Dear Parents/Carers,

Building Responsibility - As parents we sometimes become frustrated with our children’s levels of organisation. Lower levels of organisation impact our children’s ability to coordinate homework and other school projects leading them to become worried about the consequences of their actions (or lack there of). The writers from the website http://www.ahaparenting.com offer a number of suggestions for building a sense of responsibility including the writing of a schedule.

“It may seem like overkill, but in our busy 21st century lives, all children need to master this skill by high school, or they simply won’t get everything done. Begin on weekends during primary school, or earlier, if their schedule is busy.” Sitting with your child and organising a schedule that includes (for example) piano practice, the birthday party and all the steps of the science project – shop for materials, build the volcano, write and print out the description. Add some ‘downtime’ into the schedule as well. “Just take a piece of paper, list the hours of the day on the left, and ask your child what he/she needs to get done this weekend. “ Most importantly, organising their time in this way teaches them to manage their time and be responsible about how they use it.

While it is tempting (and at times easier) to do the communicating for your child, encouraging your child to speak directly with their teacher builds confidence and responsibility. Role playing with your child about how this would look is a great way to model how they should go about it. These practices place them at the forefront of directing their own learning and builds important communication techniques.

Gala Day – Last Friday saw the running of the first of two annual Gala Day events at Allora State School. Children played several games throughout the course of the day in netball, rugby league and soccer. While competition scoring runs over the two days in netball and soccer, a rugby league trophy is played for on each of the two days. On Friday, one of our two junior teams won the trophy and our senior team came runners up. The senior final was a close game with it won by one try in extra time. Thank you to our parents and teachers for all of their support and coaching expertise. We look forward to another day of friendly competition tomorrow.

School Mass – Mary Help of Christians—On Tuesday morning the students celebrated mass with Father Rod and other members of the parish community the feast day of Australia’s patroness; Mary Help of Christians. This devotion title for Mary was given to her in 345AD. With no priest or church in Australia until 1820, it was largely the praying of the Rosary that kept the faith alive in Australia. For this reason, it is said that Mary Help of Christians was a particular focus for early Australian Catholics in their prayers. The next school led family mass will be next Sunday (5th June) morning at 9am.

God Bless,

Tyronne Maher
Principal

‘Unity is strength, where there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved’

Mattie Stepanek
School News

Trivia Night
The old adage of ‘Many hands make light work’ could not be truer in the build up to tomorrow night’s annual ‘Rattle of the Brains’ trivia night. In some way, shape or form, all families from our community have contributed and will contribute to tomorrow night’s event. Funds raised by these wonderful community building events directly benefit your children. We look forward to seeing you there.

Darling Downs Cross Country
On Tuesday Georgia Denny and Porscha Mathie represented the Southern Downs at the Darling Downs Cross Country Carnival at Kearney Springs in Toowoomba. Georgia crossed the line in 25th position out of 42 and Porscha crossed in 38th position out of 46 runners. Two students from a school of our size competing at that level is a remarkable achievement. Well done girls!

Tennis Achievements
Reuben Sullivan and Billy Mutch travelled to Tara on the weekend to play in a junior development tennis tournament which is part of the Queensland Tennis Circuit. Billy was 3rd overall and Reuben was 6th overall in the under eleven division. The boys managed to win the under elevens trophy in the doubles division. Special mention was made of their sportsmanship and their ability to communicate effectively with one another on the court. A great effort!

Country Women’s Association (CWA) Success
On Monday the students were told of the numerous firsts, seconds and highly commended awards that were awarded to our school in the recent CWA colouring in and project competitions. While most of these entries were returned to the students, those students whose entries received first place honours have been sent onto the next level of competition. Congratulations to the following students who received first place awards; Syiah Peterkin (Prep), Alana Burton (Yr 1), Hally Mutch (Yr 3), Brett Shelton (Yr 3), Aliza Schelbach (Yr 4), Jed Esson (Yr 5) and Sophie Summerell (Yr 6). St Patrick’s students claimed 13 of the 2nd place and highly commended awards. Great work students!

Camp Drafting
Congratulations to Casey-Lee Shelton who travelled to Kyogle last weekend and competed in a camp drafting competition. Casey was successful in a number of different disciplines over the course of the weekend. Well done!

National Simultaneous Story Time
At 11 am yesterday our school joined 5000 other registered schools across Australia in the National Simultaneous Story Time. The story was read via a podcast and viewed by thousands of children nationally.

Reminder—Gala Day Tomorrow
Thank you again to our parent helpers this week that have given their time again to help our students prepare for tomorrow. They will need to have applied sunscreen, have a hat and water bottle and something to eat and/or money to purchase something from the canteen. Please discuss with your child what would be a sensible amount of money to take and sensible food to purchase for lunch.

Soccer players will need shin guards but football boots are not permitted. Spare shin guards are available at school. Rugby league players are able to wear football boots and are encouraged to wear a mouth guard and head gear if these are readily available. Games will begin at about 10am.

Under 8s Day - Jay Laga’aina Performance
In addition to the wonderful activities that will be on offer at the under 8s day tomorrow, there will also be a special stage performance by Jay Lag’aia from Play School. This year, Play School celebrates 50 years of production. Very exciting!

Early Years Community Play Date - Spread the word!
All young members of the community are invited to attend a play date on the 21st of June at our school. Parents of children aged 0-4 are invited to come along for a cup of tea or coffee in a relaxed environment where there children can interact and have fun. We look forward to seeing you there.
Parish News

**LITURGY TIMES**

1st SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 9AM
2nd, 3rd SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 5pm (for winter)
4th, 5th SUNDAY OF MONTH – LITURGY OF THE WORD – 9 AM

Dalrymple Class Year 3 & 4 will be hosting the next Family Mass on Sunday 5 June 2016 at 9am.

**Calling for Nominations:**
Positions on the Parish Pastoral Council Committee are now open.
The parish is looking for people that believe they can make a contribution to our parish.
Community members are encouraged to nominate themselves or the name of someone they believe worthy of nomination.
Please contact John Cowley or Father Rod.

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P&F Update

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

Trivia night preparations are reaching a crescendo. Concerns have been raised around the scaffolding and work being done on the community hall roof. Council have assured me that work will be completed in time for Trivia Night. Set up is on Thursday afternoon the 26th from 2pm onwards at the hall. Access to the hall will be via the front door. Please remember to bring in your box of chocolates. Thank you to the 22 families who have already brought in boxes of chocolates for Trivia night prizes.

Roy Nott (President)

**Footy Doubles**

$2 a ticket

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**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
Between Two Rocks - Wine
- $15 per bottle Verdello or Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon

Available now at the school office for the first game to be played on Wednesday 1st of June in Sydney

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

**PRIZE $100.00**

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**TUCKSHOP NEXT WEEK**

Orders into the BLUE BIN by Tuesday 31st May

Tuck Shop on FRIDAY 3rd June

Sweet Treat
Apple Muffin—$1.00
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 27 2nd Gala Day and Under 8’s Day
**TRIVIA NIGHT 6.15pm**
June 5 Dalrymple Family Mass 9am
June 8 P&F Meeting 7pm in library
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

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.