September 15 - Term 3 Week 10

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Dancing** - Ashlee Henry, Mia McArthur and Trinity Van Bennekom competed in their first dance competition last Saturday. Whilst they were a little nervous performing in front of the judges, the girls had a wonderful time dancing and watching the other routines. Congratulations on a great effort girls!

**Tennis** - Billy Mutch qualified for the 2016 Junior Development Series South Regional Tennis Team. He will be competing in the State Finals in Rockhampton mid-October. We congratulate him on his success to date and wish him well in the state finals.

**Darling Downs Cricket** - Joshua Hagenbach competed in the Darling Downs Cricket Trials on Monday.Whilst he was unsuccessful in being chosen for the team, he had a great couple of days playing cricket. We congratulate him on his wonderful efforts.

**Allora State School Musical** - Glengallan students enjoyed a matinee performance of Allora State School’s musical, “Creepytown” on Monday. Although a couple of students were known to jump in shock and surprise on a couple of occasions, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

**Fire Truck Visit** - On Monday Talgai and Cunningham received a visit from our local fireman. Below is a recount of their visit from the students of Cunningham.

Today Fireman Geoff and Fireman Pete came to speak to us. First they talked about good and bad fires.

Next Talgai and Cunningham had a tour around the big red firetruck. Fireman Geoff showed us the equipment. He turned on the flashing red, blue and orange lights and loud noisy siren. We had to cover our ears! The firetruck even had a ‘shoo roo’ to scare kangaroos off the road.

Then we had a turn at spraying the big long powerful fire hose.

The visit was very interesting. We all enjoyed our turn at spraying the hose.

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**Important for this Week**

**School finishes**
2.55pm Friday 16th Sept
and resumes 8.40am on
Tuesday 4th October

**UNIFORMS** – Summer uniform will come back into effect on the first day of Term 4. Please consult the uniform guidelines located online in the ‘Parent Hand Book’ to ensure adherence to school policy.

**Our School Student Protection Contacts:**
**Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher**

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**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.
### School News

**Assembly Roster**  
**Term 3 Friday’s 8.45am**  
**Week 10: Leaders**

**Family Mass Term 4**  
**9am**  
**Sunday 6th November**

#### Happy Birthday for this week and over the holidays to:
- Josiah Fein
- Eddison Barton
- Jason Deehan

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS Term 3 Week 9**

- **Talgai** — Seth Donovan for coming to school with confidence.
- **Cunningham** — Ivy Coker for her wonderful ideas in writing.
- **Dalrymple** — Georgia Pendergast for showing resilience by bouncing back, although concrete doesn’t.
- **Mary MacKillop Award - Reverent**
- **Dalrymple** — Harry Wright

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**Diocesan Mass** - On Wednesday, Glengallan students travelled to Toowoomba with staff and students from St. Francis de Sales, Clifton to attend the Diocesan Mass. Bishop Robert presided over the Mass at St. Ursula’s College Salo Centre.

**Homestead Visit** - Students in Dalrymple and Glengallan visited the residents of the Homestead today. They entertained the residents with their talent show performances and a chat before returning to school. A good time was had by all. Thank you to Mrs Dowdle and Miss Donnelly for their organisation and supervision of this visit.

**Fete** - Attached to the newsletter is a BBQ and Soft Drink Roster for this year’s fete. If you are able to lend your support for a short time, or a long time, please return the form to school as soon as possible. Remember, many hands make light work!

**Parent Teacher Interviews** - Interviews occurred throughout the week. If you were wanting an interview, or your child’s teacher had requested an interview and you are yet to make an appointment, please contact the school as soon as possible.

**Bus Travel** - Attached is a copy of a letter sent to all families whose children travel on the Berat Bus from Allora State School. We are informing all St. Patricks families of the installation of a CCTV System over the September holidays, as every child who travels by any bus home, catches the Beret Bus of an afternoon to travel to Allora State School. This is also the bus that we use regularly for excursions. It would be appreciated if you could remind your children about appropriate bus behaviour during the holidays, as they will be recorded on CCTV each time they are on the bus next term.

**Holiday Safety** - With the holidays only one sleep away, it is perhaps a timely reminder that you review your family Stranger Danger, Cyber Safety and Emergency Contacts rules, with your children at the commencement of the holidays.

**Summer Uniforms** - Summer uniforms will again be worn from Tuesday October 4th. Please use the holidays to check on uniform and shoe sizes, as many students have commenced their ‘September’ growth spurts!

**Year 5/6 School Camp** - The school camp will occur from the 5th of October until the 7th of October at Tallebudgera. A list of items to take away, was resent home today. If you are yet to see this camp list please contact the office tomorrow so that you can check the list and start packing during the holiday break. (Remember swimmers and underwear are the most essential items!) Final Camp Payments are due by tomorrow, September 16th.

**Thank you** - I would like to thank all teachers, school officers, volunteers and parents for their efforts throughout the term. The generous support offered to our students, ensures that they have every opportunity to be the best learner that they can be.

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**Recipe for A Successful Term**

1 Teacher  
10—27 Cups of Students  
1 Dash of parent volunteers  
1 Splash of kindness  
A Sprinkle of love  
An Abundance of Learning  
50 Packed lunches  
9 Weeks of Homework  
Numerous trips to sporting events  
Optional: Ice-Packs and Band-Aids

I hope everyone has a safe and restful break.  
Karine Preston  
APRE
The Parish Fete was the focus of last night’s brief P & F meeting.

Mr. Paul Morris is co-ordinating the fete BBQ and is looking for volunteers to assist with preparation, cooking, serving and cleaning up. Please complete and return to school the volunteers sheet if you are able to help on the night.

Art Union Raffle Tickets were sent home last week. Additional books may be obtained from the school office. All books need to be returned to school once completed.

There will be a Working Bee on Wednesday October 19th from 5pm to start setting up marques etc. Followed by another Working Bee Thursday afternoon to complete any last minute details. Finally there will be a Clean Up Working Bee early Saturday morning to tidy up. Please offer your assistance where possible.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 12th October from 7pm in the Library.

This Saturday is an information/sign on session at Slade Park Clubhouse. We will be there from 10:00am until 1:00pm, please feel free to come along if you need to know anything. Season commences on 8 October and finishes middle of Term 1. Please feel free to invite any new families along.

Warwick Junior Cricket Season commences Saturday 8th October.

We will be having information days coming up soon at Rose City Shopping World and at Slade Park Cricket Grounds. Dates to be confirmed. Sign on can also be accessed by visiting www.playcricket.com.au Click on “Where Can I Play” box, type in Warwick and follow the prompts.

Boys and girls are welcome to play with age groups for U10’s, U12’s and U15’s. For more information please contact Andrew Bryson after hours on 46673749.

Plants wanted for St Patrick’s Fete Oct 21st....

If you’re in the garden over the holidays please collect and pot some cuttings/plants for our stall.....Deliver the plants to school, or Mandy Mutch is happy to collect them.

Ph:0428365676 All donations appreciated!
DATE CLAIMERS - 2016

Sept 16  End of Term 3
Oct 4   Start of Term 4
Oct 5   Year 5/6 Leave for Camp
Oct 6   Prep 2017 Orientation  
        8.30am to 11.15am
Oct 7   Year 5/6 Return from Camp
Oct 11  Playgroup Play Date
Oct 17  Pupil Free Day
Oct 20  Prep 2017 Orientation  
        8.30am to 11.15am
Oct 21  FETE
Nov 6   Family Mass 9am
Dec 2   End of Term 4
Fete

Friday 21st October

5pm to 10pm

Warwick & Arnold Sts

St Patrick’s Parish
Allora

School Performance
6pm
Music—Live
7.15pm Anything Goes Race
‘gather your team of 4’
Fashion Parade Raffles

Home Made Cakes & Sweets
Bottle Stall
Bar and BBQ
Savoury Mince selections
Tea & Tarts
Art Union (Beast, Pork, Lamb, Turkey)

Animal Nursery
Face Painting
Jumping Castle
Glow Products
Fire truck rides
Plants for sale

Thank you once again to our wonderful local & district community for your generous Sponsorship and the Donations that we receive.

Backup Date : Sunday 23 Oct, 4pm
Fete BBQ & Soft Drinks Roster

St Patrick’s Fete Friday 21st October 2016

If there are any school or parish families who are not already working on another stall, can you please take some time (even just 1 hour) to support your school and parish community? Your assistance is gratefully appreciated, as a Fete can only happen if we work together with volunteers.

- On the afternoon of (21st Oct) Friday **(2.00PM)** we also need help to cutup the salads, if you could offer just 1 hour please place your name in this section: Name______________________  Phone No. __________________

THE BIGGEST JOB OF THE NIGHT IS THEN THE BBQ CLEANUP - HELP WOULD BE WELCOME AFTER COMPELETION OF FOOD SERVICE. THANK YOU.

- Or please call Paul Morris on 4697 3276 or 0407 973276. Thank you from the St Patrick’s Parish Fete Committee.

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5th September, 2016

To: Parents/Carers,

RE: Installation of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) System in the Berat Bus - P67

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we will be installing a CCTV system in the Berat bus sometime in the next couple of weeks. It will be operational for the beginning of next term. Over the past several months, we have been receiving many complaints about the increasing misbehavior of the students travelling on the Berat bus. Unfortunately, this has been an ongoing problem for some time and recently we found a bus seat vandalized which resulted in completely replacing the whole seat cover.

As the bus is now at full capacity, it is very hard for the driver to see everything that happens on the bus, and for a while now, our driver has informed us that the students are ‘ignoring his instructions’. Distractions on the bus are a danger to the driver’s concentration therefore the decision has been made to install the cameras. This way we can monitor the behavior without actually being on the bus. We have been considering this cause of action for some time now. There will be NO recordings kept on file unless there is a breach. The system records over itself every two weeks. There will be no settling in period, so once the system is installed and operational, it will start immediately.

Once the system is installed, it will automatically start recording once the engine is started and will stop when the engine is turned off. We will be installing enough cameras to see all the seats from every angle. The system has the capacity to record onto a SD card for a period of two weeks at a time. We will then replace the SD card every two weeks so we can view the previous footage. If a passenger breaches the “Code of Conduct” in any way, you will receive a ‘caution letter’ in the mail outlining the breach. A copy is also given to the school and bus committee. If a passenger breaches the “Code of Conduct” within 10 weeks from the first breach, they will be refused bus travel for a period of time set by us. The period of ‘refused bus travel’ ranges from one day to permanent refusal. Categories of misconduct are set out below. The higher the category, the longer the suspension will be.

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Some of the breaches of the “Code of Conduct” that have been regularly reported are; excessive noise (yelling), swearing, eating on the bus, wondering up & down the aisle while the bus is moving and not wearing seatbelts. All of the passengers on this bus are well aware of the ‘bus rules’ but some are choosing not to follow them.

We believe it is the right of every passenger and driver, to enjoy their bus travel, and this has not been happening for quite some time. It would be appreciated if you could speak with your children regarding this matter and what it means for them if they are refused bus travel. If you have any questions regarding the CCTV system, please don’t hesitate to contact us on the above. We are happy to answer any of your questions.

Thanking you

Mathew & Tracey Heslin
BUS OPERATORS