Dear Parents/Carers,

Sacramental Program - Congratulations to Sarah Brown, Ashlee Henry, Mia McArthur, Georgia Pendergast, Jack Phelan, Aliza Schelbach, MacKenzie Seng and Atticus Sullivan who made their Confirmation on Friday night with Bishop Robert at St. Francis de Sales Church in Clifton.

Celebrations continued on Sunday morning when the children received their First Holy Communion with Fr. Rod in St. Patrick’s Church. The children are now full members of the Catholic church and we wish them well on their faith journey.

As a person who is totally uncoordinated and has limited, if any sporting ability, I have listened in awe to the sporting achievements of numerous St. Patrick’s students this week. Below is a very quick overview of some of their accomplishment.

Hockey/Cricket - Joshua Hagenbach participated in hockey finals in Warwick on the weekend. His team won 1-0 and he was named Junior Player of the Year for all 15 Years and Under competitors. He also competed in the Darling Downs Country Cricket trials in Stanthorpe last Friday where he was chosen in the Country Team. We congratulate him on his wonderful endeavours and wish him well in the upcoming trials in Toowoomba.

Campdrafting - Casey-Lee Shelton came third in the Under 12’s division of the Millmerran Campdraft on the weekend. Congratulations Casey-Lee.

Netball - Abby Mortimer’s Netball team came second in the Warwick District Netball finals on the weekend. Congratulations Abbey!

AFL - Emily Jones competed in the Darling Downs AFL trials on Monday. Whilst she wasn’t successful in being chosen for the Darling Downs team, she had a wonderful day.

Darling Downs Athletics - A large contingent of St. Patrick’s students were part of the Southern Downs Athletics team, who competed at the Darling Downs Athletics trials in Toowoomba on Tuesday. From all reports, the athletes competed to the best of their ability, with many performing a personal best result in very windy conditions. We congratulate the students on their efforts and sportsmanship. Well Done!

Dancing - Ashlee Henry, Mia McArthur and Trinity Van Bennekom will compete in their first dance competition on Saturday. We wish all three girls well.

Our School Student Protection Contacts: Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher

Important for this Week

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.

TUCK SHOP
Friday 16th September
Orders in Blue Bin by noon Tuesday 13th September

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**

**International Literacy Day** - Today is the 50th Anniversary of International Literacy Day. Literacy is an integral part of our daily lives and today is a chance for us all to stop and think about the 780 million people worldwide who are unable to read. There are a further one billion people who struggle with basic reading and writing skills throughout their lives.

A few simple ideas for celebrating International Literacy Day include:

- **Spread the Love** - Post your favourite book on social media and say why reading is important to you. Use the hashtag #ILD2016.
- **Bedtime Reading** - Pull out an old favourite story and read to your children before bed.
- **Home Reading** - Ask your child to retell their home reader story with as much detail as possible.
- **Cooking** - Go through the pile of cookbooks sitting on the shelf and select something new to cook for dinner. Remember, dessert is the most important part of any main meal!!!
- **Board Games** - Spend some time on the weekend playing board games such as Scrabble. A reminder, that all players should agree on the dictionary that will be used during the game before the actual game commences.

**Allora State School Musical** - On Monday September 12th, Glengallan students have been invited to attend the matinee performance of the Allora State School musical, “Creepytown.” Permission slips were sent home on Monday and are required back at school by tomorrow. A reminder that there is a gold coin donation to view the musical.

**Diocesan Mass** - On Wednesday, Glengallan students will travel to Toowoomba with staff and students from St. Francis de Sales to attend the Diocesan Mass. Bishop Robert will preside over the Mass at St. Ursula's College Salo Centre and it is expected that over 600 staff and students from the various schools in our diocese will attend. Permission forms for the Mass are due back to school by tomorrow. There is no cost associated with this excursion, however, student are required to take their lunch, snack and water bottle.

**Homestead Visit** - Students in Dalrymple and Glengallan will visit the residents of the Homestead next Thursday. They will be entertaining the residents with their talent show performances, having a chat and cup of cordial before returning to school. A reminder that students will need to wear their Formal uniforms on the day.

**St. Francis de Sales Musical** - Students from St. Francis de Sales are performing their school musical, “Calamity Jamie” on Thursday 15th September at 6 p.m. There is no cost associated with viewing this year’s musical production and all are welcome to attend.

**Fete Art Union Tickets** - each family has received today a book of tickets for this fundraising part of the Fete. Please return completed books to the school office by 19th October.

Have a wonderful week

Karine Preston

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

Last Tuckshop for Term 3

Friday 16th September
Orders in the Blue Bin by noon
Tuesday 13th September
Sweet Treat
(Thank you to Mrs Carmel May)
Chocolate cake — $1.00

Family Mass Term 4
9am
Sunday 6th November

Sacramental Preparation 2016

A big thank you to Mrs Ros Hibbard for her coordination of this year’s Sacramental Program. The children and their families greatly appreciated her time and efforts.
What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

DATE CLAIMERS - 2016

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 6  Prep 2017 Orientation 8.30am to 11.15am
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