Dear Parents and Carers,

**Into the future** – Our school is very fortunate to have many resources in the form of laptops and ipads. The new ‘Technologies Curriculum’ being rolled out across Australia, challenges schools to ensure that children can both locate appropriate information for their needs in addition to also being able to create products using the electronic devices. We’re all familiar with ‘Googling it’ to find information with various devices, but how many of us would be capable of creating with these same technologies?

On Wednesday I attended a comprehensive coding and robotics workshop that looked at how these technologies can and are being incorporated into the curriculum. Both coding and robotics are among other information and technology tools that can be used to further engage children in processes of problem solving and critical thinking.

In its very simplest form, coding is the step by step list of instructions that we give computers to get them to do what it is that we want them to do. Software, games, apps and websites are created using coding. Simple robots, using coding, can be directed to complete a series of actions. Coding develops in students an understanding that there are often simpler and more efficient ways of solving problems. Through coding children become creators, not just consumers (https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/what-is-coding).

At St Patrick’s, we look forward to exploring future learning possibilities for our students in this new and exciting area of learning.

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**Important for this Week**

**Day for Daniel Walk**

After assembly tomorrow morning.

**Term 4 School Fees**

Fee statements went home today, payments can be made by either Direct Credit or cash and cheques at he school office.

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**Our School Student Protection Contacts:**

*Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher*

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**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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**God Bless**

**Tyrone Maher**

Principal

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

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No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.

Robin Williams

Read more at: http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/r/robinwilli383827.html?src=t_inspirational
Assembly Roster
Term 3 Friday’s 8.45am
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
Parents and carers are invited to join students and the St Patrick’s community.
9.30am Tuesday 1st November All Souls/All Saints

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
AWARDS Term 4 Week 2
Cunningham — Elizabeth Jones for staying on task and always completing her work.
Dalrymple – Bridey Breen for a positive attitude towards learning.
Glengallan
Emily Phelan for the respectful and polite way she speaks to all adults at St Patricks.
Mary MacKillop Award - Reverent
Cunningham - Angus McArthur
Dalrymple - George Philip
Glengallan — To the children of Glengallan who led the Rosary so respectfully and reverently last Term.

School News

Day for Daniel – As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, St Patrick’s ‘Student Protection Week’ this week, also happens to coincide with ‘Day for Daniel’ on Friday the 28th of October. The ‘Day for Daniel’ initiative is a means by which to raise awareness for the safety of all children. On Friday, following our assembly, students and teachers will be walking down the main street of Allora as a way raising awareness in our community. Students are able to accessorize their school uniforms with red. This may be done by adding a ribbon (in their hair or pinned to their shirt), wearing a red hair band, by wearing a red shirt, or by wearing a red hat – if a sun safe, broad brimmed option is handy. The rest of their uniforms should be normal for a Friday.

School Fete - Thanks to the efforts of our St Patrick’s parent group and our parish community, the Fete on Friday was another resounding success with a large crowd enjoying the fun, food and entertainment that the night had to offer. Our school choir once again stole the show with renditions of several songs. Thank you to Mrs Telford and our teachers for their work in preparing the students for the evening. Due to the generous donations of bottle filled goods, plants and food, there was plenty to choose from at the various stalls. If you have any ideas to make our school and parish fete even better next year, please do bring them forward. We look forward to next year’s fete with great anticipation.

‘Soctober’ fun! - On Tuesday, students and staff were encouraged to wear crazy socks and, in doing so, make a coin contribution to go to ‘Catholic Missions’. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations. These funds will go towards helping those in our communities and abroad, who are less fortunate than us.

Country Women’s Association (CWA) Success - Congratulations to our students whose CWA research projects on Greenland successfully went onto, and subsequently won prizes at the next level of competition. Each year a country of focus is chosen and students enter their projects.

School Lunches – In recent weeks, students, particularly from the lower school, have been observed eating the entire contents of their lunchbox at lunch time (first break), leaving nothing for afternoon tea. Please have a conversation with your child as to whether or not they require extra food for lunch. This is especially relevant for those children who come home with empty lunchboxes. Children experience growth spurts frequently and in these times, hunger can impact on the levels of concentration required for learning. We thank you for your help in this regard.
World Teacher's Day Friday

Every day, the teachers of St. Patrick's make a difference educating and inspiring the students of our school.

World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and school community.

World Teacher's Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society and will be celebrated on October 28th this year. (Although the wonderful staff at St. Patrick's celebrated the day with cake today.)
DATE CLAIMERS- 2016

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    6pm 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

What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

The Allora Creekside Carols

The St Patricks School Students
are once again invited to join
a host of other local talent on stage at this year’s

Allora Creekside Carols
Saturday 3rd December 2016
Starting at 6pm
Mrs Trudgen has already started rehearsals with the
students and we encourage all students and families to
attend this
community Christmas evening!

For more information, please contact
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