Dear Parents/Carers,

Naplan results – Naplan reports were sent home with the eldest in the family today. It’s useful to remember that your child is often the harshest critic of themselves when looking over their results with you. They will often try to compare themselves to others and/or their siblings. As educators it is the role of teachers and parents to concentrate on the learning and efforts of our children. In addition to this academic learning is also the learning that has come from applying the resilient efforts that many students have to muster when attempting tests like Naplan. We must remember that simply sitting a test, for some children, brings with it feelings of fear and anxiety. We need to celebrate all efforts in learning and resilience. Of course this approach should not apply to Naplan alone, but to all areas of assessment and feedback to and for our children.

Students, parents and teachers should be very proud of the school’s efforts. This very useful school data, when published, will be used to direct goal setting for 2017.

We need you! - RADII Parent Surveys close 14th August – I have begun receiving updates from the group employed to coordinate the surveys for all schools in the diocese. According to the report I received from the Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII), earlier this week only 10 of a possible 42 parent surveys have been completed. The partnership that our school has with its parents is a strong one and the feedback we gain from you, in whatever form, is valued and always considered in the decisions made on a daily basis.

The survey, which was sent to all current email addresses in the last week, is another opportunity for you to provide us with that feedback. It also helps our school at a local and diocesan level, to direct funding to where it is required most. If you have not received the survey or do not currently have internet and/or computer access, please let the office know and we will more than happily assist you in attending to this very important survey. If you’ve lost the email with the survey, the necessary links and passwords will be attached to the newsletter email. If you do not receive a newsletter via email and would like to, please contact the office.

Soap up please! Family Parish Mass and ‘The Gate’ ministry: Sunday the 7th August at 9am - The 9th of August sees us celebrating the feast day of our patron saint, St Mary MacKillop. In alignment with this remembrance day, the Josephite’s sesquicentenary (150 years), and our school’s centenary we are endeavouring to support the great work of one of our past teachers and Josephite nun, Sister Christine. Sister Christine coordinates care packages for men and women who, upon release from correctional facilities, have little or nothing. The care packages, among other things, contain a bar of soap. In light of the great work of Mary MacKillop in caring for the less fortunate of our society, we are encouraging all of our students to bring a bar of soap to church on Sunday. If students are unable to attend on Sunday, we encouraging them to bring their bar of soap along to school.

God Bless

Tyronne Maher
Principal

Naplan

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

Important for this Week

Central Downs Athletics Carnival
Friday 5th August
Allora State School Tuckshop Menu as per last week

TUCKSHOP next Friday Orders in the BLUE BIN
Tuesday 9th August

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
August 4 - Term 3 Week 4

School News

Assembly Roster
Term 3 Friday’s 8.45am
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 16th August - Mary MacKillop Mass
9.30am

Happy Birthday wishes for this week:
William and Zachary Brasch

Uniform Survey – A uniform survey has been sent home today for you to complete 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 the 12th of August (next Friday).

Central Downs Athletics Carnival – Beautiful weather provided the perfect backdrop to a successful first day at the Central Downs Athletics Carnival on Monday. St Patrick’s students did themselves and their school proud both in their behaviour and in their individual performances. This is further testament to students that we can achieve great things when we practice. The carnival concludes with the second day tomorrow at Allora State School.

Students can be dropped off here at school to be escorted or can be supervised by their parents at the carnival prior to the teachers arriving. The bell will ring at 8:30 tomorrow morning to enable students to leave earlier to make the march past at 9am. Children need to be dressed accordingly in their sports uniform along with an application of sunscreen. Please ensure your child has with them a water bottle and sufficient food or tuckshop money for the day. Please find attached an outline of the day.

Our next Early Years Playdate – Tuesday the 9th August is our next early years play date. All parents and carers of children five and under are welcome to attend. The parish function room, which backs onto the school grounds, has been made available for this date and can be accessed from Mackillop Lane. The play date kicks off at 9am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) — We are currently undertaking the task of gathering information for the NCCD. What is the NCCD? The NCCD is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with to access the curriculum and other school activities. The national data collection counts students who have been identified by the school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). Please find an email attachment providing more comprehensive information on the workings of the NCCD. Alternatively this same information can be accessed at https://docs.education.gov.au/node/32685.

Support Room — 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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS Term 3 Week 3
Talgai — Riley Burton for taking the initiative to do things that need to be done.
Cunningham — Angus McArthur for wonderful work in maths.
Dalrymple — Patrick Denny for working well in maths.
Glengallan — Charlotte Close for incredible mathematical ability.

Mary MacKillop Award - Reverent
Cunningham — Axil Mathie
Dalrymple — William Brasch
Glengallan — Casey-Lee Shelton

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P&F Update

Next Meeting - Wednesday 10th August from 6pm in the Library.

The annual trivia night was a great success again this year. To assist our planning for next year particularly while things are fresh in our minds, we are going to have a trivia night planning meeting. A major focus of the meeting will relate to sponsorship as many major companies make sponsorship decisions many months in advance and forward planning on our part will allow us to take better advantage of this. This will be held on Wednesday 10 August at 6.00 pm prior to our monthly P&F meeting at 7.00 pm. Your attendance at either or both of these meetings will be appreciated and welcomed.

Our annual fete will be held on Friday 21 October. The Parish Pastoral Council and the Fete Committee have offered a one third share of the profit of the 2016 fete to the Parents and Friends Association. The school, Parish and P&F association has had a very good working relationship over many years and the fete is another example. Please support the fete in any way that you can. The next fete meeting will be held in the Parish Meeting room on Monday 8 August at 6.30 pm. Please attend if you can. Further opportunities by which you can assist will be outlined in future editions of the newsletter.

Roy Nott

TUCKSHOP next Friday 12 August

Orders in the Blue Bin by Tuesday 9th August

Sweet Treat—Lemon Coconut Slice $1

TUCKSHOP SCHEDULE Term 3

Friday 2nd September and Friday 16th September

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

August Meeting Reminders

Fete Meeting — 6.30pm Monday 8th

Trivia Planning Meeting—6pm Wednesday 10th

P&F Monthly Meeting—7pm Wednesday 10th
Gate Ministry of the Josephite’s in Queensland

The Gate Ministry provides Mary MacKillop Kit Bags to prisoners who, on their release from prison, may have no support in place; no one to meet them; may have been in prison for extended periods of time and have lost contact with friends or relatives; or may have mental health issues. The bags contain basic toiletries to enable a person to survive for 72 hours after release.

School communities have been encouraged to collect as many of the required kit items as possible without having to incur great expense and we at St. Patrick’s have decided to collect and donate bars of soap to this wonderful cause. In the Year of Mercy this small contribution is a wonderful way of serving those in need. We will take up the collection of soap during the Offertory Procession at the Family Mass on Sunday August 7th. If you are unable to join with us on this day, please send soap donations into school next week.

DATE CLAIMERS- 2016

Aug 5  CD Athletics
Aug 7  School Family Mass 9am
Aug 16  Mary MacKillop Mass 9.30am
Aug 10  P&F Meeting — 6pm Library
Aug 11  SD Athletics
Aug 19  Bishop’s In-service Day  
(School Closed)
Aug 22 to Aug 24 Book Week
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

**Spring Fair**

**Bonza Bike Giveaway**

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