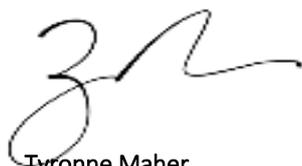
- The use of impact cycles— teachers identifying a need and communicating the work to learners before targeting it with a strategy. The impact presented to students and parents is powerful.
- Students understanding what they are learning— it was hard to believe but we found that many students couldn't tell us what they were learning in a lesson. They could tell you what they were doing, but not what they were learning.
- The use of a variety of feedback— most feedback was about praising the student. There was not enough feedback being provided to learners to show them their progress against the success criteria.
- Next steps in learning— many of our learners can now tell you what they're up to in a lesson and what they need to do next.
- 'I'm in the pit!' - when we get stuck, we talk about being in the learning 'pit'. Students can now articulate strategies that help them get out of the pit. Learners have also come to understand that being in the pit is okay and that challenge is part of learning.
- Goal setting— students now have goals in their learning. Students have something to reach for and celebrate. Additionally, when learners can communicate their goals to their families, they are able to receive more support and encouragement.

**Travel Safely These School Holidays** — The school holidays are just around the corner. Given the current Covid 19 situation across Australia, it is important to note that travelling to some parts of Australia will require you and your family to self-isolate upon your return to Queensland. Please notify the school if you find yourself in this situation. Going into term 4, we will continue to apply the same safe practices already in place.



**Gala Day Fun**—well done to our students on the enthusiasm and sportsmanship that they displayed last week during the Gala Day. Well done to our junior league team who finished first overall.

God Bless



Tyrone Maher  
Principal

"I'm going to be a teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays and a vet on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays."

A year one student in an enrolment interview this week  
(14/9/2020)

# St Patrick's School Allora— Newsletter

## School News



**Summer Uniform**—The start of term 4 will see students wearing the summer uniform again. In preparation for this uniform change, please review the [school uniform policy](#) and check the sizes of clothing items on your children to ensure their suitability. A description and suggested places to purchase the items can also be found on our [school's website](#). Please also ensure that your child's hair length and hair style are appropriate for the commencement of term 4. Thank you families for your support of our school culture.

**Cricket Trials Success**— Congratulations to Archie Brown, Joshua Millard and Caleb Millard on recently being selected as part of the Darling Downs Country Cricket Team. We wish them well at the next level of competition.

**2020 St Patrick's Athletics Carnival**—Thank you to our teachers, students spectators and parent volunteers who contributed to another successful athletics carnival. Congratulations to Lynam who won the overall winner's trophy and to Hughes for winning the 'Team Spirit Award'. Hugh Denny (10yrs) managed to break Patrick Denny's shot put record with a shot of 7.6m (with a 2kg shot). Well done students.



**Library news**—The library is collecting "Little Treehouse" books which are being given away to customers on purchases of \$30.00 or more. If you shop at Coles, we would be grateful for any donations of these little books. We are putting them together as a kit to be borrowed by the students.

**Age Champions**— Well done to our age champions. All students participated in a way that we expect of all St Patrick's students. Thank you again to the Gasson Family for donating our medallions.

**Socktober**—This year we are supporting the work of Catholic Missions in Cambodia through 'Socktober'. Each week children are being exposed to impoverished countries and their challenges. Children can register by [clicking here](#). Then, simply share the page and encourage family and friends to get behind your child's Socktober journey.



**Work Experience**—this week we welcome Lachlan to our community. Lachlan is a year 10 student from Allora State School on a one week work experience placement. He's doing a great job!

### DATE CLAIMERS

- **15th September**—Allora State School Transition day—all day (yr 6)
- **17th September**—Assumption College Transition Day
- **17th September**— last day term 3
- **18th September - School Closed** Professional Development of Staff
- **6th October**—Term 4 Starts
- **6th October**—Summer uniform
- **21st October** - First Prep Transition Morning - 8:40 - 11:25am
- **23rd October**—Socktober event.
- **4th November** – Prep Transition Afternoon – 2-3pm (NEW to 2020 in response to family feedback)
- **18th November** - Second Prep Transition Morning - 8:40 - 11:25am
- **2nd December** - Prep Transition Afternoon – 2-3pm (NEW to 2020)