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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Professional Learning** – All of our teachers will be travelling to Toowoomba next Wednesday and Thursday to attend the next installment of learning around ‘Professional Learning Communities’. At the beginning of 2016, all staff attended a two day work shop on this initiative and found it to be a highly beneficial professional experience that has been the ‘springboard’ to the way we have worked, and will continue to work at St Patrick’s Allora. Presenter Colin Sloper, co-author of ‘Transformative Collaboration’, brings his experience with his last seven years as Principal at Pakenham Springs Primary School in Victoria, which became the first recognised model of a professional learning community (PLC) in Australia. I look forward to the conversations and subsequent actions that will flow from this very worthwhile learning experience.

**Anxiety and Mindsets** – I have had many conversations with parents over the years around children and their levels of anxiety. In most cases children’s perceptions of what they believe they can and can’t do have been inadvertently created by their teachers and their parents. Students that believe that they are what they are (e.g. ‘bad at mathematics’) and therefore do not believe that they can improve have a fixed mindset. On the other hand those students that believe that they can improve have a growth mindset.

Dr. Carol Dweck is a professor of psychology at Stanford University and author, Carol Dweck’s *tips for promoting a growth mindset in kids:*

- Help children understand that the brain works like a muscle, that can only grow through hard work, determination and lots and lots of practice.
- Don’t tell children they are smart, gifted, or talented, since this implies that they were born with the knowledge and does not encourage effort and growth.
- Let children know when they demonstrate a growth mindset.
- Praise the process. It’s effort, hard work and practice that allow children to achieve their true potential.
- Don’t praise the results. Test scores and rigid ways of measuring learning and knowledge limit the growth that would otherwise be tapped.
- Embrace failures and missteps. Children sometimes learn the most when they fail. Let them know that mistakes are a big part of the learning process. There is nothing like the feeling of struggling through a very difficult problem, only to finally break through and solve it! The harder the problem, the more satisfying it is to find the solution.
- Encourage competency-based learning. The goal should never be to get the ‘correct’ answer, but to understand the topic at a fundamental, deep level and want to learn more.


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

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**Important for this Week**

**School Closed**
Tomorrow (Friday) as staff are attending Bishop’s Inservice Day

**Book Fair next week**—
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Friday Book Week
Dress UP

**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.

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“**The purpose of our lives is to be happy.**“

*Dalai Lama*


God Bless

Tyronne Maher
Principal
Assembly Roster
Term 3 Friday’s 8.45am
Week 6: NO assembly
Week 7: Leaders
Week 8: Whole School—Confidence
Week 9: Leaders
Week 10: Leaders

St Patrick’s
Sports Shirts
A new order has been received.
Shirts are now available in all sizes from size 4 to size 16
$30.00 each

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
AWARDS Term 3 Week 5
Talgai — Gus Nolan for improved concentration.
Cunningham — Jenna Mutch for improvement in spelling.
Dalrymple — Ziggy Gibson for excellent application in maths.
Glengallan — Georgia Denny for a mature approach to playing and working.

Mary MacKillop Award - Trustworthy
Cunningham — Archie Brown
Dalrymple — George Philip and Seth Esson
Glengallan — Jasmine Groombridge

School News

Board Meeting News — Last night the school’s board approved and endorsed the school’s homework policy. This document will be uploaded to the ‘Policies and Procedures’ section of our school’s website in the near future. The changes will also be reflected in the school’s ‘Parent Handbook’ which is also located on the website. I encourage all parents and carers to familiarise themselves with the new policy and to make contact with the school if you have any questions in relation to the guidelines. Due to the overwhelming response by our community to the uniform survey that was distributed recently, the board was able to begin discussions on the review of the uniform policy and the drafting of a new policy. This will be distributed to all families as part of the consultation process as soon as it is completed. Rest assured the proposed changes are minor and will have a two year change over cycle to accommodate families. I would like to thank the board for the due consideration, time and diligence they have invested in both of these policies. Thank you again to all parents for the time taken in responding to the survey.

Book Week — We will be celebrating Book Week from Monday the 22nd to Friday the 26th August. Readers Cup competitions will be held in each class on Monday 22nd August.

We will hold our Book Week dress-up parade on Friday. Students will come dressed as their favourite book character and are encouraged to bring a copy of the book to school. Prizes will be given for the most creative costumes in each class.

We will also be hosting a Book Fair which will run from Monday 22nd August until Wednesday 24th August. I will be opening up the fair at 8:00am each morning and on Tuesday I will keep it open until 3:30pm for those of you who may like to come in after school. If before or after school times don’t suit, you may come in during school hours.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fair. Remember, a percentage of every dollar you spend is then donated to the library from Carnival Book Fair.

Julie-Anne Flynn

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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

2016 FETE - 21 October

Sacramental Preparation 2016
Sarah Brown, Ashlee Henry, Mia McArthur, Georgia Pendergast, Jack Phelan, Aliza Schelbach, Mackenzie Seng and Atticus Sullivan are participating in this year’s Sacramental Program and they are all making great progress in developing their faith. They have made their first Reconciliation with Father Rod and are working toward their Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers. Confirmation will be celebrated at 6.00pm on Friday 2nd September at Clifton. It would be wonderful if you could join the children and their families for this important and special occasion.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 2 September 6:00pm Clifton St James and St John’s Church

For more information contact Ros Hibberd 0409 277 510

Dental Health Visit: All of the children were thoroughly entertained during an educational visit by local dental health professionals Sue and Ruby. They were assisted by a very mischievous dragon. The children reminded of the need to brush regularly and properly. Thank you to Sue and Ruby for visiting.

Next Meeting- Wednesday 14th September from 7pm in the Library.

TUCKSHOP SCHEDULE Term 3

Friday 2nd September
(Anita Wright making Sweet Treat)

Friday 16th September Sweet Treat baker required, please contact Kirsty Gibson or the school office.

Please note the change of date:

Dress up parade for book week will now be on Friday 26th August at 8:40am. Not Wednesday the 24th August.
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What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

DATE CLAIMERS- 2016

Aug 19  Bishop’s In-service Day  
   (School Closed)
Aug 22 to Aug 24  Book Week
Aug 29  Prep 2017 interviews begin
Sept 2  Confirmation—6:00pm Clifton 
   St James and St John’s Church.
Sept 4  First Holy Communion
Sept 13  Next Early Years Play Date
Sept 14  P&F Meeting 7pm
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

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