

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.

Our School Student Protection Contacts are:
Miss Donnelly, Mr Maher and Jayne (school counsellor)

Dear Families,

Welcome to 2020 and another year of learning for your children at St Patrick's School.

Many family members including parents, uncles, aunts, cousins, grand parents and even great grand parents came along to school last Tuesday morning to wish our young Prep students well on their first step in their formal education journey. Congratulations to all of our new students on a successful and confident start to the year.



Congratulations to our 2020 Preps—(from left) Hunter, Oliver, Ryder, Dimity, Sunny, Skye, Violet, Poppy, Clancy and Riley.

Congratulations also to our year 6 students who led our new students with confidence and enthusiasm through their first day. In addition to our 10 new Prep students (pictured below), 8 new students and their families have chosen to join our St Patrick's community. We welcome Toby, Jett, Abbie, Jacob, Amelie, Alexa and Flavia to our school. We know that you will join us in making these students and their families very welcome in the way that only our St Patrick's community can.

2020 Welcoming and Leaders Induction Liturgy — This morning we celebrated the beginning of the 2019 school year with an induction our nine year six school leaders and a welcoming of our 10 new Prep students. Reflecting the school's values of love, dignity, justice and integrity, the 2020 school leaders have already shown great leadership in supporting their Prep 'buddies'.

Is your child ready to learn? - Learners of all ages thrive on routine. Routine in the classroom environment minimizes distraction and therefore maximizes time for learning. Parents can assist in maximizing learning time by;

1. Having their children at school on time, ready to learn; daily routines at home make this possible.
2. Adhering to bed times—give your child the ten or more hours of sleep they require to grow and concentrate.
3. Making sure students are at school as much as possible. Where extended absences are expected, contacting your child's teacher to arrange school work will minimise any disruptions to their learning progress.
4. Making appointments to see teachers if needed to discuss your child's progress. A mutual meeting time will ensure all parties are able to focus on the discussion.

Reminders and To Do List

Uniforms— Uniform expectations are outlined on our schools website under 'Enrolments'. Please note our uniform days:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday— Formal 'day' uniform.
Wednesday and Friday— Sports uniform.

Sign up to/ update your FlexiBuzz to your child's year level for 2020.



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

“Be Stubborn About Your Goals And Flexible About Your Methods.” –Unknown

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School News

Assembly on Friday 8.50am

Term 1

Week 2: Allora Show

Week 3: Leaders

Week 4: Leaders

Week 5: Leaders

Week 6: Leaders

Week 7: Leaders

Week 8: Leaders

Week 9: Cross Country

Week 10: School Closed Friday.

Student of the Week Awards— These will begin in Week 3

Teachers are continuously on the look out for students that are demonstrating one or a combination of our effective learner attributes. St Patrick's effective learners are **organised, persistent, cooperative (collaborative) confident and resilient.**

Sprint of Jesus Award

The 'Spirit of Jesus Medallions' are a part of our 'Making Jesus Real' teaching approach. They are awarded to two students from each class each week. In most instances, these awardees are chosen by their classmates. Students are acknowledged in regard to how well they have lived the school's values of 'Love, Integrity, Dignity and Justice'

Morning arrival times, drop off and pick up procedures— please be advised that for their safety, students are not to be at school before 8:10am each morning.

Upon arrival, students are to drop their belongings at their respective classrooms before making their way to the multipurpose room to read quietly. Students are collected by a teacher at 8:25am to play. Please contact the office if circumstances arise that require you to bring your children to school earlier.

Parents and carers are reminded that if you are running late in the afternoons, please be reassured that your child will not be left unsupervised. Please arrive safely. The school zone in Arnold Street has a speed limit of forty kilometres per hour.

Children walking, riding or travelling home by car are to leave school through the front gate. This allows for an appropriate level of supervision. Thank you in advance for supporting our commitment to student safety.

Calling all volunteers— At St Patrick's School, we have a dedicated group of people who give 20 to 30 mins of their time each week to support the reading development of our students. A short induction in 'support a reader' will be held soon. If you are interested in helping our students please contact the office as soon as possible.

FlexiBuzz—Time to update! - Our school uses the 'FlexiBuzz' application. Please download this App to your smart phone, tablet or computer as soon as possible. This App is completely free to you. We would like all families to be linked to this app. You might be missing some important information or positive messages about your child's learning.

Already registered as a 'user'? Please update to your child's class group.

NRL 'Inspire Respect' Session— Next Wednesday afternoon, students will enjoy a session with NRL development officers. The INSPIRE RESPECT program is designed to explore attitudes, values and skills that are important in respecting oneself, others and what it means to develop and maintain respectful relationships.

Parent/Teacher Interviews— Meetings with families for all students will take place from the fourth week of term one starting the 17th February. At St Patrick's we require all families to see their child's teacher this term. These meetings are an integral part of the school assessment and reporting process. Research also tells us that students thrive when their families are engaged and invested in their child's learning progress. Where applicable, we strongly encourage both parents/carers to be present for the meeting.



Congratulations to our school leaders for 2020. Thank you to all of our leaders and Miss Preston for their preparation for today's opening school liturgy.

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Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH –
MASS 9AM

2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH –
MASS 5.30pm

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



St Patrick's School Allora—Parent's and
Friends Association

'As many hands build a house, so many
hearts make a school'

Next P&F Meeting—6pm (new time) in the Library on Wednesday 19th February

All families are welcome to attend the first meeting of our Parents and Friends Association (P&F) (concluding by 8:30pm - at the latest). The gathering will begin with an Annual General Meeting where all P&F positions will be vacated before nominations for this year's positions are accepted. **If you would like to nominate for a position or you know someone else who you think would make a great member of the St Patrick's P&F team, please forward your/their name to the school's email - allora@twb.catholic.edu.au. Alternatively, you can nominate on the night of our meeting.**

Our P&F, which we are all a part of, raises important funds that directly benefit our students. The old saying of 'Many hands make light work' could not be more true when talking about our P&F group. You don't need to be a member of the executive committee to contribute. Our main fundraisers are our school's trivia night and Fete. However we are always open to new ideas. We hope to see you at our first meeting on Wednesday the 19th February.



First Day Fun 2020!



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What's Happening?



**Allora Show—
Canteen**
**Help Needed -
This Weekend!**
Friday and Saturday
Phone Mark—
0447 161 090 or
email
allorashowsociety@gmail.com if you
can help out!

Happy Birthday this week to:

William Scheid, Skye Molloy, Ryder Linke, Braydan Gilmour, Marty May, Evie Gilmour, Alana Burton, Mellina Young, Toby Schmidt, Poppy Burns and Amos Jacklin



12/02/2020

**NRL Roads to Regions
With Jayson Bukuya**

FREE COACHING CLINIC AT
ALLORA STATE SCHOOL,
ALLORA 4.00-5.30PM
U7S-U16S



2020 ONLINE ANNUAL CALENDAR—COMING SOON

DATE CLAIMERS- 2020

- 4th February** - Parent/teacher meeting request forms home
 - 7th February** - Allora Show Holiday
 - 10th February** - Parent/teacher meeting request forms due back to teachers
 - 14th February** - Central Downs Swimming Carnival (nominations out soon)
 - 17th February** - Parent/Teacher meetings begin.
 - 19th February** - P&F Meeting (Annual general meeting first) 6pm
 - 24th February** - Southern Downs Swimming
 - 28th February**- Central Downs League, Netball and Soccer Trials
 - 1st March** - Family Mass - Church 9am
 - 4th March** - Prep Vision Screening
 - 4th March** - Darling Downs Swimming
 - 10th March** - School Photos
 - 13th March** - Southern Downs League, Netball and Soccer Trials
 - 16th March** - Central Downs Tennis
 - 16th March** - Family Health and Well Being Week
 - 18th March** - P&F Meeting 6pm
 - 27th March** - Cross Country - Clifton Golf Course (with St Francis de Sales Primary)
 - 1st April** - Central Downs Cross Country
 - 2nd April** - Last school day of term 1
 - 3rd April** - Teacher professional development and planning day (school closed)
- 2020 Term Dates**
Term 1 - Tuesday 28 January—Friday 3 April
Term 2- Monday 20 April—Friday 26 June
Term 3- Monday 13 July—Friday 18 September
Term 4 -Tuesday 6 October—Friday 4

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