



Dear Families,

Effective Learners in 'The Pit' —

In order to achieve our Vision of 'High levels of learning for all', we need to get the equation right. Part of the equation includes having good learners, or, who we refer to at St Patrick's as our 'Effective Learners'. We believe, that in order for children to be effective lifelong learners, they need to be organised, cooperative, persistent and confident. We believe that when we have all of these attributes that we are resilient learners. At St Patrick's, we aim for all learners to make the link between possessing these attributes and their progress in learning; especially when they find themselves in the 'Learning Pit'.



Ruby, Sarah, Evie and Alana are pictured here holding our finished 'Effective Learner' posters. Since the competition last year, these girls have worked with past teacher; Miss Holly Gilbar; and one of our parents; Mrs Betty Drennert; who took the design process through to completion. Thank you Miss Gilbar and Mrs Drennert and well done girls!

At many times of the day, even as adults, we can find ourselves in the learning pit. This is when we know what the desired outcome is, but for whatever reason, we're having trouble reaching it. For students, it could be that the sentence that they've written does not make sense or that they do not understand common fractions. Traditionally, we'd give them the answer to move them on. Unfortunately, we know that this approach results in little or no learning. It also results in you, the adult, becoming one of the tools that a child uses to overcome the challenge.

We know that challenge is important to growth. As equally important is for learners to have the strategies or tools to overcome the challenge. When using an adult as the only strategy learners use, they don't develop their own confidence or resilience, and often tend to lack the ability to persist on their own to solve the challenge.

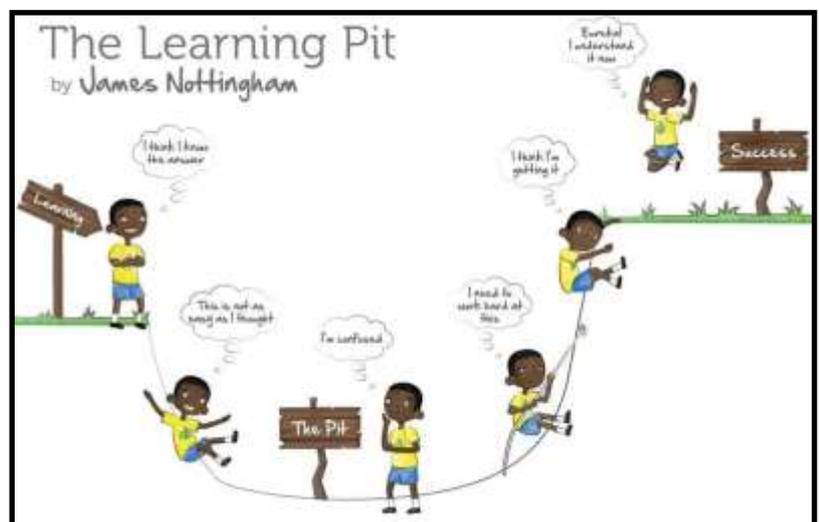
Don't be afraid to leave your child in 'the pit'. We rescue them because they give us those big eyes that tug on our heart strings. Instead of rescuing them, encourage them to use the strategies that they have learnt at school or offer them a strategy that you know. They'll learn new strategies and will be able to own their success which will, in turn, build their confidence to persist in the face of new challenges.

Prep Transition Visits —

Next Wednesday is the first of our Prep transition visits. These visits are about providing the child with experiences that

God Bless

Tyrone Maher
Principal



Feeling Safe

Our School Student Protection Contacts are:

**Miss Donnelly,
Mr Maher and Jayne
(school counsellor)**

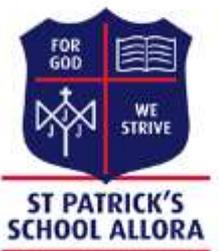
Reminders and To Do List

- **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**

St Patrick's School Allora — Newsletter



School News

familiarizes them with the school environment and reduces their anxieties about coming to primary school. These children will also get to meet their year 5 buddies who will become our leaders in 2021. Our leaders revel in this leadership opportunity and take on the roll of looking out for their prep buddies very seriously. Please see the date claimers for upcoming dates.

Socktober Free Dress and Sausage Sizzle Friday 23rd October

—This year we are supporting the work of Catholic Missions in Cambodia through 'Socktober'. Children have been exploring the needs of children in Cambodia in recent weeks; even making 'sock' balls that they will use in the soccer shoot out. Next Friday, children will be able to purchase a 'meal deal' that will include a sausage on bread, a bag of popcorn and a juice 'popper' for \$5. Children will also be able to dress up in their favourite sporting team colours for a gold coin donation. All funds will be donated to Catholic Missions. Thank you for talking with your children about this wonderful cause.

Book Week— St Patrick's book week will be held in week 4 of this term. Students will be encouraged to dress up on **Wed 28th October** with the theme being 'Curious Creatures and Wild Minds'. Children should start thinking now about what they might wear. Prizes will be on offer for each year level.

Day for Daniel 'FUNraiser' — The day promotes awareness for child safety while raising funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The Foundation works tirelessly to educate communities on child safety strategies and support victims of crime involving children. Funds raised go to supporting the foundation in their ongoing work in keeping children safe. Information is being sent home today. On **Friday 6th of November**, children will be encouraged to wear red, they'll participate in a walk down the street and play some ball games run by our school leaders. The online sponsorship process means that other friends and family can support your child's fundraising efforts.

Cricket Achievement - Joshua Millard, Archie Brown and Kaleb Millard we part of the Darling Downs Country Team that defeated the Darling City Team : 222 runs to 96. This is the first win that the Country Team has had over City in 5 years. Congratulations to Joshua and Archie who were selected for the Darling Downs Team.



This year's prep students with their year 6 buddies at the start of 2020.

DATE CLAIMERS

- 21st October - First Prep Transition Morning - 8:40 - 11:25am
- 23rd October—Socktober event—sausage sizzle, soccer shoot out and free dress.
- 26th October—Book Week
- 4th November – Prep Transition Afternoon – 2-3pm (NEW to 2020 in response to family feedback)
- 6th November—Day for Daniel
- 11th- 13th November - Year 5/6 Camp
- 18th November - Second Prep Transition Morning - 8:40 - 11:25am
- 23rd - 24th November - Swimming lessons
- 27th November - Swimming Carnival (Allora Swimming Pool)
- 2nd December - Prep Transition Afternoon – 2-3pm (NEW to 2020 in response to family feedback)
- 3rd December - Semester 2 Reports issued
- 3rd December - 5:30 - 7pm - Graduation Ceremony - All children to attend (St Patrick's Church - Allora)
- 4th December -
 - 10am - End of year assembly in the church (to conclude by 12pm)