



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,

Connecting to our Values— At our school, we believe that enacting the values of love, dignity, integrity and justice, will help us to achieve Our Vision of creating 'An inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all'. We believe that bringing these values to life in our school, so that our learners know what they are and what they look like, is what sets us apart. Values mean nothing if they are not lived. It is our collective role as parents and educators, to ensure that our students know why we do what we do.

In recent weeks, in support of the 'Catholic Mission' organisation, we have been raising awareness of, and funds for, the disadvantaged children of Cambodia by participating in 'Socktober'. Each week over a six week period, in the lead up to our fun day last Friday, children have been discussing the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves. In these discussions, we've been making connections between what we are doing, why we are doing it and our school values of 'love' and 'justice'. The result of these conversations and activities have made an impact on your children.

During our 'soccer shoot' out last week, each student from each class had two shots at a goal; one with a 'sock ball' made from reused materials and one with a real soccer ball. Everyone had fun but, more importantly, all children from Prep to Year 6 could make the connection between what we were doing here in Allora and what children in poor parts of the world do when they want to play soccer. Connecting this activity to love and justice, created an empathy in children for those less fortunate than themselves.

This kind of impact on your children, is affirmation that we must continue the work of making our school values lived actions. In this way we continue to walk in the footsteps of Jesus with our children and, in doing so, create more compassionate and responsible members of our community.

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**

God Bless

Tyrone Maher
Principal



(pictured above) Thank you to Mr Marty Savage; Senior Education Leader from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office; for being our goal keeper in our 'shoot out'. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we raised over \$450 for the children of Cambodia. Thank you to parents Mrs Ekerick and Mrs Peters for cooking our sausage sizzle.

"Wherever you find something extraordinary, you'll find the fingerprints of a great teacher." —Arne Duncan

30th October—World Teacher's Day

School News

Swimming Carnival Nominations - Our swimming carnival will be held on Friday the 27th November at the Allora Pool. The focus of the day is on participation, fun and children doing their best. From our carnival, those children that meet the qualifying times will go through to the 2021 Central Downs Swimming carnival held early next year. An online form will be posted on our website soon (under 'Newsletters') for families to nominate their child/children for the various events.

It's Book Week!— Students are encouraged to dress up tomorrow (Wednesday 28th October) with the theme being 'Curious Creatures and Wild Minds'. Prizes will be on offer for each year level. The parade will begin at 8:50am in the big shed. Everyone is welcome to attend.

World Teacher's Day— This Friday is 'World Teacher's Day'. We are so very fortunate to have a team of teachers at St Patrick's who maintain a continued focus on the positive development of your children in partnership with you. At the same time, our teachers are committed to improving their own practice. Please join us on Friday in thanking our dedicated teachers on 'World Teacher's Day'.

Day for Daniel 'FUNraiser' — **The school is supporting** Daniel Morcombe Foundation again this year. The Foundation works tirelessly to educate communities on child safety strategies and support victims of crime. Funds raised go to supporting the foundation in their ongoing work in keeping children safe. On **Friday 6th of November**, children will be encouraged to wear red. They will participate in a walk down the street before playing ball games run by our school leaders. The online sponsorship process means that other friends and family can support your child's fundraising efforts.

Save the Date! - this year's graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday the 3rd December from 5:30pm. On this night, we celebrate the achievements of our departing Year 6 students. The success of this night has always been in the attendance of all students (present and past) and their families, not just the families of our graduating year 6 students. We look forward to seeing everyone there on the evening.



Prep Transition Visit - Last Wednesday, we welcomed our 2021 Prep Learners and their families to our school. Our current Prep to Year 2 joined our visitors in games, painting and other fun activities. We look forward to seeing you all again next Wednesday afternoon (see the 'Date Claimers').

DATE CLAIMERS

- 26th October—Book Week
- 27th October— Book Week Dress Up Parade—8:50am—all welcome—'Curious Creatures and Wild Minds'
- 30th October—World Teacher's Day
- 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 - Last Day of School
- 10am - End of year assembly in the church (to conclude by 12noon)
- 12noon - School closure for 2020