October 20 — Term 4 Week 3

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Professional learning community news — Mission statements should reflect the current collective commitment of the community and given that, should be reviewed periodically. In recent weeks the staff have been revising our school’s mission with the view to having it reflect our values and what we aim to be.

The ‘we’ that I mention here is the same as the ‘we’ used in the mission statement above. ‘We’ meaning all stakeholders in the education of our children/students. ‘We’ parents and teachers have the responsibility to our children to enhance their learning through open conversation. ‘We’ work together to build confidence, resilience and responsibility in our children to learn every day ‘to high levels.’

With our school mission central to our processes and purpose, we look forward to continuing the learning with all of our community. As always, your feedback is valued and encouraged.

Prep Orientation Morning — Another very successful orientation morning was held again in Talgai this morning. All of our 2017 Prep students were in attendance. One student even suggested to her Mum that she was getting used to coming to school. What a success! This morning the Year 5 students were introduced to their ‘Buddy’ for next year. These future leaders of our school, along with their parents and teachers can be very proud of the way they represented themselves and their school in leading our new students.

Helping others — Again this year we are looking to pack a ‘Samaritan’s Purse’ shoe box. These are sent to children in various parts of the world that are living in poverty. Each class has been issued a shoebox to fill. The items to be placed in them must be able to fit in a shoe box. Items might include something to play with, something to love (e.g. a teddy), something to wear or something to help them (e.g. a toothbrush, soap). We look forward to being able to pass on the generosity of our community to these children.

Getting Along — All students for next week’s assembly will be presenting how it is they ‘Get Along’ with others at school. ‘Getting Along’ is one of the ‘Keys’ taught as a part of the social emotional program – ‘You Can Do It!’ The ‘Habits of Mind’ under the key of ‘Getting Along’ include;

→ Playing by the rules
→ Being tolerant of others
→ Thinking first and;
→ Being a responsible friend.

“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.” – Albert Einstein

God Bless

Tyronne Maher
Principal

http://www.forbes.com/sites/kevinkruse/2013/05/28/inspirational-quotes/#397df3436697

Mission — We are an inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all

Never see a need without doing something about it.”

Children’s Mission Statement:
Just like Mary MacKillop we use Jesus as our touchstone to try our very best to learn and to care. That is why we show respect to all. We: Speak and act kindly, gently and politely; Keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves; and Follow directions straight away.

Adult’s Mission Statement:
Just like Mary MacKillop we use Jesus as our touchstone to provide a learning and caring community. We will strive to ensure that all children develop their gifts spiritually, socially, academically, physically and emotionally to nurture lifelong learning.

Important for this Week

Tuck Shop next
Friday 28th October.

Orders in the blue bin by Tuesday 25th October

Sweet Treat
Chocolate Cup Cake $1.00

Our School Student Protection Contacts:
Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher

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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Assembly Roster
Term 3 Friday’s 8.45am
Week 3: Leaders
Week 4: Whole School - Y.C.D.I Getting Along
Week 5: Leaders
Week 6: Whole School - Remembrance Day Liturgy
Week 7: Leaders
Week 8: Whole School - Y.C.D.I Resilience
Week 9: Christmas Liturgy

School Mass
9.30am Tuesday 1st November
All Souls/All Saints

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
AWARDS Term 4 Week 2

Talgai —
Riley Burton for his consistent effort to do his best in all areas of classroom involvement.

Cunningham —
Ruby Wright and Hugh Denny for wonderful work on their narratives this week.

Dalrymple —
Sarah Brown consistently working well.

Glengallan —
Jasmine Groombridge for her enthusiasm for learning.

Mary MacKillop Award - Respect of Learning
Cunningham - William Peters
Dalrymple - Seth Esson
Glengallan —

School News

Student Protection Week – Students and their safety, like all schools in Australia, is of the upmost importance to all of us here at St Patrick’s Allora. Next week is student protection week. This week also happens to coincide with ‘Day for Daniel’ on Friday (please see the note in this newsletter relating wearing of red on this day). Age appropriate lessons from the state and diocesan approved ‘Daniel Morcombe’ program will be delivered in each of our classes. As part of this week, Years 3-6 students will also be engaged in a Skype session with ‘Kid’s Help Line’ addressing cyber safety on Thursday morning at 9am in the multi-purpose room. Parents are welcome to attend this one hour session.

Welcome – This week we welcome the Burns family to our community. Jake is new to our Prep class and has ‘hit the ground running’ at our school. Please make yourselves known to Jake’s parents, Kristal and Travis and to Jake’s little sister, Poppy.

Tennis News – As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, Billy Mutch flew to Rockhampton last weekend to play in the 2016 Junior Development Series. All reports suggest that the experience gained at this next level was thoroughly enjoyable and well worthwhile for him. Well done Billy.

Staffing Arrangements for Talgai – As mentioned in a note home to all Talgai families last week, Mrs Lyn Geyle will be taking leave for the rest of term. Miss Lauren Ciantar, who will be teaching Talgai for this time, spent the day with the students on Wednesday. Equipped with the diligent planning left for her by Mrs Geyle, Lauren is confident that both she and Talgai will end the year the same way that they started- jam packed full of learning! We thank Mrs Geyle for all of her work this year and look forward to working with her again in 2017.

Sight and Hearing – When questions arise around the learning and progression of a student one of the first questions asked in the referral process is in regard to how recently sight and hearing has been checked. Your doctor will be able to advise you on how often this should be done and point you and your child/children in the right direction in getting this checked. Please keep in mind that your child’s sight may be perfect, but their ability to follow words on a page may not. Behavioural optometrists can assist in identification if such a condition exists. Such issues, if left untreated, can have a profound affect on your child’s learning.

Socktober
Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission. During October, St. Patrick’s and schools throughout Australia, raise funds for the disadvantaged.

Next Tuesday, October 25th, students are asked to wear their favourite socks for, ‘Crazy Sock Day’ and ‘sock it to poverty,’ by donating a coin.

Day for Daniel
Next Friday, October 28th is the Day for Daniel and St. Patrick’s students are asked to accessorize their sports uniform with something red on this day. Students may wear red shirts, ribbons, broad-brimmed hats etcetera to show their support for child safety and do a walk down town after assembly. Parents are welcome to join us on this special outing.
Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 9AM
2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 6pm
4TH, 5TH SUNDAY OF MONTH – LITURGY OF THE WORD – 9 AM

Family Mass Term 4
All members of our school community are invited to attend the final Family Mass for 2016 on Sunday 6th November, St. Patrick’s Church at 9 a.m.

FETE

SPONSORS AND DONATIONS FOR FETE 2016
Paul Bradfield
Blue Cow Hotel
Clifton Auto Ag Repairs
Paul Ashton & Assoc P/L
Merivale Farms
Kev & Dianne Ryan
IGA Allora
Allora School Buses & Local Charter
Wilson & Rigby Motor Body Repairs
Reppells B&B
Carey Brothers
Allora Butchery
Bells Butchery
Black Toyota

Only ‘1 sleep to go’ to the Fete on Friday 21st October from 5pm.

Fete Working Bee – Thank you to those parents that were able to lend a hand yesterday in the setting up for this Friday’s Fete. Preparations are well in hand. Please note that a short working bee from 6am on Saturday morning will be held to tidy up. Please support the P&F and Parish in this activity. This will take no more than an hour.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 9th November from 7pm in the Library.

Plants and Home Baking for St Patrick’s Fete
Oct 21st... 🌻🌼🌼
Can be dropped off at the school on Friday morning.

Learn to Swim - Lessons now available at Clifton Pool
Babies thru to adults.
Qualified instructor, Gail FULTON Ph: 4697 3920 or message 0421 289 932
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What's Happening at St Patrick's Allora?

DATE CLAIMERS - 2016

Oct 21 5pm FETE
Oct 25 Crazy Sock Day
Oct 28 Day for Daniel
Nov 1 9.30am Mass
All Souls/All Saints
Nov 6 Family Mass 9am
Nov 9 7pm P&F meeting in Library
Nov 25 St Patrick's Swimming Carnival
Nov 29 7pm Graduation
Dec 2 10.30 am to 12 noon
Whole School Christmas Liturgy,
parents are welcome to take
students home at the conclusion.
End of Term 4

Term Dates for 2017
Term 1 Mon 23 Jan to Fri 31 March
Term 2 Tue 18 April to Fri 23 June
Term 3 Mon 10 July to Fri 15 Sept
Term 4 Tue 3 Oct to Fri 1 Dec

Public Holidays for 2017 (School Closed)
Australia Day Thurs 26 January
Allora Show Day Friday 10 February
ANZAC Day Tues 25 April
Labour Day Mon 1st May
how to follow your box

Donate $8 per shoebox online. We will email you a tracking label for each shoebox.

Print out each barcoded label. Do not photocopy labels. Stick a label on each shoebox.

Drop off your shoeboxes at your nearest Drop Off Point.

Your shoebox is taken to a Processing Centre where the barcode on the label is scanned, allowing you to FOLLOW YOUR BOX and see which country it goes to.

NOTE: If the label is damaged or covered with tape we may not be able to scan it and track the box.

where to donate:
AU: operationchristmaschild.org.au
NZ: operationchristmaschild.org.nz

If you are not donating online, use the labels on this brochure. Labels may be photocopied or extra labels may be downloaded at operationchristmaschild.org.au

Order more of these brochures online at operationchristmaschild.org.au or operationchristmaschild.org.nz
OR call 1800 684 300 (AU) or 0800 684 300 (NZ)

Samaritan's Purse
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

AUSTRALIA
Donations and Enquiries: 13300 884 468
Speak to a Local Representative: 1800 684 300
operationchristmaschild.org.au

NEW ZEALAND
Donations and Enquiries: 0800 726 274
Speak to a Local Representative: 0800 684 300
operationchristmaschild.org.nz

National Collection Month
OCTOBER

Operation Christmas Child® is a project of Samaritan’s Purse®
Franklin Graham, International President
HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX

1. START WITH A SHOEBOX

2. PACK YOUR SHOEBOX
   - Choose Girl or Boy and Age
   - Pack Gifts:
     - something to LOVE
     - something to WISH
     - something to BE
     - something for SCHOOLS
     - something for PERSONAL HYGIENE

3. MAKE YOUR DONATION
   - PER SHOEBOX ESSENTIAL TO COVER PROJECT COSTS
   - $9

4. LABEL YOUR SHOEBOXES
   - ONLINE DONATIONS (PREFERRED)
   - Go to operationchristmaschild.org.au and click on 'Shoebox Donations'.
   - A barcoded label for each shoebox will be emailed to you.
   - Do not photocopy labels.
   - CASH OR CHEQUE DONATIONS:
     - For standard labels, go to operationchristmaschild.org.au and click on the 'Order Resources' button or use the ones on this brochure.

5. FIND YOUR NEAREST DROP OFF POINT
   - Find your nearest Drop Off Point:
     - Samaritan’s Purse Australia-Operation Christmas Child

EMEMBER TO REMOVE RECYCLE REIT PACKAGING. Help save the environment!

Gift Suggestions:
- **SOMETHING TO WEAR**: t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.
- **SOMETHING TO LOVE**: teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- **SOMETHING SPECIAL**: carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.
- **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL**: exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpeners, eraser, chalk, etc.
- **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH**: tennis ball, care, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, frisbee, finger puppets, wind-up toy, etc.
- **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE**: soap and face wipes, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, toothpaste, etc.

**Prohibited Items**
- **ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT**: items that can spill or melt (including toothpaste, shampoo, shampoos and plasters/patch)
- **FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND** (due to customs regulations): including medicines and vitamins
- **USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS**: (due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys
- **BREAKABLE ITEMS**: including glass, porcelain and mirrors
- **ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD**: including war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones
- **GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS**: including playing money, playing cards and dominoes

These items are prohibited to protect children or to comply with overseas government and customs restrictions.