



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,

The old saying; **'It takes a village to raise a child'**; could not be more true when we talk about our Vision to be 'An inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all'. It is through our school values of 'Love, Dignity, Justice and Integrity' our school community aims to live this vision both now and into the future. 'Integrity' is a huge part of this vision with students, families, and staff acting with integrity when setting high expectations for one another. The school employs research-based, best practices that support the professional learning of expert staff through collaboration and targeted support. Integrity is embedded in these practices through regular review of learners and their progress and goal setting supported by regular feedback and celebration of goal achievement.



Feeling Safe

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

Regular progress conversations, stemming from review of student data are a part of the culture being developed at St Patrick's. When parents and students themselves are involved in these conversations, the learning for one student becomes the focus for many. This practice ensures the regular review of progress for all learners before deciding on what strategies are required next for individuals or small groups to progress. Working in this way ensures that teachers learn from one another and that each learner's development is monitored. Key to this process is ensuring that students know their goals and what is required for them to reach their goals.

Goal setting is integral to the motivation of each student. When goals are set, teachers and parents can provide support and feedback to their learners. Better still, when learners reach their goals and experience success because of their efforts, they feel motivated to reinvest in their learning. This equates to happy learners and happy families!

Keep in Your Prayers— A past teacher of our school and tutor to many of our learners our community; Mrs Michelle Smith; is extremely unwell. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Tyronne Maher
Principal

“Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential.” – John Maxwell
<https://www.thelawofattraction.com/inspirational-quotes-students/>

St Patrick's School Allora— Newsletter

School News



2020 St Patrick's Athletics Carnival—On the 3rd September we'll host our athletics carnival. The size of our school community means that it is possible to do this within the current Covid 19 environment. Hand sanitizer will be available and we ask all families attending to observe the social distancing required of adults in our schools (1.5m). The day will have the usual events but will not include high jump this year. Normally this event would be held separately in the lead up to the day but this is not possible given the 'traffic jam' of events occurring in the school and community post lock-down. A 'run sheet' of the day will be communicated to families soon.

2021 Enrolments—Please note that interviews for 2021 enrolments (including Prep Enrolments) will be held in the last 2 weeks of this term starting the on 7th September. If you are planning on enrolling your child in 2021 or you know someone who is, please let them know.

Under 5s Welcome! — Our annual 'Early Years Morning' will be held on the 2nd September. Starting at 9am, all children under 5 and their families/carers are invited to be a part of a morning of fun. Children will be engaged in painting, story readings and a visit from our local Fire and Rescue Officers in their fire truck. The morning is a great opportunity for families to find out more about our school.

Central Downs Gala Day Consent Form—This year, Gala Day will be held on the 11th September. Students of 8-12 yrs of age in years 3-6, will choose between soccer, netball or rugby league (9-12yrs only). Students wishing to play league will require a mouth guard. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid 19 restrictions, only school staff and those parents enlisted to assist on the day will be allowed to attend. Please complete [the online form](#) to indicate your child's preference and your consent.

Remember to be safe—Keeping safe includes; social distancing (school children are exempt in the school grounds); good hand hygiene—hand washing and the use of a sanitizer; keeping yourself and your children at home when feeling unwell; and good coughing and sneezing etiquette—into the elbow. Thank you to our whole community for doing your part.

2020 Parish/School Fete Cancelled—due to the ongoing Covid 19 developments, the decision has been made to cancel our Fete. Thank you to our community for your continued support of this event. We look forward to 2021.



DATE CLAIMERS

- **19th August** - P&F Meeting -through Zoom video link up
- **25th August**—Principal's Review
- **26th August**— Playgroup recommences—9am
- **2nd September** - 'Early Years Morning', 9-11am - all under 5's and their families are welcome.
- **3rd September** - St Patrick's Athletics Carnival. Information out soon.
- **4th September** - **School Closed** Planning & Professional Learning Day.
- **7th September** - Prep Enrolment Interviews begin - Click [here](#) to arrange.
- **11th September**— Central Downs Gala Day (League, Netball and Soccer). Please complete the online form.
- **11th September**—Under 8's Day (TBC)
- **15th September**—Allora State School Transition day—all day (yr 6)
- **17th September**— Term 3 Ends
- **17th September**—Assumption College Transition Day
- **18th September** - **School Closed** Professional Development of Staff
- **6 October**—Term 4 Starts