Dear Parents/Carers,

**Holy Week**- Last Sunday marked the beginning of our last week here for the term but being that it was also Palm Sunday, it marked the beginning of the most important week in our church calendar - Holy Week. Today is Holy Thursday which marks the day that Jesus sat at supper with his friends for the last time before his death. Today the students moved through some different activities designed to prompt reflection on these last few days of Jesus’ earthly ministry.

Easter eggs are something all of us enjoy on Easter Sunday. The students were reminded that the egg is a symbol of new life. The same renewal experienced by Jesus’ friends some 2000 years ago in his resurrection is remembered and celebrated by many of us around the world on this Easter Sunday. We wish you all a very happy Easter and safe holiday.

**Board Information Session**- Thank you to our Senior Education Officer from the Catholic Education Office of Toowoomba, Mr Paul Murphy, and all of those who were able to make our board information session last night here at school. It was announced that nominations are currently open for positions on the board. Interested members of the community wanting to contribute to the betterment of the school are encouraged to submit their applications in writing to the office or directly to our board chair, Anita Wright. If you need any more information regarding these positions or the application process, please contact the school or Anita directly.

‘Mathletics’ - *Up and Running* – As of this week, students now have access to the online ‘Mathletics’ resource using their own personal login details. Mathletics is a multi-award winning learning resource that encourages students and rewards results. It has been very popular with many students, parents and teachers in our diocese. It is aligned with the Australian Curriculum and is sure to be another great way of supporting the learning of our students and tracking their progress. Teachers will be able to set tasks that address the specific needs of our students.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**- Parent teacher interview preference sheets went home yesterday. As soon of the majority of these have been collected, interview times will be allocated and parents/carers will be notified. As mentioned in the form that went home yesterday, it is very important, where applicable and possible, to have both parents/carers at the meeting. The partnerships we establish need to be visible to your children.

I would like to thank the staff, students, parents, carers and friends of our school for their efforts this term. It has certainly been a busy one and I look forward to working with you all again in Term 2, starting on Monday 11th of April.

God Bless,

Tyronne Maher
Principal

*’A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.’*

Pope Francis
**Happy Birthday.**

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday to:

Harry Wright
Chad Doepel
Ruby Wright
Corey Deehan
Trinity Van Bennekom
Bridey Breen
Seth Donovan
Porscha Mathie

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**AWARDS Term 1 Week 8**

Talgai – Billy Keogh for enthusiastic participation in activities.

Cunningham – Whole class for an outstanding term of work, well done!

Dalrymple – Paddy Denny for constant hard work in mathematics.

Glengallan – Corey Deehan for a great work ethic.

Mary MacKillop Award - Reverent.

Talgai – Seth Donovan

Dalrymple – Atticus Sullivan

Glengallan – Trinity Van Bennekom

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**School News**

**Cross Country**

A wonderful day of competition was enjoyed last Friday by the students, families and teachers of St Patrick’s Allora and St Francis de Sales Clifton. Georgia Denny and Porscha Mathie were awarded the overall champion medallions for the 11 year and 10 year old girls respectively. Well done girls. All of our students showed resilience, grit and determination in completing their events. Well done to all of the students.

On Monday the students were awarded their medallions for each of their age groups and the house winner was announced – congratulations to all of the runners from team Rynne! The winners of our medallions were; Joshua Hagenbach, Reuben Sullivan, Georgia Denny, Corey Deehan, Porscha Mathie, Jason Deehan, Aliza Schelback, Axil Mathie, McKinley Keogh, Daniel Fein, Reagan Pendergast, Hugh Denny, Ruby Wright, Billy Keogh and Sophia Fein.

Congratulations! Thank you to Vanessa Mason for once again donating these medallions. The 10, 11 and 12 year old students that placed on the day have been nominated to compete at the upcoming Central Downs Cross Country event on the 15th of April. Keep training and good luck!

**Ecumenical Service**

Yesterday we attended the annual Easter ecumenical service at the Allora Uniting Church with students and teachers from Allora State School. We thank the parishioners of all churches in Allora for organising and running this lovely community service.

**School Winter Uniform**

Wearing of the school winter uniform will commence on Wednesday the 4th of May. This change in uniform effects the day uniform only. Students should be wearing their sports uniform on Tuesday.

**Easter Hat Parade**

Thank you to all of the students and parents who put some long hours into the marvellous creations modelled today in our Easter Hat Parade. Congratulations to the winners of our prizes. Thank you Miss Preston for your organisation of today’s Easter celebrations.

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**Project Compassion Boxes** — Thank you for your generosity!

Project Compassion donation boxes were sent home at the start of Lent. Please have all of these returned to the office by the end of Week 1 Term 2.
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

St Patrick’s Centenary
Merchandise for Sale

Packs of 5 assorted cards -
$10
- School student’s 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

Found

A pair of brown prescription
glasses left in the Parish
Meeting room in the convent
during the centenary weekend.

NRL Visits

Jim Stevens from the National Rugby League
development group will be out to work with
all of our students in short sessions during
the first three Fridays of Term 2. Jim’s staff
run a fantastic program and we look forward
to having them here again.

Dental Van Forms

Last week registration forms for your child
to visit the dental van were sent home.
Please return these to school as soon as
possible if you would like your child to be
allocated an appointment.

P&F Update and Parish News

The Trivia Night preparations are well
underway. The Hall has been booked
and the sponsorship letters have been
sent out this week. Thank you to all the
offers of help that I have received for
the night. We are yet to secure a MC for
the night. If you are interested in this
job or if you know of someone who
might be interested then please let me
know and I will contact them.

Thanks Alana Deehan

Missing after P&F BBQ

A new Tupperware Cake/Slice blue container with cream lid
Contact Anita Wright – 0488 663 836

Guinea Pigs FOR SALE
Contact Suzanne Mathie - 0455 277 993
DATE CLAIMERS - 2016

Apr 11  Start of Term 2
Apr 15  Central Downs Cross Country
Apr 25  ANZAC Day—Students marching (Public Holiday)
Apr 27  School Photos
May 2   Labor Day (Public Holiday)
May 4   School Winter Uniform
May 10  Naplan Testing (10th, 11th, 12th)
May 20  1st Gala Day
May 27  2nd Gala Day and Under 8's Day
        TRIVIA NIGHT
June 24  End of Term 2
July 11  Start of Term 3
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

What’s Happening at St Patrick’ Allora?

Seeking Class Photographs

For the Centenary Celebrations Display in the school, there were around ninety per cent of class photos, the following were missing:

1969....................... Classes 4 & 5
1971....................... Classes 5, 6 & 7
1976....................... Classes 4 & 5
1984....................... Classes 3 & 4
1993....................... Classes 4 & 5
1995....................... Classes 4 & 5
2000....................... Classes 6 & 7
2001....................... Classes 1 & 2
2002....................... 2 to 7
2003....................... 1 & 2, 3 to 7
2006....................... Glengallan

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

COME TO  Warwick Credit Union Oval
Home of the Redbacks AFL Club
Jackie Howe Drive

Come along and enjoy yourself
SATURDAY 2nd APRIL
OPEN DAY
A day of fun and laughter

FROM
11AM - 4PM

And later at 7pm
TRIVIA NIGHT

TEAM OF 8
$10 PER HEAD
Cash prizes  Multi drawer raffles
Nibbles  Lucky door prize  Bar
For information contact Lisa Elliott 0438 333 569

Net Set Go
PRE-NETBALL SKILLS

WHAT: A play-based motor skills program for 5 - 7 year olds. Program will run for 10 weeks.

WHEN: Each Saturday morning from 9:30am - 10:30am
Program commences 1st May, 2016

WHERE: Toowoomba Netball Association
Nell E. Robinson Park

COST: $70 per player goes straight to Netball Qld - each player gets a ball and shirt + $20 TNAA fees
Registrations can be done online from 3rd May

ENQUIRIES: tnbanetball@bigpond.com