St Patrick’s Allora School Newsletter
Celebrating 100 years of Education in 2016

May 12 - Term 2 Week 5

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Dear Parents and Carers,

**NAPLAN** – Congratulations goes to our students on their resilience and persistence they demonstrated in attending to the national testing they’ve participated in over the last three days. NAPLAN 2016 results will be provided to schools and parents from mid-August to mid-September. These results will guide us in the setting of future goals regarding our student’s learning.

**Taking Enrolments for 2017** – We are now taking enrolment applications for next year. To assist in planning and resourcing we are asking parents to make contact with the office if they have not done so already. If you know of someone that is considering St Patrick’s for their child/children, please ask them to contact the school office.

**Professional Learning Community Update** – Classroom observations are not a new initiative and our PLC have already engaged in conversations around these beginning soon in addition to the lesson walkthroughs already taking place. Research supports the notion that feedback directs learning and growth. Classroom observations will begin following some professional learning to build shared understanding of expectations and responsibilities.

**‘Old Red Racing Car’** - A big thank you goes to Mr Doug Partington for coming in his beautiful old Model T Ford and reading his book ‘Old Red Racing Car’ to the children. The children had a great time and were engaged in the reading of the book. One perceptive prep student even commented on the blue overalls that Mr Partington was wearing, commenting that they were the same overalls he is pictured wearing in the book. Thank you Mr Partington for your time and enthusiasm.

As most of you may know, Mr Partington is a regular volunteer at our school, coming in and reading with/to the children on a weekly basis. If you think you would like to assist in a similar way we encourage you to contact the school office.

**NEiTA teaching award** – For more than 22 years, the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) has given communities the opportunity to formally recognise and thank outstanding teachers. The following link will take you to the registration page on the ASG website. Seeing as though today is ‘Thank a Teacher Day’, what better day to recognise the work of our wonderful teachers.

**Volunteers Award** - As part of National Volunteer week (9-15 May) the Toowoomba Diocesan P & F Council, will be recognising one volunteer from each of the 32 Diocesan schools in the Toowoomba Diocese. Who receives the award for our school will be decided by our school P & F committee. Nom end of Term 2 24th June 2016. If you have someone in mind please email your suggestions to me or a member of our P&F committee.

God Bless

Tyronne Maher
Principal

“No matter what your shortcomings, you shall certainly succeed in the end” (1874, Mary MacKillop)
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Assembly Roster Term 2
Friday’s 8.45am
Week 5: Talgai
Week 6: Gala Sports Day
Week 7: Gala Sports Day
Week 8: Glengallan
Week 9: Year 6
Week 10: Dalrymple
Week 11: Year 6

School Masses – Term 1
Family and friends are invited to share with their children the following celebrations:

Tuesday 24th May –
Mary, Help of Christians
9.30am

Tuesday 21st June -
School Mass 9.30am

Happy Birthday.
Best wishes for
Happy Birthday to:
Seth Esson

School News

Gala Days
Most students have returned their permission notes regarding their participation in the first upcoming Gala Day at Allora State School next Friday. Training sessions are underway in league in and netball with Scott and Jim from the NRL development group working with the league teams and Kylie Brasch, Anita Wright and Jamie MacMillan working with the netball teams. Thank you to all of these people for giving of their time to benefit our children. Soccer training will start tomorrow lunch time with Mr Maher.

Athletics Training – Change of time for next week.
Athletics training started on Tuesday between 3 and 4pm. Thank you to those parents that got on a shovel to start preparing the long jump pit. New high jump stands and a bar, among other sports equipment have been purchased. Our athletics carnival will be held over two days on the 14th and 17th of June. Next week, due to the change of staff meeting day and time, athletics training will be on Monday afternoon starting at 3pm.

Life education van
‘Healthy Harold’ is rolling into town next week and setting up camp at Allora State School. For the uninitiated, ‘Harold’ is a giraffe mascot that is often used to support the lessons delivered by the Life Van teacher. The primary school program consists of learning modules focused on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber safety, safety and risks associated with medicines and legal drugs (e.g. tobacco, alcohol). The lessons are age specific, informative, interactive and engaging with the common thread of looking after our bodies.

Special Presentation
Tomorrow morning during assembly Mr John Cowley, our Parish President, will be making a special centenary presentation to the students of St Patrick’s. Come along and see what it is.

Punctuality
Please ensure that your child/children are here at school prior to the first bell ringing at 8:40am. Please be advised, in the event of a late arrival you are required to sign your child in at the front desk. Your diligence in this regard assists us in ensuring the safety of your child/children and provides maximum exposure to important learning.

Under 8’s Day
Under 8’s Day will be held on Friday May 27th. Permission notes and meal order forms (green) have gone home this week to all Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students. Please talk to your child if you are yet to see this note. A bus has been booked and after roll marking will depart at 8.55am from school and will return no later than 2.45pm. Students will be required to bring their hats, water bottles and snacks with them. In previous years, the weather has been quite cold on the day, so please ensure that students are dressed appropriately in their sports uniforms and jumpers. All clothing and lunchboxes are to be clearly labelled.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
AWARDS Term 2 Week 4
Talgai — Seth Donovan for practising and understanding his “Talk Time” presentation.
Cunningham — Axil Mathie for wonderful effort in writing.
Dalrymple — Daniel Fein for an awesome effort in his reading.
Glengallan — Thomas Brasch for great results in spelling and excellent efforts in homework.
Mary MacKillop Award - Reverent
Cunningham—William Peters
Dalrymple — Mia McArthur
Glengallan—Sophie Summerell

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P&F Update

Next Meeting Wednesday
8th June at 7pm in the Library.

Thank you to the families who have brought in boxes of chocolates for Trivia night prizes.

Trivia night notes have gone home to Year 6 students as well as all families about supper provisions. Please return these slips to the school office as soon as possible.

Minutes of the last meeting will be distributed by email on the Monday prior to the next P&F meeting. If you wish to be added to the email list, please contact the school office.

Regards Roy Nott
(President)
What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

Seeking Class Photographs

Thank you to those who have supplied photos or given us leads as to whom may have copies, we are still looking for the following:

1969……………….… Classes 4 & 5
1971…………………. Classes 5, 6 & 7
1976……………….. Classes 4 & 5
2000…………………. Classes 6 & 7
2002…………………. 4 to 7

If you have any of these at home could we please borrow them for scanning to complete the school’s historical records?

DATE CLAIMERS- 2016

May 18/19 Life Education van class visits
May 20 1st Gala Day
May 24 School Mass 9.30am
May 27 2nd Gala Day and Under 8’s Day
   **TRIVIA NIGHT 6.15pm**
June 5 Dalrymple Family Mass
June 14 1st Day- Athletics Carnival
June 17 2nd Day- Athletics Carnival
June 21 School Mass 9.30am
June 24 End of Term 2
July 11 Start of Term 3
July 24 Catholic Education Week
July 26 Catholic Education Week– Mass
Aug 19 Bishop’s In-service 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

To all who contribute to the education of our children
We appreciate your dedication!

‘Thank a Teacher Thursday’ - 22th May 2015

Today we take a moment to say thank you and recognise all the people who inspire us to learn – thank a teacher whether it be staff, teachers, parents, guardians or grand-parents!