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Never see a need without doing something about it.”

Children’s Mission

Statement:
Just like Mary MacKillop we use Jesus as our touchstone to try our very best to learn and to care. That is why we show respect to all. We: Speak and act kindly, gently and politely; Keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves; and Follow directions straight away.

Adult’s Mission Statement:
Just like Mary MacKillop we use Jesus as our touchstone to provide a learning and caring community. We will strive to ensure that all children develop their gifts spiritually, socially, academically, physically and emotionally to nurture lifelong learning.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Community Collaboration – What a wonderful start to the year we have had in regard to our achievements in all areas of our school but especially in relation to student learning. We as a community, are affirmed on a daily basis with the gains we are seeing in the students. This is in no small part due to the high level of expectations, communication and collaboration that all stakeholders; teachers, officers, parents, community, students and our Catholic Education Office; have engaged in throughout the semester. The saying; ‘It takes a village to raise a child’; could not be truer in the context of education. I encourage parents to continue the same level of enthusiasm to their child’s education throughout the break and into the coming semester.

In the spirit of learning and collaboration, as part of the very productive goal setting in student learning through our professional learning community, next term will see the installation of learning needs meetings on a weekly basis. These meetings will involve classroom teachers, learning support teachers and myself in professional conversations around the needs of individual students in relation to their learning. This has already been occurring but the need to formalize this process for consistency of communication has been identified. We look forward to these very productive conversations and the effect that it will have on the learning for all of our students.

Report Cards – Report cards have been sent home with the children today. It is important to note that the learning taking place every day in your child’s life is a journey. Your child will be quite hard on themselves and it is important for us as parents not to further compound this with our comments. Conversations around improvement should be growth based and in this way encourage the effort that they have invested and the belief that they can improve. This building of self-belief that we can always improve will set them up positively for the learning to come in Semester 2 (click on the link or scan the code for more information on building a ‘growth mindset’). Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions about your child’s report and their efforts.

School Holidays – In the next two weeks we encourage parents to continue to read to and with their children, especially for enjoyment. We have seen great gains in their skill development this semester and need to keep this training going over the holidays.

God Bless,

Tyronne Maher—
Principal

“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.”

Albert Einstein

Important for this Week

- Term 3 starts on Monday 11th July
- Cunningham Assembly Week 1 of Term 3

St Patrick’s School - A Nut Aware School

We are aware that a child and/or children has/have a severe anaphylactic reaction to peanuts. Parents are requested to be diligent with items packed in lunch boxes.

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Assembly Roster
Term 2
Friday’s 8.45am
Week 11: Glengallan

Happy Birthday wishes for this week and over
the holidays to:

Emily Jones
Ziggy Gibson
Georgia Denny
Emilia Walker
Charlotte Close
Archie Brown

School News

Athletics Day – Last Friday’s athletics day was run and
won by team Rynne with a very close second place going
to Lynam. Thank you again to all of our parents both in
the support they offered in cheering on the students but
also in working alongside our teachers in the running of
the events. In total four records were broken over the
course of the day. Congratulations to Sophia Fine, Daniel
Morris, Georgia Denny and Emily Phelan for their record
breaking efforts. The old and new records are as follows;

Old records
5 years 50m sprint 11.90 – 2013 H. Mutch
11 years 100m
sprint 14.70 – 1994 J. Denny

New records - 2016
Sophia Fein – 11.10
Daniel Morris – 14.35

Georgia Denny – 13.53

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in being awarded
age champions in their respective age groups;

Boys Girls
5 Years Billy Keogh Sophia Fein
6 Years Riley Burton Ruby Wright
7 Years Daniel Fein Reagan Pendergast
8 Years Patrick Denny Sarah Morris
9 Years Atticus Sullivan Claudia Barton
10 Years Jack Wright Porscha Mathie
11 Years Reuben Sullivan Georgia Denny
12 Years Ambrose Barton Charlotte Close

A big thank you to Amy Walker who took some wonderful
photos of the children performing on athletics day!

Band Performance – Yesterday, students from C&K Kindy
and Headstart, teachers, carers and parents joined our
school community for a wonderful demonstration by the St
Joseph’s Junior Band and the St Joseph’s String Ensemble. A
total of 7 pieces were played for the audience who were
riveted to their seats for the entire performance. A big
thank you goes to Fiona and Joshua from C&K Kindy and
Headstart for facilitating their visits with their children.
Thank you also goes to the teachers and students of St
Joseph’s for taking the time to come and play for us. Many
of the St Joseph’s students were able recall for our students
their recorder playing experiences at primary school with
some of them even having played the ukulele, both
instruments currently played by the students at St Patrick’s
Allora.

Glengallan History Performance — Today the students
from Year 5/6 performed skits that formed part of the
history unit they covered this semester on early colonial
Australia. As part of the display they also presented the
dioramas that they created in their history lessons.
Attending parents and friends were thoroughly entertained.
Well done Mr Clarke and the students of Glengallan.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
AWARDS Term 2 Week 10
Talgai —
Syiah Peterkin for effort in
her writing.

Cunningham —
Archie Brown for an
outstanding effort in class
activities during Term 2.

Glengallan – S
Sophie Summerell for being
responsible at all times.

Mary MacKillop Award -
Trustworthy

Cunningham — Daniel Fein
Dalrymple – Alys Edge
Glengallan—Corey Deehan
School News (continued)

Work Experience Student - Thank you to Miss Brittany Lawler, our Year 10 work experience student from Assumption College, who has worked in our office and our classes this week. Both the teachers, officers and students have appreciated the extra set of hands in and out of class.

Homework Policy - The draft version of our revised school homework policy was emailed yesterday to those of our families who receive a newsletter by email. You are encouraged to look over this and direct any feedback to the office or members of the board before the next board meeting in Term 3. Your feedback is valued.

Allora Early Years Play Date - On Tuesday parents and children attended an ‘Early Years Play Date’. The parish function room, which backs onto the school grounds, was made available for parents and children to escape the cold. It was a great opportunity for both parents and children to socialise. Future ‘play dates’ will continue to run until a formal time and place for Allora’s Playgroup can be organised. The next play date will be on the 9th August at 9am. Come along for a morning of fun.

Uniforms – Recently we have seen an influx of different versions of the school’s uniform being worn. Please be aware that, as per our uniform policy, a blue ‘v’ neck fleecy jumper may be worn underneath the school sports jacket. Many members of the community often comment on the high level of presentation of our students but this must be maintained by everyone. We have jackets and tracksuit pants available at the office for purchase. Please refer to the parent handbook (http://www.allora.catholic.edu.au/uploads/7/6/8/4/76842231/parent_handbook2016.pdf) or make contact with the school if there are any questions.

Farewell Sian and Alys — This week the staff farewelled a very valued member of our staff; Sian Edge. Sian has been our school cleaner for the last 6 years and in that time has had both of her children, Jack and Alys, enrolled at our school. We wish them all the very best in all of their endeavours and look forward to hearing of their successes.

P & F Next Meeting Wednesday 13 July at 7pm in the Library.

St Patrick’s Centenary Merchandise for Sale

- Packs of 5 assorted cards $10
- School students’ art work
- Convent
- Church stained glass
- Centenary Etched Wine Glasses - $7 each
- St Patrick’s Stubby Coolers - $5 each
- St Patrick’s School Stickers - $2 each
- Centenary Pens - $3 each

Footy Doubles $2 a ticket

For the third game tickets are available at the Railway Hotel, Post Office and Butchery.

To win your ticket must have the first scorer number for each of the Home (Qld) team and the Away (NSW) team

PRIZE $100.00

Parish News

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St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Mini Vinnies  
Winter Appeal

Facts about Homelessness:

• Homeless people are like you and me, they too have feelings, dreams and aspirations.
• Homelessness can happen to anyone unexpectedly.
• Homelessness isn’t just being without a home. It also involves social isolation.

Donations of blankets, clothing and so on, are always most welcome, especially for the cooler months for those who are homeless. St. Patrick’s is wanting to make a difference this year and offer a helping hand to those who need our support. Please donate any spare blankets, or clothing that is now too small by the end of term and we will deliver them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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Aug 11    SD Athletics
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Sept 16   End of Term 3
Oct 4     Start of Term 4
Oct 17    Pupil Free Day
Dec 2     End of Term 4

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