

## 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)**

## Reminders and To Do List

**School Photos— return envelope one per child by Wednesday 4th March**

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

**Uniforms— Uniform expectations are outlined on our schools website under 'Enrolments'. Please note our uniform days:**

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday— Formal uniform.**

**Wednesday and Friday— Sports uniform.**



### **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,

**Assessment Capable Learners**— In 2020 we continue our journey towards becoming a 'Light House' project in 'Visible Learning'. We are aiming to be a 'Light House' School for other schools at a diocesan, state and national level; a big, but a very exciting task that our students will reap the benefits of for a lifetime.

One of the most important elements of this approach, is the forming of 'Assessment Capable Learners'. For this to happen, we need to explicitly train the skills that students require.

What are the key characteristics of assessment capable students?

Students who :

- Understand the learning intentions of lessons - they know what the intent of the lesson is and the steps necessary to get there;
- Co-construct learning with the teacher - they assist the teacher in identifying what they might need to learn to achieve the intent of a lesson;
- Are active participants in learning — they seek out, offer and welcome feedback to improve;
- Self assess accurately and successfully against the success criteria to identify their next steps;
- Students who can set goals in learning, then self-monitor and evaluate their progress towards achieving them.

**Why?**

Research from across the world indicates students that have the above skills, will not only succeed in learning progression in their primary years, but will continue their rate of progression into their future secondary and tertiary learning.

**What have you been learning?** - We have been working really hard with our students in making sure that they can tell us what they are learning. You can help your child to get better at answering this question by asking them yourself. Be aware however, that they will sometimes confuse this with what they've been doing.

A child might tell you that they baked a cake—but why were they baking a cake at school? What were they learning? The research tells us that when children can tell us what they're learning, they can then apply this learning to other areas of their work. When students get this question confused with what they're doing, they have difficulty transferring their learning. That is, if a child learning to write a procedure thinks they're learning to bake a cake, they have difficulty remembering how to write a procedure about other things in other areas. They think that the learning was about making a cake, not writing a procedure.

Next time you ask your child about what they did at school, see if they tell you what they did. Then ask them, what they were trying to learn. It's very powerful when children can tell you what they've been learning.

God Bless



Tyronne Maher  
Principal

**"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice"**

**Brian Herbert**



## School News

### Assembly on Friday 8.50am

#### Term 1

**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— Week 3

#### Pat on the Back:

##### Talgai

Award for Confidence to Oscar for giving all new challenges a go in his learning.

##### Dalrymple

Award for Persistence to Mili for working well in all areas of her learning.

##### Glengallan

Matilida for using strategies to improve her learning and always looking for ways to do better.

#### Spirit of Jesus

##### Talgai

Jemimah and Noah

##### Dalrymple

Molly and Riley

##### Glengallan

Marty and Sarah



Hugh Denny and  
Billy Keogh

**Central Downs Swimming Carnival**—well done to those students that gave their best and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship Friday at the Central Downs Swimming Carnival. St Patrick's School were awarded the overall winner of the carnival.

Special mention goes to Ruby Wright, William Peters and McKinley Keogh who were awarded age champion in their respective age groups. Congratulations to Jonte May, Ruby Wright, William Peters, Matilda Gasson, Billy Keogh, McKinley Keogh, Marty May and Joshua Millard who qualified to represent Central Downs at the Southern Downs Carnival in Warwick next Monday. Good luck!



**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.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**— Meetings with families for all students started this week. 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. Please make contact with your child's teacher if you have not confirmed a meeting time yet.

**Library News—'Accessit'** - During library lessons last year we introduced the children to Accessit and the sort of things that they can use it for. Since then many children have been asking about how they can use Accessit at home. We now have a link on our school web page! Go to the web page. Look under curriculum at the top and scroll down to library, down at the bottom of this page is a button "Accessit Link" Log in with your children and have a look!

At the top left hand corner you will find a short video instructing you how to use the Accessit Web App. Glengallan and Dalrymple students have already had a look at this in class.

Talgai parents your children haven't been allocated time at school yet (so this will all be new to them) but please feel free to talk them through it at home.

For a bit of fun scroll down to the bottom, your children will enjoy being read to by a real life astronaut in space!



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## Parish News

### LITURGY TIMES

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH –  
MASS 9AM

2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH –  
MASS 5.30pm

4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH –  
LITURGY OF THE WORD –  
9 AM

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy**

**8.50am**

**Outside Church**



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](mailto: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.



Well done to our swimmers who gave their best and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship at the Central Downs Swimming Carnival.

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### Assumption College Warwick

**Enrolling Now for 2021**

Enrolment Packs are available from the College Office.

Please contact the office on 4660 4000 for further Information.

**Uniform Requirements**—Families, please familiarise yourself with our school's uniform policy. It indicates the correct uniform, how it is to be worn and how students are expected to present themselves. Our policy can be found on our school's website.

### 2020 Term Dates

Term 1 - Tues 28 January—Friday 3 April  
 Term 2- Mon 20 April—Friday 26 June  
 Term 3- Mon 13 July—Friday 18 September  
 Term 4 -Tues 6 October—Friday 4 December

### 2020 ONLINE ANNUAL CALENDAR—COMING SOON

#### **DATE CLAIMERS- 2020**

- 17—27 Feb - Parent/Teacher Interviews.
- 19th February - P&F Meeting 6pm including AGM
- 24th February - Southern Downs Swimming
- 28th February— CD League, Netball, Soccer Trials
- 4th March - Prep Vision Screening
- 4th March - Darling Downs Swimming
- 10th March - School Photos
- 13th March - SD 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 - Staff PD and Planning Day (School Closed)



*Please join us to celebrate the opening of our new*  
**Warwick & District Netball Assoc**  
**Barnes Park Courts**

Celebrations are in conjunction with our  
**Junior Netball Fixtures and Darling Downs Inter District Carnival**

**Date:** Saturday, 28 March 2020  
**Where:** Barnes Park, Matthews Street, Warwick  
**When:** Saturday 12 noon – 3.30pm and Sunday 8.00am – 4.00pm

**Proceedings:**  
 12 noon - 12.30pm Opening and formalities  
 12:30pm – 3.30pm Junior netball fixtures

We invite you to return on Sunday 29 March to enjoy our hosting of the Darling Downs Inter District Carnival (Round 2). 50 teams and 500 players are expected for the carnival.

With special thanks to:






**RSVP to:**  
 Linda Bunch on 0407 734 380  
 warwicknetball@bigpond.com  
 by Friday 20 March 2020.







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