Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome to term 2. The students arrived back on Monday looking bright eyed and ready to go. Thanks to the diligence of our parents, the students' dress standard and general presentation is very high, with most children even fitting in a trip to the hairdressers for a 'tidy up' over the break. Please be reminded that winter uniform will not begin until the first school day of May but in the meantime it is perfectly acceptable to have a school jacket ready to go in your child's bag. Wearing of long sleeve shirts or tracksuit pants under the set uniform is not encouraged, or inline with the existing school uniform policy. If you have concerns about the uniform and some constructive advice to offer please let us know here at school so that these ideas can be taken into consideration next time the school’s uniform policy is reviewed by the school board.

**Professional Development** - Next Thursday I will be attending a curriculum day facilitated by the Catholic Education Office of Toowoomba. Writing guidelines, data analysis, technology and best practice conversations around classroom walk throughs, lesson observations and feedback will be some of the topics covered on the day. On the 5th and 6th of May Miss Karine Preston and Mrs Lyn Geyle will participate in one day workshops covering the development of reading and writing towards a balanced literacy approach in the early years of schooling. We look forward to the professional conversations that will follow in our staff and professional learning community (PLC) meetings.

**ANZAC Day** - ANZAC Day commemorations this year begin on the 22nd of April with our school joining the students of Allora State School in a pre-ANZAC Day ceremony to be held at 9:15am in the ANZAC Memorial Park opposite Allora State School. All school community members are welcome to join us for this ceremony.

As with each year, the students of St Patrick’s Allora are urged to march on ANZAC Day on Monday the 25th of April. Students in their school formal uniforms are to gather at the intersection of Herbert and Drayton Streets outside of the Senior Citizens Centre. We hold the sacrifice of those that have gone before us in high regard and marching on ANZAC Day with our community is a wonderful way of acknowledging their sacrifice.

God Bless,
Tyronne Maher
Principal

“A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”

Marcus Garvey

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14 April - Term 2 Week 1

St Patrick’s Allora School Newsletter
Celebrating 100 years of Education in 1916

Assembly Roster Term 2
Friday’s 8.45am
- Week 1: Year 6
- Week 2: ANZAC Service
- Week 3: Cunningham
- Week 4: Year 6
- Week 5: Talgai
- Week 6: Gala Sports Day
- Week 7: Gala Sports Day
- Week 8: Glengallan
- Week 9: Year 6
- Week 10: Dalrymple
- Week 11: Year 6

School Masses – Term 1
Family and friends are invited to share with their children the following celebrations:
- Tuesday 24th May – Mary, Help of Christians 9.30am
- Tuesday 21st June - School Mass 9.30am

School News

Bon Voyage Sally! - Several weeks ago one of our past students, Sally Higgins, addressed the students on assembly and explained her winning of the ‘Premier’s Anzac Prize’ and her impending trip to Gallipoli before presenting the school with a small wooden cross for our students to decorate. Yesterday, Sally collected the cross that she will place in front of one of the grave sights at Gallipoli. Sally has promised to return and tell us of her adventures. On behalf of the whole community I wish Sally a safe and enjoyable journey.

Cross Country
13 of our finest runners are off to represent our school at the Central downs Cross Country event this Friday at Pilton. Good luck and have fun!

Homestead Visit
Four year 6 students attended Mass with Father Rod and our APRE Miss Karine Preston at ‘The Homestead’ last Tuesday. These students visits are always well received by the residents.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews begin next Monday. The response has been very positive and I look forward to being a part of some of these interviews. Please notify your child’s classroom teacher if you have not yet made an interview time.

NRL Fun
The National Rugby League development group will be running drills and activities for all classes during sessions on the 15th April, 29th April and the 6th of May. The children always look forward to these sessions.

Learning News
Paul Murphy our Senior Education officer and our Education Officer –Sue Keefer- will continue their visits this term working with both myself and the teaching staff. We are continuing our focus and drive towards better educational outcomes, with a meeting next Monday. Our staff continue their drive this term towards best practice around teaching and learning.

Student Absence/Late Procedure
Please be reminded that it is of the upmost importance to inform the school of your child/children’s absence and the reason promptly. The safety of your children is of the highest priority and this communication goes a long way towards ensuring that. In the instance of your child arriving after the first bell of the school day it is legally necessary for parents/carers to sign them in at the front desk. We thank you for your ongoing support of these very important processes.

Happy Birthday.
Best wishes for a Happy Birthday to:
Brett Shelton

Project Compassion Boxes—
Thank you for your generosity!
Project Compassion donation boxes were sent home at the start of Lent. Please have all of these returned to the office by the end of week 1 Term 2

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Website: http://www.allora.catholic.edu.au
P&F Update and Parish News

Welcome back! A big thank you to Karen Brown and Danielle Van Bennekom for organizing and sending out the sponsorship letters before Easter. Sponsorship pledges have already been received. Another big thank you to Roy and Roz who have kindly agreed to MC on the night, PHEW!! Can families please start purchasing boxes of chocolates to be used as prizes on the night. Now is a great time of year to pick them up at a reduced price!! I’ll let you know when to start sending them in. Thanks, Alana

“RATTLE OF THE BRAINS”

FRIDAY 27TH MAY, 2016

ALLORA COMMUNITY HALL,
HERBERT STREET

DOOR & BAR OPEN AT 6:15PM
ROUND ONE STARTS AT 7PM
8 PEOPLE PER TABLE (MAXIMUM)
$10 PER PERSON

RSVP 23rd May 2016 St Patrick’s School Office 4666 3551

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

Dalrymple Class Year 3 & 4 will be hosting the next Family Mass on Sunday 5 June 2016 at 9am.

St Patrick’s Centenary Merchandise for Sale

Packs of 5 assorted cards $10
- School student’s art work
- Convent
- Church stained glass
  Centenary Etched Wine Glasses - $7 each
  St Patrick’s Stubby Coolers - $5 each
  St Patrick’s School Stickers - $2 each
  Centenary Pens - $3 each
Between Two Rocks - Wine - $15 per bottle Verdello or Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon

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Found

A pair of brown prescription glasses left in the Parish Meeting room in the convent during the centenary weekend.
What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

**DATE CLAIMERS - 2016**

**Apr 15** Central Downs Cross Country Pilton

**Apr 17** School Photos—Formal uniforms

**Apr 22** Combined schools ANZAC Service at Allora Memorial Park 9.15am

**Apr 25** ANZAC Day—Students marching (Public Holiday)

**Apr 27** School Photos

**May 2** Labor Day (Public Holiday)

**May 4** School Winter Uniform

**May 5** Principal’s Meeting—Roma

**May 10,11,12** Naplan Testing

**May 20** 1st Gala Day

**May 24** School Mass 9.30am

**May 27** 2nd Gala Day and Under 8’s Day

**June 5** Dalrymple Family Mass

**June 14** 1st Day - Athletics Carnival

**June 17** 2nd Day - Athletics Carnival

**June 21** School Mass 9.30am

**June 24** End of Term 2

**July 11** Start of Term 3

**July 24** Catholic Education Week

**July 26** Catholic Education Week – Mass

**Aug 19** Bishop's In-service Day

**Sept 16** End of Term 3

**Oct 4** Start of Term 4

**Oct 17** Pupil Free Day

**Dec 2** End of Term 4

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**Seeking Class Photographs**

Thank you to those who have supplied photos or given us leads as to whom may have copies, we are still looking for the following:

- 1969………………. Classes 4 & 5
- 1971………………. Classes 5, 6 & 7
- 1976………………. Classes 4 & 5
- 1984……….....Classes 3 & 4
- 1993………………. Classes 4 & 5
- 1995………………. Classes 4 & 5
- 2000………………. Classes 6 & 7
- 2001………………. Classes 1 & 2
- 2002………………. 4 to 7
- 2003………………. 1 and 4 to 7

If you have any of these at home could we please borrow them for scanning to complete the school’s historical records?

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**JUNIOR NETBALL**

Would you like to play Netball?

Come and join us now.

Yes we have started, but No it is not too late to still join.

Fixtures recommence Saturday 16th April & continue for Terms 2 & 3, will Grand Final day Sept 3rd.

For information see our Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/warwicknetball/](https://www.facebook.com/warwicknetball/)

Or contact Lou Bunch [warwicknetball@bigpond.com](mailto:warwicknetball@bigpond.com) or 0407 734 380

NETBALL – a great team sport for children to enjoy, learn and grow with.