Dear Parents/Carers,

Catholic Education Week— Next week is Catholic Education Week. This annual event is an opportunity for schools all across Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos. Our Catholic schools aim to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society. This year’s theme is "Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy".

The theme challenges members of the Catholic education community to extend tangible assistance to those in need and recognise and follow the example of those who in some way, ‘open doors’ for others. At St Patrick’s, the students have been set the challenge of being more welcoming to all by simply extending a smile and a, ‘good morning/afternoon’ to anyone. Please let me know of any student that you encounter that you think has taken on this challenge so that their efforts can be recognised. Thank you to those members of our community that have already observed this and have passed this information on. Reinforcing this with your children highlights for them the effect that very simple actions like this can do for others.

Celebrating Parents in Catholic Education Week—As part of our Catholic Education Week celebrations we are acknowledging the great work that our parents, grandparents and carers do in the lives of the children we teach. Our mass on Tuesday will be followed by a morning tea and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Mass August 7— Every term (four times a year) our students and their families are encouraged to attend a Sunday morning family mass. In these masses students are asked to do special jobs to assist. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these masses, not only in the support of our parish, but also in the joining of our community. Mass will be at 9 and usually concludes by 9:45 with the option to stay back for a ‘cuppa’ while the children have a play. It is also worth mentioning that this is recorded as an extra—curricular activity on your child’s report card—something that high schools look at when considering enrolment applications. Invitations to this mass will come home today. I look forward to seeing you there.

Building strategies in confidence— In the last week I have had a number of conversations with parents and students regarding the levels of anxiety that students have in certain situations. Particularly those involving classroom tasks. These conversations are always welcome and encouraged.

In our conversations with students we often talk about our ‘five finger network’. This network is to comprise of those people in a child’s life that they can talk to when they are feeling sad, anxious, nervous or even unsafe. My conversations this week have uncovered in several situations that, while our children tell us that they have five, they are in fact only utilising one or two—usually Mum and/or Dad. When this occurs they are not talking to the people that could help them with the task that is creating the anxiety—their teachers. Please encourage your children to see their teachers when anxiety around specific tasks arise. Communicate these anxieties to your child’s teacher via email or a phone call. When we do this for our children or do not allow them the opportunity first, we are (without realising) taking away these learning opportunities and the building of very important strategies in confidence and organisation. Students can talk to any of our teachers but are reminded that our school student contacts are Miss Donnelly and myself.

God Bless,

Tyrone Maher—Principal

I never learn anything talking. I only learn things when I ask questions. Lou Holtz

Read more at: http://www.brainyquote.com
**Assembly Roster**
Term 3 Friday’s 8.45am

- 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: George Philp and William Peters

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**
**AWARDS Term 3 Week 1**

**Talgai** — Logan Schelbach for improved listening to the teacher.

**Cunningham** — Hugh Denny for a wonderful improvement in his reading.

**Dalrymple** — Amy Morris for increased confidence in all areas of school.

**Glengallan** — Corey Deehan for exceptional spelling results.

**Mary MacKillop Award - Helpful**

- Cunningham — Zara Sullivan
- Dalrymple — Atticus Sullivan
- Glengallan — Eli Breen

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**School accreditation Visit** — School accreditation for our school occurs on the 22nd of August. Like other independent and Catholic schools in Queensland, St Patrick’s is required to report to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (NSSAB) every 5 years. To be recognised as an educational institution within Queensland and Australia, we must provide evidence of the various elements (e.g. curriculum, workplace health and safety, student protection etc.) within the school.

This is signed off and endorsed by Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office personnel and NSSAB. Part of this accreditation looks into our student protection procedures and protocols. Next Wednesday Mr Peter Simpson will be visiting our school in his role as Student Protection Advisor as part of the accreditation process. He will be talking to students, parents and teachers next Wednesday. Student consent forms will be sent home later this week to some of our Year 6 students.

**Early Years Expo** — A reminder that our Early Years Expo is on this coming Monday from 9 to 11:30am. 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!

**Support Room** — Last week the ‘Support’ room was mentioned in the newsletter. This room is a rostered duty for the teachers and is for the supervision of students that need to finish incomplete work.

Students requiring assistance with homework contracts should not go to the support room for extra assistance. The best person for your child to see in this regard is their classroom teacher.

**Reminder** — 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 data base. 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.

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Over the weekend, Joshua received his medal for his part in the Darling Downs Hockey Team who were champions at the recent Queensland Hockey Championships in Buderim — Well Done!

Getting ‘crazy’ with the ‘The Playground Craze’. A big thank you to our Parish for making the Parish function room available last Friday.

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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 and afterwards for a shared morning tea.

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

School News

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/uniforms.html) or make contact with the school if there are any questions.

School Book Club

There is a new easier way to buy books from Book Club. Instead of raiding the moneybox parents are encouraged to join Book Club Loop at https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx. Once you have registered your child and school, it’s simply a matter of adding books each month when you wish to make a purchase. As is usually the case, orders have to be placed by the due date which is always the Monday after the catalogues are distributed. Parents are encouraged to begin this process now as the school will be moving to online transactions. Please see Mr Maher if the online payment option is inaccessible to you for any reason.

P&F : Next Meeting- Wednesday 10th August at 7pm in the Library.

TUCKSHOP SCHEDULE Term 3

Friday 12th August

Friday 2nd September

Friday 16th September

Sweet treat bakers are required for these dates please contact Kirsty Gibson or the school office.

St Patrick’s Centenary Merchandise for Sale

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What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

Events at St. Patrick’s Primary School, Allora

- Early Years Expo: Monday July 25th at 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Mass: Tuesday July 26th 9:30 a.m. in St. Patrick’s Church followed by morning tea.
- Assembly: Friday July 29th at 8:50 a.m. in the Multipurpose Rm

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 10  P&F Meeting—7pm Library
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

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PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

• formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
• assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at [www.acara.edu.au](http://www.acara.edu.au).

6 July 2016