Dear Parents/Careers,

Classroom Support Meetings – A more formal approach to discussing the learning, social and emotional needs of all of our students began this semester. These meetings focus on a specific class of students each week with classroom and learning support staff. We have already yielded significant professional conversations amongst our own professional staff and with the advisory staff we have at our disposal from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office. The specialised knowledge that is brought to these important conversations are culminating in direct actions for student learning in our classrooms.

We look forward to continuing this very important practice where we focus on ways to best support the individual learning needs of each of our students.

School Attendance: School absenteeism impacts significantly on student learning and wellbeing. Queensland research shows that high rates of student attendance attributes to, on average, higher student achievement. Additionally, this research also indicates that attending school every day helps children to build important social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Queensland law dictates that you must make sure your child is enrolled and attending school on all school days unless there is a valid reason. In accordance with this law, along with all schools, St Patrick’s must monitor the attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers on any unexplained absences.

If your child does not want to go to school, contact the school immediately for assistance and support.

The above information has been sourced from http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/parents_community/index.html

Family Mass: Thank you to all of our families that were able to give some of their time to join in the family mass last Sunday. Forty of our children were able to attend with their families. The old adage of ‘the more the merrier’ could not be more true in the celebration of mass. I have received feedback from our community members on the wonderful sense of family and community present at church. Thank you again for coming along and supporting your school, church and parish in what was a wonderful sharing of faith and community.

Catholic Education Week P&F Award- Each year the Diocesan P&F Association encourages school P&F committees to nominate a person in their schools for a ‘Volunteer’s Award’. This was a difficult task considering the level of support we receive from all of our parents and community members on a daily basis. After inviting and then subsequently receiving nominations from our parents, it was voted by the committee at a recent meeting, that Mr Paul Morris be the recipient our award for 2016. Paul’s considerable contributions to the school as a parent for many years and now as a friend to our school, like many of our community, cannot be understated. Paul was presented with his award on Sunday following mass in the presence of his family, school and parish members. Our community congratulates Paul and we thank him for his continued support of our wonderful school.

Tyronne Maher
Principal

Reminder: Check your email account and complete your RADII survey to help us improve what we do at St Patrick’s. Surveys close 14th August

God Bless

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” Mahatma Gandhi

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mahatmagan133995.html?src=t_learning

Some of our students displaying their ribbons last week at the Central Downs Athletics Carnival

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.

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.

Important for this Week

Feast of Mary MacKillop Mass 9.30am Tuesday 16th August

To be returned:
• Uniform Survey
• Year5/6 Camp Permission Form
• CD Sport Money

Our School Student Protection Contacts: Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher

http://www.allora.catholic.edu.au
Assembly Roster
Term 3 Friday’s 8.45am
Week 5: Talgai
Week 6: NO assembly
Week 7: Leaders
Week 8: Dalrymple
Week 9: Leaders
Week 10: Glengallan

School Masses Term 3
Family and friends are invited to share with their children the following celebrations:

Tuesday 16th August - Mary MacKillop Mass
9.30am

Happy Birthday wishes for this week to: Dakoda Cunning

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and return. The feedback retrieved from this survey will guide the school’s executive board in its review of the uniform policy on the 17th August. All surveys need to be back at school by tomorrow the 12th of August.

Central Downs Athletics Success – Last Friday saw the completion of the second of the two day Central Downs Athletics Carnival. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who were able to come along and assist with various aspects of the day in addition to supporting all of the children. Our children, no matter what the task in life, are certainly energized in their efforts when we cheer them on. Congratulations to Josh Hagenbach, Georgia Denny and Porscha Mathie who were Aged Champions on the day, as well as the 21 students that were chosen to represent the Central Downs Team at the Southern Downs Athletics Carnival at Allora State School today. Due to wet weather events were cancelled and will be rescheduled for Thursday 18th August.

Early Years Playdate – Tuesday’s ‘Early Years play date’ was well attended. We are looking to have another one of these in week 10 on the 13th of September when the weather is warmer with the view of moving the fun out of the parish meeting room and into the playground. All parents and carers of children five and under are welcome to attend. The play date kicks off at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Book Week—We will be celebrating Book Week from Monday the 22nd to Friday the 26th August. Readers Cup competitions will be held in each class on Monday 22nd August.

On Wednesday 24th August at 8:40am we will hold our Book Week dress-up parade. Students will come dressed as their favourite book character and are encouraged to bring a copy of the book to school. Prizes will be given for the most creative costumes in each class.

We will also be hosting a Book Fair which will run from Monday 22nd August until Wednesday 24th August. I will be opening up the fair at 8:00am each morning and on Tuesday I will keep it open until 3:30pm for those of you who may like to come in after school. If before or after school times don’t suit, you may come in during school hours.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fair. Remember, a percentage of every dollar you spend is then donated to the library from Carnival Book Fair.

Julie-Anne Flynn

St Patrick’s Sports Shirts

A new order has been received.

Shirts are now available in all sizes from size 4 to size 16
$30.00 each

Congratulations to Cody and his calf ‘Costa’ on their recent success at the ‘Ekka’.
Next Meeting- Wednesday 14th September from 7pm in the Library.
Thank you to the 11 attendees of last night’s meeting. The School uniform survey was discussed and survey results will be analysed at the next Board meeting. Preparations for this year’s fete are underway as well as a school community social night. Further information with regard to your involvement with the fete and social night will be outlined in future newsletters.

Roy Nott

TUCKSHOP SCHEDULE Term 3
Friday 2nd September
(Anita Wright making Sweet Treat)
Friday 16th September Sweet Treat baker required, please contact Kirsty Gibson or the school office.

St Patrick’s Church Cleaning
Please lend a hand…
St Patrick’s families are rostered on for church cleaning this month. The aim is to have this done in time for the upcoming First Communion Celebrations. If you are available on the afternoon of Thursday, 18th August then please feel free to lend a hand for just 1 hour after school. There is some cleaning gear at the church but if you have anything that will make the job easier then feel free to bring it along. It is already a well-maintained space but the main duties include:
♦ Dusting/wiping all pews
♦ Cobwebbing windows
♦ Sweeping of porch entrances
♦ Vacuuming floors
♦ Tidying the cry room
♦ Cleaning outside toilets
If you are unable to make it on that date, there is a key held at the school and you can just leave a note with Elizabeth to outline what has been completed. It is everyone’s responsibility to maintain the magnificent standard of this sacred space. For any more information please contact Sue Higgins 0448663835 or Allison Denny 0419195004.
What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

**DATE CLAIMERS - 2016**

**Aug 16**  Mary MacKillop Mass 9.30am  
**Aug 18**  Church Cleaning 3pm  
**Aug 19**  Bishop’s In-service Day  
(School Closed)  
**Aug 22 to Aug 24**  Book Week  
**Aug 29**  Prep 2017 interviews begin  
**Sept 2**  Confirmation—6:00pm Clifton  
St James and St John’s Church.  
**Sept 4**  First Holy Communion  
**Sept 13**  Next Early Years Play Date  
**Sept 14**  P&F Meeting 7pm  
**Sept 16**  End of Term 3  
**Oct 4**  Start of Term 4  
**Oct 17**  Pupil Free Day  
**Oct 21**  FETE  
**Dec 2**  End of Term 4

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**Spring Fair**  
10th Sept  
**Spring Fair**  
On the School Oval

**Market Stalls @ 3pm**  
**Bike Give-Away**  
**Disco Starting @ 6pm**  
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**Bar Open from 8pm**  
**Live Music from Bash**  
**Multi-Draw Raffle**  
**Olympian Matt**  
**Diney Meet ‘n’ Greet**  
For All Enquiries please call Megan on 0407 600 104

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**Bonza Bike Giveaway**  
@ the Allora S.S P & C  
Spring Fair  
10th September

**Drawn On The Day!**

One lucky school-aged girl or boy will win a bike  
of his/her choice* from Redback Cycles Warwick!  

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* Terms and conditions apply

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