

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.

Dear Families,

Welcome Back! - Welcome back to all of our years 3-6 students. It was wonderful to see these learners returning to school yesterday with energy and enthusiasm; exchanging the odd air high five and air hug.

Congratulations to you, our families, who have done a wonderful job of supporting your children to continue their learning under very challenging circumstances.

Well done to our teachers who embraced the challenge and have come out the other side with new skills and future goals for our learners.

Growth Mindset – ‘I can’t do this.....YET!’ —Carol Dweck’s research into ‘Growth Mindsets’ reveals how the use of language when encouraging children can have a large impact on their attitudes to learning. When we praise intelligence and ability, we are assuming a giftedness through natural talent, taking away from our children the idea that with effort, we can push through struggles and achieve at high levels.

So how can a parent develop a growth mindset in children? Here are three simple ideas to get started:

→ Praise effort, strategy and action instead of results—This type of encouragement, helps children develop the belief that success has more to do with what they do rather than born gifts or talents.

→ Give honest feedback- Honest feedback about their performance not only helps them improve, but also promotes a growth mindset. Sometimes we avoid giving feedback to protect a child’s self-esteem. However, by being sensitive to how we provide feedback, ensures that our children are not negatively effected. For example, focusing on two or three things your child did well before giving constructive feedback. That is, feedback that will help them improve.

→ When your child tells you that they can’t do something—put the word ‘Yet!’ on the end to let them know that with effort, they can progress.

What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?

Growth Mindset

I can learn anything I want to. When I'm frustrated, I persevere. I want to challenge myself. When I fail, I learn. Tell me I try hard. If you succeed, I'm inspired. My effort and attitude determine everything.

Fixed Mindset

I'm either good at it, or I'm not. When I'm frustrated, I give up. I don't like to be challenged. When I fail, I'm so good. Tell me I'm smart. If you succeed, I feel threatened. My abilities determine everything.

| GROWTH MINDSET | | FIXED MINDSET |
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| • SOPE FROM HARD WORK • CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE | SKILLS | • SOMETHING YOU'RE BORN WITH • FIXED |
| • SHOULD BE EMBRACED • AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW • MORE PERSISTANT | CHALLENGES | • SOMETHING TO AVOID • COULD REVEAL LACK OF SKILL • TEND TO GIVE UP EASILY |
| • ESSENTIAL • A PATH TO MASTERY | EFFORT | • UNNECESSARY • SOMETHING YOU DO WHEN YOU ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH |
| • USEFUL • SOMETHING TO LEARN FROM • IDENTIFY AREAS TO IMPROVE | FEEDBACK | • GET DEFENSIVE • TAKE IT PERSONAL |
| • USE AS A WAKE-UP CALL TO WORK HARDER NEXT TIME. | SETBACKS | • BLAME OTHERS • GET DISCOURAGED |

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

Reminders and To Do List

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

Please read the recent FlexiBuzz, Email or Facebook correspondence concerning the Schools response and actions to the Coronavirus outbreak.

All parents/carers will be informed of any changes to school activities via FlexiBuzz and Email.

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

Tyrone Maher
Principal

“Smart is not something you are... Smart is something you get!”
Stephanie Harvey

Online Trivia Night Going Ahead ! - Join us this Friday night for our online 'Rattle of the Brains'. You can register your team by clicking here—<https://forms.datainteractive.com.au/201454372120947> . This is a free event and is sure to be fun for the whole family.

Social Distancing— Thank you families for your cooperation in regard to social distancing. Parents are to phone or email to arrange early collection of students, uniform purchasing or a meeting with the classroom teacher. Parents are able to come into school to sign out children when they have called ahead.

Online Assembly— Our second online assembly will be held at 8:50am this Friday morning. Students will view the assembly in their classrooms. A link will be sent via FlexiBuzz and email for any families wishing to attend. Clicking on this link will give you immediate access to the assembly. We look forward to you being able to join us.

It's Getting Cold! - Our students know that on mornings before the first bell, where the temperature is below 10 degrees, that they must have a jumper or jacket on to play outside. Please ensure that your child either has a jumper for day uniform or a jacket for sports uniform days. Labelling these will reduce the likelihood of your child's clothing ending up at another home. Jumpers and tracksuits can be purchased from the office by appointment; please email or phone to arrange a time for fitting and purchasing to occur. Lowes in Warwick are stocked and ready to cater for your Winter uniform needs. In instances where the correct uniform is not possible (e.g. shoes left in the rain), a dated note from the parent indicating this is all that is needed.

Semester 1 Student Reports - Reports will be issued Thursday the 25th of June. Given the disruption to learning that the management of the Corona Virus in Australia has caused, reporting will be modified. Teachers will report on what they have been able to observe of learning at school. As a result, grades will be against some key learning areas, but not all. In prep and year 1, reporting will occur against Religious Education, Mathematics and English while those in years 3 to 6 will have reports issued that reflect student progress in Religious Education, Mathematics, English, Science and Physical Education. Your child's 'Social Learning' progress will also be reported. More information on reports will be provided closer to their release.

Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme – [Applications are now open](#) for families wishing to apply for transport assistance in regard to their child's daily bus travel to and from school. The scheme relates to Semester 1 travel and applications close 31 May 2020. Eligibility falls under two categories; 'Bus Assistance' or 'Students With a Disability'.

DATE CLAIMERS- 2020

29th May— 7:30pm—Trivia Night—online. Registration link emailed.

31st May— Applications close for Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme

25th June—release of Semester 1 Student Reports

25th June—Last day of school.

26th June—School Closed— Planning and professional learning day.

2020 Term Dates

Term 2- Mon 20 April–Friday 25 June

Term 3- Mon13 July–Friday 18 September

Term 4 -Tues 6 October–Friday 4 December



Back to business in Glengallan! Students in years 3 to 6 are currently investigating assessment and how our lesson learning intentions and success criteria relate to assessment. Students in both Dalrymple and Glengallan are learning that assessment is not something that is done to us, but something teachers and students are doing all the time that provides us with feedback to improve.