



"Never see a need without doing something about it." - Mary MacKillop

**Mission—We are an inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all.**

Our School Student Protection Contacts:

**Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher**



**Please note:**

**Term 1 School Fees Fee Statements went home at the end of last week. Fee payments are due Friday 24th February. Payments can be made by cash or cheque to the school office or by direct credit into the school bank account. If you prefer a regular direct debit payment please complete the required authority form at the school office.**



**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 Parents/Carers,

**Parent Information Night Success**—Thank you to attendees of the parent information evening and meet and greet last week. Given the feedback, the night was very successful with nearly all of our new families in attendance. Including our new families, a little over 20 of our families were represented. The sessions gave attendees the opportunity to ask questions they had in regard to our school routines and curriculum content delivered. We thank Mrs Eileen Moyle from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office for taking the time to talk to us about supporting our children in reading and thank our teachers for their engaging presentations. For those of you unable to attend last weeks sessions, the PowerPoint from last week's sessions have been added to the newsletter email today. The videoed session presented by Eileen will also be available soon for viewing.



Congratulations to our swimmers on gaining selection into the Central Downs Swimming Team. These students will compete in the Southern Downs Carnival on the 17th February at Allora Pool. Good luck!

**The Art of Speaking and Communication in our Children** — Last week's session on reading presented by Eileen, once again brought to our attention the importance of the

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development of competent and correct oral language. The old saying used by teachers is 'If they can say it, they can write it, and if they can write it, they can read it.'

In our classes, a routine that has been introduced is the high expectation that students will communicate in complete sentences. Practice in this is very important. As teachers and parents, we have all seen examples of the way our children speak in their writing with words such as 'dunno' ('I don't know') and 'sarvo' ('this afternoon').

Developing good communication skills in our children is an important life skill. As highlighted by Michael Grose in his 'Parenting Ideas' blog, 'Teach kids to ask for what they want', we often accept silences, sulks or whining from our children and try to interpret what they want which encourages further development of lazy communication habits.

Michael suggests the following tips for putting these good habits into practice.

1. *Help children find the words they need to ask for what they want from you and others. Use prompts such as: "Take a minute and think through what it is you want me to do." "What would you like me to do?"*

2. *Encourage children to ask for what they want in the following way:*

- ⇒ *Make eye contact*
- ⇒ *Speak clearly and to a person.*
- ⇒ *Use a moderate, firm voice as opposed to whiny or loud voice*
- ⇒ *Accept that the answer they receive may not be the one they want*

These powerful lessons in communication are important life skills that we can pass on to our children. The above information and more can be found at; <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/2017/01/teach-kids-to-ask-for-what-they-want/>

God Bless

**Tyrone Maher  
Principal**

**"Communication - the human connection - is the key to personal and career success."**

**Paul J. Meyer**

Read more at: [https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/p/pauljmeye190945.html?src=t\\_communication](https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/p/pauljmeye190945.html?src=t_communication)



# St Patrick's Allora School Newsletter

*Celebrating 100 years of Education in 2016*

## Assembly Roster

### Term 1 Friday's 8.45am

- Week 4: Year 6 Leaders
- Week 5: Year 6 Leaders
- Week 6: Year 6 Leaders
- Week 7: Year 6 Leaders
- Week 8: No Assembly
- Week 9: Year 6 Leaders
- Week 10: 'You Can Do It' Presentations (Thursday)

## School Masses – Term 1

Family and friends are invited to share with their children the following celebrations:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Ash Wednesday Mass
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March –  
St Patrick's Feast  
9.30am



Happy Birthday  
this week to:

## School News

**Homework** is always a point of interest and was covered in last week's parent information session. Please note, as stated in our school's homework policy; *'The supervision of homework by parents should not lead to stressful situations. Teachers and parents/carers should engage in conversation with one another with the aim to provide appropriate support to the child.'* Please do see your child's teacher in relation to any concerns relating to homework. If your child/children is flatly refusing to do homework, rest assured, that they will need to attend the support room to complete it the following day. In this way students take responsibility for their work. In the instance that homework cannot be completed, a signed note from a parent/caregiver will suffice.

**Referral Forms**— Occasionally students will be referred to our visiting advisory teachers (speech/ occupational therapists and or school counsellor) for assessment in identifying specific learning needs. In this instance a standard form will be sent home seeking your permission for your child to access this support. Please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns in relation to these processes.

**Cross Country training** will commence at school once the hot weather has subsided. In the meantime, if your child would like to commence at home, children born 2012/2011 will run 500m, children born 2010/2009 will run 1km, children born 2007/2008 will run 2km. children born 2006/2005 will run 3km.



Jed, Billy, Atticus and Chad all attended last week's Southern Downs tennis trials. Comment was passed on in relation to their levels of sportsmanship and behaviour—well done boys. Congratulations to Billy who was successful in attaining selection. Thank you to our parents for supervising the players.

## ALLORA SHOW

**Congratulations to the students who participated in this year's show. St Patrick's School was well represented in the prize winners and highly commended recipients. Here are just a few of the First Prize winners:**

- Prep painting—  
Eddison Barton
- Yr 1 Crayon with paint wash—Ruby Wright
- Yr 3 Mapping—Hally Mutch
- Yr 3 Handwriting—  
Dakoda Cuning
- Yr 5 Rotary Handwriting Competition—Jack Wright
- Yr 5 Mapping—Jack Wright
- Yr 5 Narrative—  
Elyse Peters
- Yr 6 Narrative—  
Sophie Summerell

## Dalrymple News

### Learning Fun

What an amazing start to the 2017 school year for the Dalrymple students. They are busy learning and practising our St. Patrick's school-wide routines. They have also begun investigating how authors use different language devices to make their writing interesting for the readers. The children have also been looking at numbers to tens of thousands in mathematics. In Religious Education, our learning focus is all about prayer and how it is our opportunity to communicate with God. The children have been able to consolidate their new learning by playing some fun games. Quotation marks have been a challenging concept that we have been doing lots of work on to make sure we are punctuating sentences correctly.



### You Can Do It!

So far this term, Dalrymple have been looking at 'Getting Along'. This has allowed us all to get to know one another and we will continue to build on from this when we investigate what it looks like to get along with others.



### Did you know?

In our Article-A-Day reading we have been reading all about rocks. This has tied in wonderfully with Mr. Clark's work in Science. The children have been able to share their new knowledge about types of rocks and how they are formed with Mr. Clark and he has been very impressed.

### Students of the week

Last week, Jason Deehan was our 'Student of the Week' for his fabulous commitment to his learning. Dakoda Cuning received the Mary MacKillop award for her respectful reverence. Congratulations!!!

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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 6pm**

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

**School Family Mass  
9am on 5th March  
Followed by shared  
morning tea**



**St Patrick's School  
Parents & Friends Association**

*"... as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school."*

**First P & F Meeting for 2017 is  
Wednesday 22nd February  
at 7pm in the Library. All Welcome.**



**Want to play Soccer?**  
Junior registrations are open now

- Ages 4 years - 17 years
- Registrations close 12th March (earlier if age group is full)
- go to our [website](#)
- or find us on Facebook by searching Warwick District Football Association

Info day Saturday 11th February - Rose City Shopping Centre & Saturday 18th February Queens Park clubhouse

**Come and join the Warwick Wolves!**  
500 players  
45 teams

[www.warwickwolves.com.au](http://www.warwickwolves.com.au)




The Catholic Education Office Resource Centre has set up an eLibrary, using Wheelers as their eBook Platform. The schools' Years 4, 5 and 6 students are now able to borrow from this library. They have been shown how they access and borrow these eBooks, which they will do from home and onto a personal home device. The App is free to download and is obtainable by typing Wheelers ebook platform app into Google. All loans can then be managed from there. The eLibrary has a number of titles that are not suitable for our primary classes. These Titles have an age restriction, making them unavailable to our students.




**IDEAL FOR PARENTS & CARERS**

**LEARN FIRST AID 2017 COURSES**

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## FIRST AID COURSES

If your child, family member or friend needed emergency first aid, would you know what to do?

Complete a one-day first aid course with us to gain the confidence, skills and knowledge to respond to a range of emergency situations - you could even save a life!

The course is held in our dedicated training room, with all training materials and equipment provided. Tea and coffee are available, but please bring your own lunch.

<b>COURSE:</b>	H1TAID003 Provide first aid (includes H1TAID001 CPR)
<b>DATES:</b>	Saturday 18 February 2017 Saturday 15 April 2017 Saturday 17 June 2017 Saturday 19 August 2017 Saturday 14 October 2017
<b>TIME:</b>	8.30am - 4.30pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Kath Dickson Family Centre 2 Lawrence Street, Toowoomba
<b>COST:</b>	\$120. Bookings essential.

Call 07 4633 8400 or email [info@kdfc.com.au](mailto:info@kdfc.com.au) to find out more and reserve your place.

### ABOUT YOUR TRAINER

Verni-Lee Mahone is a Registered Nurse with over 20 years experience, as well as a qualified Training and Education Officer responsible for facilitating first aid courses for the past five years. Her approach to training is practical, patient and engaging.



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## What's Happening at St Patrick's Allora?

### St Francis de Sales School Centenary

**Dates:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**Events:** **Saturday** evening from 7:00pm Celebrating a Centenary Dinner at F.E. Logan Hall Clifton.

**Sunday** 9:00 am Mass, followed by celebrations at the school. A Barbeque lunch, display of memorabilia, entertainment and games will be part of the day. Souvenir items will be on sale.

**Updates on Face Book: St Francis de Sales School Centenary 2017, or**

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### DATE CLAIMERS- 2017

- 17 Feb SD Swimming Carnival—Allora Pool
- 22 Feb P&F Meeting (please note the change of date—previously advertised for the 8th Feb)
- 24 Feb CD tennis team event—Clifton.
- 1 Mar Ash Wednesday Mass
- 5 Mar 9am School Family Mass
- 31 Mar School Cross Country—Competing with St Francis de Sales at Allora Golf Course
- 31 Mar Term 1 Ends
- 18 Apr Term 2 Starts
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day (School Closed)
- 1 May Labor Day (School Closed)
- 23 June Term 2 Ends
- 10 July Term 3 Starts
- 15 Sept Term 3 Ends
- 3 Oct Term 4 Starts
- 16 Oct Student Free Day (School Closed)
- 1 Dec Term 4 and School Year Ends

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL WARWICK RACE DAY**

**SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2017**

**GATES OPEN 11AM**

ADMISSION **\$15** ADULTS, KIDS UNDER 16 **FREE**.

Bar, Food, Bookies & TAB onsite

Fashions on the Field, Categories Men, Ladies, Boys & Girls – **Over \$800** worth of prizes up for grabs

**FREE KIDS ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDES**

- Jumping castle
- Kids ball pit
- Tea cup rides
- Snow cones and more.....
- Face painting

**RAFFLES ON THE DAY**

**ALLMAN PARK, WARWICK TURF CLUB**

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