

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,

What is a Learning Intention? - If you've looked at our 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, you will have noticed a focus on students becoming better learners. 'Visible Learning' is the term used by John Hattie and other known educational experts to refer to how we make learning progress visible to parents, teachers and learners and how we enhance this learning through the implementation of high impact strategies.



Each lesson of every day has a clearly stated 'intention' of is to be learnt by the end of a lesson or by the end of a unit of work. The intention states what the learner should know, show or be able to do by the end of the learning and gives the learner the 'why' of the learning. We know that when children know this, they become 'learners' rather than just students. We also know that when learners can see their learning progress towards achieving the goal that their motivation and enjoyment of learning is enhanced.

A big part of the learning intention are the success criteria. These criteria should be seen as steps to achieving the learning intention. Teachers ensure that the success criteria include the first steps in learning all the way through to more extended and abstract thinking.

When all of this is in place and working well for learners they can answer the following questions very easily:

Questions

- What are you learning at the moment?
- Why are you learning this?
- How do you know that you'll have been successful?
- What are your next steps in learning this?

Observed Student Responses

- Learner references the intention.
- They refer to the 'why' of the intention.
- The learner references the success criteria.
- The learner is able to recall feedback the teacher has given against the success criteria and talk about the next step.

A huge part of learning is the ability for learners to be able to answer these questions and talk about their learning. Try asking your child some of these questions; you'll improve their learning and at the same time, they'll know that you're interested.

Happy St Patrick's Day! - Many children and staff wore something green today to mark St Patrick's Day. Thank you to those of you that were able to join us in our Church celebration this morning. St Patrick is the Patron Saint of our school. He is best known for bringing Christianity to Ireland from England—even after they had enslaved him as a child for a number of years! He famously used the Irish shamrock to teach the people about the Holy Trinity— 'The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit'.



Feeling Safe

Our School Student Protection Contacts are:

**Miss Donnelly,
Mr Maher and Jayne**

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

Tyronne Maher
Principal

"May you live as long as you want but never want as long as you live."

An Irish Blessing

Assembly on Friday 8.50am

Term 1

Week 8: Leaders

**Week 9: Cross
Country**

**Week 10: School
Closed Friday.**

Student of the Week Awards— Week 6

Pat on the Back:

Talgai

Liam Hoey

Dalrymple

Amelie Schmidt

Glengallan

Amos Jacklin

Week 7

Pat on the Back:

Talgai

Skye Molloy

Dalrymple

Arthur Keleher

Glengallan

Kaleb Millard

Spirit of Jesus

Week 6

Talgai

Violet and Dustyn

Dalrymple

Maggie and Eddison

Glengallan

Jenna and Ivy

Week 7

Talgai

Katelyn and Toby

Dalrymple

Jonte and Esther

Glengallan

Archie and Harry



Violet Walker
Ruby Wright
Seth Donovan
Oscar Coker

Corona Virus—A time for Facts and Proactive Solutions— There is a lot of false information circulating in regard to the current Corona Virus situation. A message was sent to all families through FlexiBuzz or email this morning (a link to this letter can be found on our school's website). The following information comes from an Australian site for Doctors - www.gps-can.com.au. Strategies that parents should follow include:



- You must keep your children at home if they are sick, even if you think it is just a cold. You will need a plan for who is going to look after the children if they are sick or if our school closes. Elderly relatives are not suitable as the risk climbs especially over 60 years of age. Children are highly effective at transferring germs!
- The data we have to date says that the kids will be fine. There have been no reported deaths in under 10s. A small amount of 10-20 year olds have been sick enough to require hospitalisation, however it is the elderly that are most at risk, especially those over 80 years of age.
- Treat minor cold and/or flu symptoms just like you usually would, however if there has been overseas travel in the past 14 days, contact with a known case or you have concerns about breathing, use the phone and call your GP or 000 in the case of an emergency, don't just turn up. This way the most appropriate, current advice can be given.
- Teach your children (and yourself) about keeping their hands below their shoulders, so they avoid touching their face, particularly their mouth, eyes and nose, as these are easy entry points for germs.
- Reconsider indoor gatherings for birthday parties or any gatherings at present, particularly large ones.
- Teach your children that, just for now, no shaking hands, hugs or high 5s from friends.
- Be mindful of what you say and what your children hear. Little ears pick up lots of conversations and little eyes should not see news reports. They know when we are stressed, so don't be scared, be prepared. If they are old enough, talk to them about what is happening, but filter the news reports and be aware that there are different opinions and some seriously fake news out there.

School Cross Country - Online Form Closing Tomorrow

Next Friday (27th March) we join St Francis De Sales Clifton at the Clifton Golf Course at 9am for a 9:30am start for our annual cross country event. The event normally concludes by 12:30pm. Children will need a hat, sunscreen (applied before arrival) and plenty of water. Distances were listed in our last newsletter.

An electronic 'Form' has been sent to parents . St Francis' P&F Association will be offering a 'Meal Deal' for the day. Families will be able to complete their order online. The same online form allows you to provide information in regard your child's travelling arrangements. Please have the money for your child's lunch order to the office by tomorrow morning. We look forward to seeing you there.

Southern Downs Sports Trials—Congratulations to those of our students who were successful at the recent Southern Downs Soccer, League and Netball Trials. We wish the following students good luck at the Darling Downs level of competition as part of the Southern Downs Team:
Soccer: Matilda.

Netball: McKinley and Sarah .

League: Joshua, Axil, Marty, Kaleb, and Hugh.

Swimming News—Well done to our swimmers who recently represented Southern Downs District at the Darling Downs Swimming Carnival in Gatton. Jonte, William P., and McKinley all commented on the high level of competition and the fun of being a part of it. Well done!

Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH –
MASS 9AM

2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 5.30pm

4TH, 5TH SUNDAY OF MONTH – LITURGY OF THE
WORD –
9 AM

Hello, it's nice to meet

you!

My name is Jayne Farquharson and I am excited to introduce myself as your School Counsellor. Please find some tips below to help your child feel more relaxed.



Teaching your child to be calm – ways to increase relaxation

Knowing how to calm and manage your emotions is an important life skill. When children are stressed, they experience higher levels of anger and anxiety. Learning how to relax is a skill that can be learnt. First identify what causes stress for your child. Then teach your child to become aware of what they are feeling. Ask them to name the feeling and tell you how it feels in their body, such as physical sensations, like butterflies in my tummy. Teach your child a few ways to calm down so they can use this when they feel upset some examples are slow breathing, mindful colouring in, physical activities like jumping on the trampoline. Choose one or two calming activities that your child prefers and get them to do it often, like before bed, or straight after school. This will support your child in their ability to use coping tools to keep calm and reduce their experience of stress.

For more ideas check out the links below:

Go Zen: 50 Calm-Down ideas to Try with Kids of all Ages

<https://gozen.com/50-calm-down-ideas-to-try-with-kids-of-all-ages/> Coping Skills for Kids

Coping Skills for Kids: Calming Anxiety in Children and Managing Anger

<https://copingskillsforkids.com/calming-anxiety/>
<https://copingskillsforkids.com/managing-anger>



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 in the Library on Wednesday 18th March

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 next meeting.



Tennis News—Well done to all of our students who attended Monday's Central Downs Tennis Carnival in Clifton. Windy weather made for tricky playing conditions but the day was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to our families who were able to assist on the day. A special thank you to Mrs Mandy Mutch who managed the team and provided extra practice opportunities in the lead up to the day.



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.

DATE CLAIMERS- 2020

- 18th March - P&F Meeting 6pm
- 27th March - Cross Country - Clifton Golf Course
- 1st April - Central Downs Cross Country— for competitive 10-12yrs students only
- 2nd April - Last school day of term 1
- 3rd April - Staff Professional Learning and Planning Day (School Closed)
- 10th April—Good Friday
- 12th April— Easter Sunday
- 13th April—Easter Monday
- 20th April— Monday—first day of term 2
- 25th April—ANZAC Day—no public holiday—Saturday
- 5th May—Winter uniform begins
- 11th May—NAPLAN online opens (until the 22nd May)

2020 Term Dates

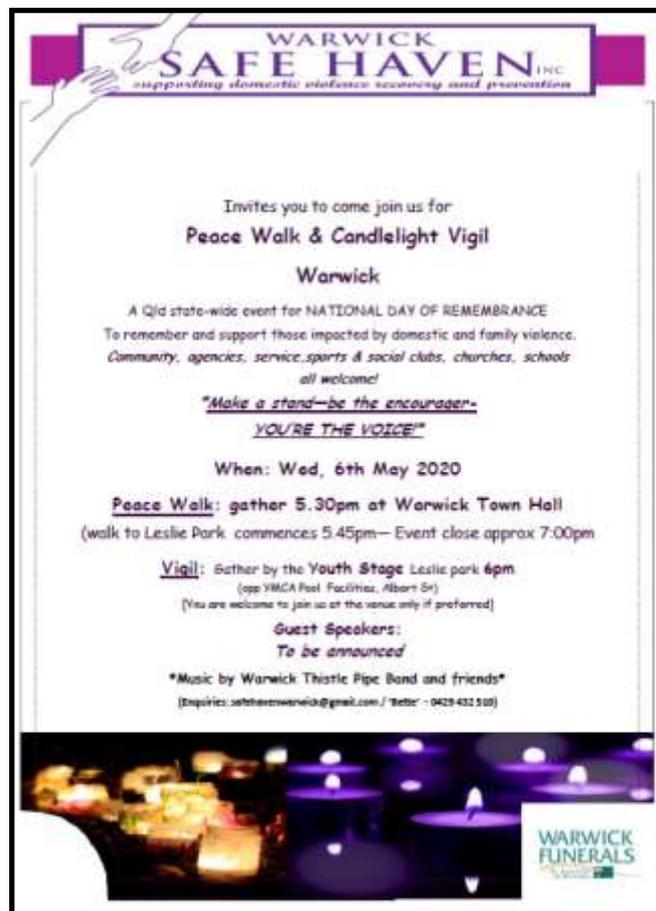
- Term 2- Mon 20 April—Friday 26 June
- Term 3- Mon 13 July—Friday 18 September
- Term 4 -Tues 6 October—Friday 4 December



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE WARWICK CO-EDUCATIONAL CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGE

OPEN DAY
FRIDAY, 15TH MAY 2020
3:30PM - 5:30PM

2021 ENROLMENTS OPEN
6 LOCKE STREET, WARWICK Q 4370 P. 4660 4000
www.acwarwick.catholic.edu.au
TRUTH AND LOVE



WARWICK SAFE HAVEN INC.
supporting domestic violence recovery and prevention

Invites you to come join us for
Peace Walk & Candlelight Vigil
Warwick

A Qld state-wide event for NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
To remember and support those impacted by domestic and family violence.
Community, agencies, service, sports & social clubs, churches, schools all welcome!

**"Make a stand—be the encourager—
YOU'RE THE VOICE"**

When: Wed, 6th May 2020

Peace Walk: gather 5.30pm at Warwick Town Hall
(walk to Leslie Park commences 5.45pm— Event close approx 7:00pm)

Vigil: gather by the Youth Stage Leslie park 6pm
(opp YMCA Pool Facilities, Albert St)
(You are welcome to join us at the venue only if preferred)

Guest Speakers:
To be announced

Music by Warwick Thistle Pipe Band and friends
(Inquiries: safehavenwarwick@gmail.com / twitter - 0429 432 500)

WARWICK FUNERALS