Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Centenary Celebration Preparation- The week that many have been preparing for has finally arrived. Meetings have been conducted, information has been collated, guests have been invited, art works have been hung, students have prepared, music has been arranged, tickets have been sold and cake, food and drink have been ordered. The last several months have been a true testament to the Allora Parish School community and the old adage that many hands certainly do make light work! Parents, teachers, school officers, students; past and present; grandparents and many other members of the community have worked hard and make no mistake, we are thoroughly looking forward to the wonderful weekend of celebrations that lay ahead.

Saturday night kicks off the celebrations with the inaugural ‘Art Show in the Convent’. Over two hundred pieces have been received from local artists both professional and novice. In conjunction with the art show will be the launch of the school centenary book and contains pictures of students past and present and provides a comprehensive history of our school including some entertaining commentary by our students of yesteryear. The book will be on display and for sale as of Saturday evening.

Thanks to the hard work of some of our mums, the student’s artwork is ready for display. Those that are unable to attend the show on Saturday are still able to view the art for a gold coin donation. Tickets for the art show are still available from the office.

Sunday sees the day get underway with a celebratory mass at 10am. Our students will be singing two songs as part of the mass and are required to be in their sports uniforms for this part of the day. Mass will be followed by the official part of the day which includes the cutting of the cake by our youngest boy and girl enrolled this year with the ‘most senior’ past student present on the day. A barbeque lunch for sale, music, games and plenty of fun will follow. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact the school if you have any queries about this weekend.

Church- Thank you to those families that attended the student led mass last Sunday. Many parishioners commented on the children’s wonderful reading and their diligence in attending to the tasks assigned to them. Well done to the year 5/6 students of ‘Glengallan’.

Reading – Reading and the teaching of reading is a priority. Many of our children are read to from a very early age and develop a love of literature in this way. We should all be reminded that shared and guided reading is not just for the very young of our children. In fact, reading to and talking about what your children are reading right up into their teenage years is a great way of assisting in the learning and consolidation of their reading practice. Children also need to see their parents reading and for boys in particular, seeing their Dad or significant other reading is very important in developing this very important life skill.

God Bless

Tyronne Maher
Principal

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Assembly Roster Term 1

Friday’s 8.45am

Week 7: Year 6 Leaders
Week 8: No Assembly
Week 9:
  • Assembly Monday
  • Easter Liturgy (Thur)

School Masses – Term 1

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

Thursday 17th March – St Patrick’s Feast 9.30am
Thursday 24th March – Easter Liturgy 9.30am

Happy Birthday.

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday to:
Jasmine Groombridge
Reagan Pendergast
Sophie Summerell

Cross Country

Please find attached to this newsletter an order form for a special lunch deal being offered by the St Francis de Sales Parents and Friends Association next Friday at our combined cross country event. Please have this order back by Monday the 14th March so that preparations can be made. Please be reminded that a bus will be provided for those students that require transport to and from the event.

Congratulations

Charlotte Close attended the Darling Downs Softball Trials on Monday and was successful in gaining selection into the team. This is a wonderful achievement! We look forward to hearing of her experiences in the near future.

Billy Mutch is off to the Darling Downs Tennis Trials on the weekend. In a play-off situation last week he was ranked number 2 in the 4 person squad. Well done Billy and good luck on the weekend!

Congratulations to those students that were successful in being selected for the central downs soccer and netball teams last Friday. Billy is off to the Southern Downs Trials for soccer and Emily and Alex are going onto the Southern Downs Netball Trials as part of the Central Downs Team. Rugby league trials were postponed and will be held tomorrow morning at 9am at the Clifton recreation grounds.

Joshua Hagenbach has been selected in the Darling Downs South West Training Squad for cricket and the Southern Downs Team for Hockey. Well done Joshua.

Good Luck to those students attending the rugby league trials for the Southern Downs Team tomorrow morning in Clifton.

School Assembly

There will be no school assembly next Friday morning due to our cross country event in Clifton. The following week’s assembly will be on Monday the 21st of March in lieu of Good Friday.

Sports Uniforms on Monday

We have the development officers of various sports as part of the ‘TRAX Sports’ organization visiting on Monday from 9-11am and running activities for all of our students. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform on this day. We realize that the sports uniform will be worn Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of next week and we appreciate your flexibility in this regard.

Mathematics Workshop

Students from all year levels will be participating next Wednesday in interactive mathematics workshops run by ‘World of Maths’.

St Patrick’s Feast Day Mass

Children will be attending mass next Thursday as part of our St Patrick’s celebrations. Mass will be followed by a green ice – cream for the students. Children are encouraged to wear green for the day keeping in mind the need for closed in shoes and suitable shirts (no shoulders or bellies visible). Fun rotational activities will be held off until Catholic Education week celebrations later in the year.

Dental Van

The ‘Dental Van’ will be stationed at Allora State School very soon. Please be on the lookout for registration forms coming home with your child soon.
Parish News

LITURGY TIMES
1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 9AM
2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 6pm
4TH, 5TH SUNDAY OF MONTH – LITURGY OF THE WORD – 9 AM

Centenary Mass
The mass for our Centenary Celebrations will be led by Bishop Robert McGuckin at 10am followed lunch and entertainment.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
(Meetings held on 2nd Wednesday of every month)
Our focus for this week is the **Centenary of St Patrick’s School** which is on next weekend 12 and 13 March. Your help for this event will be greatly appreciated. Help is required at a working bee setting up on Friday afternoon from 3.00pm and Saturday morning from 7.00am. Please phone me [04 4717 4487] for more details or simply turn up. If you can assist with ‘Art in the Convent’ please contact Anita Wright [0488 663 836]. Again assistance is required setting up on both Saturday night and Sunday. The P&F are running the BBQ on Sunday. Assistance is required preparing food Saturday afternoon and cooking and serving on Sunday please contact me on 04 4717 4487 to add your name to the roster.

Kind Regards
Roy Nott
[04 4717 4487]

St Patrick’s School Students Get Creative on Canvas
For ‘Art in the Convent’

The St Patrick’s School community are in full swing with preparations for the Centenary celebrations this weekend, March 12th & 13th. Each child in the school will have a painting on display for the community to view. In light of the celebration theme of the weekend the student artwork can be purchased by the parents for a flat price of $10 to cover the costs of materials.

Numerous pieces of art have been nominated for the Art Show from very talented people across our Southern Downs region, these are in addition to the pieces produced by the students of St Patrick’s School.

Tickets are still available ($20 each) and include a complementary commemorative glass of wine, entertainment by local musicians and a rustic themed grazing station of antipasto foods. The Centenary celebration book ‘Still Shining’ will also be launched during the evening and guests have the privilege of voting for the ‘People’s Choice’ exhibit of the Art Show. If you have not already purchased your ticket for the opening night, we suggest you do so as it is sure to be an enjoyable cultural evening for all. Tickets are on sale at the Allora Post Office, St Patrick’s School Office and St Mary’s School Warwick Office at the lower campus between 10am and 2pm.

For those not attending the Saturday evening cultural event, the Convent will be open on Sunday from 11am during Centenary Celebrations for families to view the creative talent for a gold coin donation

Raffle!!
Donated art pieces from local artists will be raffled over the course of the weekend. The art works have a collective value of over $600 and would take pride of place in anyone’s home. Please support our P&F and be on the lookout for these tickets on the weekend.
**Head Lice Alert**

Head lice have been detected in the school. It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice TODAY. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days. Parents will be contacted by the school if head lice are detected in students.

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**WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ST PATRICK’S……….**

**2016**

- Mar 12/13: St Patrick's School Centenary Celebrations
- Mar 17: St Patrick’s Feast Mass 9.30am
- Mar 18: Cross Country at Clifton
- Mar 24: Easter Hat Parade
  - End of Term 1
- Apr 11: Start of Term 2
- Apr 25: ANZAC Day
- May 2: Labor Day (Public Holiday)
- June 24: End of Term 2
- July 11: Start of Term 3
- Aug 19: Bishop's Inservice Day (School Closed)
- Sept 16: End of Term 3
- Oct 4: Start of Term 4
- Oct 17: Pupil Free Day
- Dec 2: End of Term 4