Dear Parents/Carers,

**ANZAC Day School Commemoration Service**— At 9.15am on Friday morning will join the students and teachers from Allora State School at the Allora Memorial Gardens. Parents and Carers are welcome as we commemorate the sacrifice of the Australian armed forces in all engagements.

**ANZAC Day March on the 25th April** – Once again we will march as a school on ANZAC Day. All students are to meet at the corner of Herbert and Drayton Streets outside of the Senior Citizens Centre in their formal uniforms by 10:30am on Monday morning. Students will march with other schools and various local organisations to the Allora Memorial Gardens on Warwick Street. The service is expected to be finished by 12 o’clock. I look forward to joining with our teachers and students in marching with our community on this very special day.

**Literacy development**— The feedback from both teachers and parents around the interviews being held all of this week has been very positive. A common question being asked in these interviews is ; “What do I need to work with my child on?” By and large the response is generally literacy based in its orientation.

Reading with your child and discussions about what they are reading helps to develop and extend vocabulary and reiterates the importance of reading – especially when they see their parents taking an interest. Increasing the quantity of reading experiences will directly improve reading skills and language acquisition.

Conversations with your child and limiting ‘screen time’ are also very beneficial in language development. As stated by *Ehmer :

“Engaging children in daily conversation about their world is particularly important in helping them to learn the language structures used in everyday speech. Chat to them as they are “doing” things, encouraging them to articulate their actions, thoughts, ideas and feelings as they learn about their world.” (*2004)

And on Television:

“Be aware that whilst lots of language is used on television, children are usually passive viewers. This means that most television is not a provider of what is considered the rich language that children need for later learning.”(*2004)

Parent teacher interviews are a great way of gauging how your child is coming along and what else can be done to support their learning. Alternatively, phone or email communication can also provide good feedback as well. Ongoing communication with your child’s teacher is key in moving your child’s learning forward.

* *Angela Ehmer is a consultant for Literacy Solutions Australia.*

**ANZAC Day** –

“Today we commemorate our diggers, it's a day to thank them for their service and remember those who died defending our freedom.”

Author Unknown
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Assembly Roster Term 2
Friday’s 8.45am

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

NRL Sessions
Each of the classes had a wonderful session with Scott from the NRL Development group last Friday. There are two more sessions to be conducted in this program over the next two Fridays.

Cross Country Success
Twelve of our students represented our school at the Central Downs Cross Country event last Friday Morning at Pilton. All students did their school proud in both the way they conducted themselves and in their individual performances. Notable mentions go to Porscha Mathie, Georgia Denny and Corey Deehan who all placed first in their respective events. Other results included Sophie Summerell placing third, Reuben Sullivan placing 5th and Georgia Pendergast placing fourth. The top five in each age group will now go onto the Southern Downs Cross Country event on the 26th April at the Allora Golf Course. Congratulations to all students who ran last week and good luck to those going onto the next level.

Lunch Boxes
Please have regular chats with your child/children about the amount of food that they require. Some of our younger students are polishing off the entire contents of their lunch boxes at the first break with nothing left to eat in the afternoon. Please make sure that there is something sufficient for their lunch break like a sandwich, roll or a salad wrap. Many of the packaged items advertised to us claim to have everything your child needs but in most cases are nutritionally lacking. Hungry bellies inevitably impact on concentration and therefore learning. Thank you for your diligence in this regard.

School Photos
School Photos are next Wednesday Morning. Students are to wear their formal uniforms and be looking neat and tidy for these photos. School photo orders should now be to the office. If you have not placed these yet please get them to the office by tomorrow.

Caritas Collection
Caritas boxes for ‘Project Compassion’ were sent home at the beginning of Lent several weeks ago. Please have these boxes returned to the office by the end of the week. Thank you.

School Dental Van
Registration forms have been forwarded to the Dentist who will contact families directly with their appointment times. Please remember if during school hours children will need to be signed out at the school office and accompanied by a parent to the Dental Van at the Allora State School.
April 21 - Term 2 Week 2

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School News (continued)

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P&F Update

We have started to collect the Trivia Night prize boxes of chocolates. Each family is asked to donate a box of chocolates. Please bring them to the school office as soon as possible.

Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

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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
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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)
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## What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

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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?

### St Mary’s College – Open Day – Sunday 29th May 2016

We would like to extend an invitation to all families to attend the St Mary’s College Open Day on Sunday the 29th May 2016 from 10am to 1pm.

This is a great opportunity to:
- visit us on campus at 129 West Street, Toowoomba
- meet staff and students
- experience classroom and extra-curricular life at the College

St Mary’s College has a proud history of providing quality holistic education to boys living in Toowoomba and the surrounding region.

We would welcome your interest in the College and are currently taking final enrolments for 2017 and 2018. As St Mary’s College is presently full in a number of grades we strongly encourage all families from the Diocese of Toowoomba Catholic Schools to enrol their sons as soon as possible for an immediate interview to secure a position for the coming years.

Visit our website [www.stmaryscollege.com](http://www.stmaryscollege.com) for more information or drop in on the day. You are most welcome!