November 3 — Term 4 Week 5

Dear Parents,

Walk for Daniel - Last Friday, students from St. Patrick’s dressed, or accessorized in red and walked through the main streets of Allora to show their support for the Morcombe foundation and child safety.

School Planning for 2017 – It is at this time that we begin to reflect on the year in regard to student progress. Using this knowledge we plan strategically to further improve their learning. The very successful partnership between all stakeholders; students, parents, teachers, school officers, and parish; is reflected in the growth our students have experienced in their learning. Their improvement can be seen in data collections including NAPLAN testing, school standardised testing and in the recent school improvement surveys completed by parents, teachers and students. These data sets, including our observations and professional, research based understandings of what constitutes good, authentic learning for all students, is used to plan into next year and beyond.

Some (indeed not all) of our teaching and learning focuses next year include;

→ Continuing to develop and ingrain our professional learning community in the learning culture of St Patrick’s Allora.

→ Continuing to focus on the development of high yield strategies in our classrooms by imbedding learning intentions and success criteria, formative assessment and feedback strategies and supporting the development of scaffolded independent learning in our students.

→ Prioritising curriculum in numeracy and literacy curriculum to ensure that the core of what students must know and develop is given more time.

→ Increasing the volume of reading and writing completed every day.

→ The integration of robotics and coding into our science, technology and mathematics curriculums.

Amongst these teaching and learning goals are also focuses on those things that develop our students spiritually, culturally, physically and socially. As is always the case we are open to guidance and feedback from all members of our community and welcome any thoughts you have about our planning for the future.

God Bless

Tyronne Maher
Principal

"Never see a need without doing something about it.” - Sister Mary MacKillop
School News

Focusing on efforts rather than results – In our working adult lives we are pushed towards deadlines and targeted results. We often refer to the missing of these deadlines or achieving of these results as failures. Children are swept up in this when we as parents and educators focus on results over progress. What follows is the misconception for a student that they are either ‘good’ or ‘bad’ at mathematics (for example). Saying that ‘I’m bad at…’ or ‘I’m good at…’ Ingrains the idea that I’m naturally gifted in something. The reality is, that even a student that has attained high results in a given area, still has room for growth and improvement. We all have the ability to learn. We encourage all parents to focus on the learning rather than the results. We challenge parents to change the ‘I’m bad at…’ statements into the ‘I’m still learning how…’. In this way we encourage our students to develop a growth mindset and not a set mindset to learning.

Yesterday I spoke to Jason, one of our Year 3 students about the outstanding progress he has made in his reading. When I asked him how he managed to do this he beamed; “I’ve been working hard”. A growth mindset! Congratulations to Jason and all of our students that have seen progress this year, no matter how big or small, through their persistence and resilience. Thank you to our parents for continuing to support your children.

Staffing and Class Structures

Next year brings with it some changes to our class structures and teaching staff. Decisions related to class structure are carefully considered in regard student numbers and the learning needs of the students. We are very confident that the class structure and school team that we go ahead with next year is capable of continuing to forge the improvement in student learning we are seeing across the entire school.

Miss Lisa Barber has been appointed to the contract currently being filled by Mrs Cindy Dowdle. Miss Barber comes to us from the Townsville Diocese and like Mrs Dowdle, has a wealth of experience to bring to the role. Other changes include Mr Maher taking on the teaching of physical education.

We thank both Mrs Dowdle and Mr Spranklin for their valued work this year and we look forward to working with both Mrs Dowdle and Mr Spranklin in different capacities next year and beyond.

Graduation Plans

Plans have already been put into motion for our end of year celebrations. Please note that on Tuesday the 29th of November there will be a mass in the morning at 9:30am to celebrate the 2016 achievements of our whole community. Cake and a cup of tea or coffee will follow. Everyone is welcome.

On the evening of the 29th at 6pm, there will be a celebration of our school leaders of 2016 and recognition of our 2017 leaders. This gathering will also include the presentation of the various cultural and academic awards. All members of our community are welcome. Catering for supper will be highlighted in the weeks to come.

Our end of year Christmas Liturgy will be on Friday the 2nd December at 10:30am. Students are well beyond.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

AWARDS Term 4 Week 4

Talgai—
Eddison Barton for staying focused and always trying his hardest

Cunningham —
Sarah Morris for wonderful participation and effort in all areas of the curriculum.

Dalrymple –
Dakoda Cuning for giving every activity a 100% effort.

Glengallan

Abbey Mortimer for her diligent approach to school work and learning.

Mary MacKillop Award -
Trustworthy
Cunningham -
Ruby Wright
Dalrymple - Brett Shelton
Glengallan—
Jasmine Groombridge
Next Meeting - Wednesday 9th November from 7pm in the Library.

Thank you to all families who supported our recent fete. This help took many forms including donations, buying tickets, attending working bees, working on stalls, providing entertainment and attending on the night. Thank you to Mr. Maher and all staff for their support. The final figures are not in yet but, the approximate profit at this stage is $13000. The night was both a financial and social success for our school and Parish. This displayed what can be achieved when people work together.

Roy Nott

Last Tuckshop for 2016

Friday 11th November, Orders in the BLUE BIN no later than Tuesday 8th November

Sweet Treat—Vanilla Cup Cake $1.00

School Family Mass

All families are warmly invited to join with the St. Patrick’s parish community to celebrate the final school family mass of the year on November 6th at 9 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

BOOKMARK THIS!!

We have catalogued 100’s of new books for your children’s classroom. Come and join us for a social morning of cake, coffee and book covering. Let’s have some fun while we do something worthwhile for the school.

If you want to be a part of this intimate little group. We are meeting in the library on TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER.
DATE CLAIMERS- 2016

Nov 6  Family Mass 9am
Nov 9  7pm P&F meeting in Library
Nov 25 St Patrick's Swimming Carnival
Nov 29 9.30am End of Year Mass
       Followed by morning tea
       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?
**TUCKSHOP MENU**

**2016**

*Tuckshop will be each Friday fortnight
Orders need to be in by Tuesday of the tuckshop week

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*Some gluten free bread options available upon request.

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<td><strong>HOMEBAKED TREAT of the Week (listed in newsletter each week)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>APPLE SLINKY (or bring your own apple to slink)</strong></td>
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Example of Order on brown paper bag

**Orders Due by Tuesday of Tuckshop week.**

Orders to be written clearly on a paper bag with Child’s Name and Classroom Name, followed by Items and total cost. The bag, with correct money enclosed, is to be placed in the Tuckshop Blue Bin on the desk in the hallway no later than Tuesday.

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<td>Treat of the week</td>
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**TOTAL:** $7.00