Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. Late last term during the issuing of reports and again this week teachers have been talking to students about the ‘effort mark’ indicators on their reports and what they need to do to lift these. Continuing this conversation on a regular basis with your child about their effort and how their effort will be rewarded is more aligned with the development of a productive ‘growth mindset’ as opposed to a conversation fixed on the end result. Encouraging your children to have confident conversations (and modelling how this strategy might look and sound) with their teachers about how they increase their effort goes a long way toward beginning to develop the responsible learners that we want our children to be. As teachers we are looking more closely throughout the term at the importance of feedback in regard to student learning and achievement.

Learning Focus – This term we are looking specifically at the strategies that can be used to develop thorough knowledge and automaticity in number facts recall in division, multiplication, addition and subtraction. While many of these strategies will be employed in the classroom, additional practice during home time will also engrain these very important fundamental concepts. The following website; http://www.acara.edu.au/_resources/Mathematics_-_Sequence_of_content.pdf (specifically the first, second and third row in the table on page 2); explains what your child should now and be able to do by the end of their year level in relation to number facts.

‘You Can do It’ Education – The ‘You Can Do It’ program at St Patrick’s Allora kicks off tomorrow morning with a performance by the hip hop act ; ‘The Playground Craze’. This performance, open to all members of our community, will focus on one of the ‘keys’ of this very successful and nationally acclaimed social emotional program, confidence. The ‘You Can Do It’ program focuses on the skill development of ‘Organisation’, ‘Confidence’, ‘Persistence’ and ‘Getting Along’ with the end goal being ‘Resilience’. This program will form an important element of the Australian curriculum we deliver in the area of health and physical education. The show will be directly after assembly at 9:15am and concludes at 10:15am. Go to www.theplaygroundcraze.com for some more information on what should be a very entertaining and informative performance.

Support Room – Starting next week, in addition to our playground duty roster, will be a supervised room that will be referred to as the ‘Support Room’. Students that are required to finish incomplete work will be recorded in the ‘Support book’ and referred to the correct classroom for that recess time. The purpose of this supervised room is to encourage the development of student responsibility for their learning. Multiple entries in the support book will equate to a meeting with the child and their parent/guardian. We believe this process will be yet another way of keeping parents/carers abreast of their child’s learning. If you have any questions either now or in the future please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Central Downs Athletics Nominations – Nomination forms were sent home on Tuesday outlining to those children that gained selection the format of the carnival on the 1st and 5th of August at Allora State School and a training timetable in the lead up. Training sessions in all events have begun and those children that gained selection the format of the carnival on the 1st and 5th of August at Allora State School and a training timetable in the lead up. Training sessions in all events have begun and occur both before school and during lunch times. Please return the ‘tear off’ permission slips to the office as soon as possible.

God Bless,

Tyronne Maher—Principal

You don’t learn to walk by following rules. You learn by doing, and by falling over.

Richard Branson


Getting creative as part of our NAIDOC activities on the last day of Term 2.
Assembly Roster
Term 3 Friday’s 8.45am
- Week 1: Cunningham
- Week 2: Leaders
- Week 3: School
- Week 4: NO assembly
- 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 26th July – Catholic Education Week
  9.30am
- Tuesday 9th August – Mary MacKillop Mass
  9.30am

Happy Birthday wishes for this week to: Jed Esson

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
AWARDS Term 2 Week 11
Talgai — Maggie Philp for effort in writing.
Cunningham — all students for an outstanding effort in their studies in Term 2.
Dalrymple — Jason Deehan for striving hard at all times and Ella Hagenbach for continuously displaying an excellent attitude.
Glengallan — all students for an excellent effort in learning their parts for the class play.

Mary MacKillop Award — Inclusive
Talgai — Eddison Barton and Billy Keogh
Dalrymple — Sarah Brown
Glengallan — Porscha Mathie

School News

NAIDOC Activities – End Term 2

The students had a wonderful time on the last day of school while participating in activities that celebrated and acknowledged the vast contributions of our Indigenous Australians. The year 6 leaders did a wonderful job of leading each of the groups. Thank you to Miss Preston for facilitating these wonderful activities.

Early Years Expo — Organisation for our first annual ‘Early Years Expo’ on the morning of the 25th July is well underway. Under 5’s from the Allora community are coming along including those from the C&K Kindy and Headstart. The local coffee van will be operating on the morning and all parents are welcome and encouraged to attend with their children. The morning is about opening our doors and promoting the fine work of our early years educators from our local area. There will be story time, painting, games and much more. We hope to see you there!

Student Support Meetings

Student support meetings amongst staff began this week with teachers and learning support staff and will continue throughout the term. Next Monday we have various advisory specialists from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office visiting our school for a collaborative meeting around the needs of all of our students. Tuesday sees a visit for our school from Autism Queensland who will be observing various students and conducting meetings with relevant teachers and parents. We look forward to the productive conversations that come from these various collaborations.

Radii Surveys — Have Your Say — Again in 2016 the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office has engaged the Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII) to conduct our School Improvement Surveys. These surveys provide our school with an opportunity to gain valuable data from parents, staff and students. The Surveys will be conducted during Catholic Education Week (CEW) in Week 3 of this term and it is an expectation that all students from years five and six undertake the electronic survey here at school. The survey that students will complete is separate and different to the one that parents and teachers receive. Parents with email addresses will receive the email directly to their email as recorded on our school database. Our school will use the data to steer future improvement planning at St Patrick’s. I encourage as many people as possible to complete the short survey and have their feedback recorded. The survey, like most, is anonymous and used only for the purposes of school improvement at a local and diocesan level.

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.
Holiday Football—Well done to our boys that represented the Central Downs under 35kg and under 43kg teams in their respective divisions at Millmerran (Under 35kg) Lightning Ridge (Under 43kg) over the holiday period. The Under 35kg division finished 3rd overall while the Under 43kg division finished 5th overall. A great effort!

P&F Next Meeting Wednesday 20th July at 7pm in the Library.

TUCKSHOP NEXT WEEK
Orders into the BLUE BIN by Tuesday 19th July
Tuck Shop on FRIDAY 22nd July
Sweet Treat—Vanilla Cupcake—$1.00

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 Winners
Round Two
Andrea Lewis
Round Three
Chris Wright

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

School Family Mass on Sunday 7th August at 9.00am

2016 Fete Meeting
Monday 18 July 7pm in Function Room, MacKillop House. As this is the first planning meeting for the Fete to be held Friday 21 October 2016, new faces and ideas are most welcome.

Sacramental Preparation 2016
The St Patrick’s Parish Sacramental Program commenced this week. Weekly sharing and discussion sessions for parents and children will be held each Tuesday afternoon from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the school multipurpose room.

Please keep the participating students in your prayers as they embark on this important journey with their families.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 2 September.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Regards Ros Hibberd
0409 277 510
What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

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.

DATE CLAIMERS- 2016

July 24  Catholic Education Week
Radii Surveys - School Improvement

July 25 Early Years Expo 9 to 11.30am including a performance by our Choir and Ukulele group.

July 26 Cath Ed Week- Mass 9.30am—followed by Morning Tea

Aug 1  CD Athletics—half day
Aug 5  CD Athletics
Aug 7  School Family Mass—9am
Aug 9  Mary MacKillop Mass 9.30am
Aug 11 SD Athletics

Aug 19 Bishop’s In-service Day
(School Closed)

Sept 2 Confirmation—6:30pm Clifton—St James and St John’s Church.

Sept 4 First Holy Communion
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

Early Years Expo

Open to all under 5’s and their parents in the community!
Come along for a morning of fun, games and laughter!
• Painting, games, story time and more

Come Join in the fun on the 25th July—
all under 5’s and
Parents and carers welcome!!
9—11:30am
St Patrick’s School Allora