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

April 28 - Term 2 Week 3

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

ANZAC Day - Thank you to all of those families that were able to march with us on Monday. Forty students represented St Patrick’s School and their behaviour, presentation and marching truly did our school community proud.

Learning News- Eileen Moyle from the Catholic Education Office of Toowoomba joined us again yesterday and worked collaboratively with Mrs Groombridge. Eileen’s expertise and wealth of knowledge in the area of student learning and inclusive education is a welcome element to improving student learning outcomes.

Professional Learning- Miss Preston and Mrs Geyle are attending one day workshops next week delivered by the ‘Literacy Solutions’ group. These sessions will focus on reading and writing in the early years. We look forward to Karine and Lyn sharing their insights on their return.

As part of my own professional learning, I will be attending a series of Principal’s meetings in Roma next week on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Thursday. During these meetings, topics such as assistive technologies in the classroom, productive collaboration and curriculum initiatives will be discussed.

Board Meeting- Last night’s meeting saw the acceptance of two nominations to our school board. On behalf of the school community I would like to congratulate David Burton and Tabitha Peters on their appointments. We look forward to their contributions towards the betterment of our school.

Part of the board’s responsibility involves the creation and review of school policies. The school’s uniform policy will be up for review at the next meeting. In the coming weeks there will be an online survey sent to parents through email requesting feedback from you in relation to the current school uniform policy. This consultation process ensures that all members of our community are able to express their views.

God Bless,

Tyronne Maher
Principal

“No duty is too small to be done well ” Mary Mackillop 1873

Important for this week

Fee statements have gone home this week. Included is the $10 per student cost for the Centenary Art pieces. These will be sent home with students on Friday 6th May.

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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School News

Southern Downs Cross Country Success!
Six of our students represented the Central Downs Cross Country Team on Tuesday at the Southern Downs Cross Country Carnival. The students enjoyed a wonderful morning of competition and represented their school in an exemplary fashion. Congratulations go to Georgia Denny and Porscha Mathie on successfully gaining selection into the Southern Downs team to compete in the Darling Downs Cross Country event on the 24th of May. What a great achievement!

NAPLAN Preparation
Students and teachers are busy preparing the year 3 and 5 students for the upcoming Naplan assessments in week 5 by doing some practise questions to familiarise them with the layout and administration of the tests. The tests will run during the morning sessions of the 10th, 11th and 12th of May. The assessments will run as follows:
- 10th May – Language Conventions and Writing
- 11th May - Reading
- 12th May - Numeracy
You can help in the preparation of your child/children for these tests by:
- Giving them the confidence to do the assessments by speaking positively about the assessments.
- Ensuring that in the week leading up to the test that your child is getting a minimum of 10 hours sleep per night. According to raisingchildren.net.au, “Children aged 6-9 need 10-11 hours sleep a night.”* The same website suggests that children between the ages of 10 and 12 need at least 9 ½ hours sleep.
- Ensuring that on the day of the tests, that students have a high energy, low sugar breakfast.

Specific information regarding the tests will be coming home soon.

Punctuality
Please ensure that your child/children are here at school prior to the first bell ringing at 8:40am. Please be advised, in the event of a late arrival you are required to sign your child in at the front desk. Your diligence in this regard assists us in ensuring the safety of your child/children and provides maximum exposure to important learning.

School Choir Performance
Tomorrow afternoon at 2pm the Year 3 – 6 students are performing for the local Country Women’s Association at their branch meeting. The students have been practising the songs to be performed in music lessons and will have another practise session tomorrow afternoon before setting off on their way.

Upcoming Gala Days and Under 8’s Day
The Gala Days will be held this year on the 20th and 27th of May at Allora State School. Students turning 9, 10, 11 or 12 are to be part of a St Patrick’s netball, soccer or rugby league team. Students turning 8 this year are permitted to play in soccer or netball (for girls) only. Students are not permitted to play rugby league until they are 9 years of age. Some training will be done at school in preparation for these fun days. Information regarding under 8’s day on the 27th of May will be dispersed when it comes to hand.

School Fees
A reminder please that when families enrol their children at a Catholic School they are asked to enter into an agreement for the payment of School Fees. The level of fees is kept as low as possible so the school is available to all families seeking a Catholic Education for their children. This level is decided on the assumption that as a community all families pay a share of the school’s costs through the regular payment of School Fees. Parents are urged to contact the Principal if payment of fees, for whatever reason, is being made difficult so that alternative arrangements can be made.
Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 9AM
2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 5pm (for winter)
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.

Calling for Nominations:
Positions on the Parish Pastoral Council Committee are now open.
The parish is looking for people that believe they can make a contribution to the our parish.
Community members are encouraged to nominate themselves or the name of someone they believe worthy of nomination.
Please contact John Cowley or Father Rod.

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P&F Update

Next Meeting Wednesday 11th May at 7pm in the Library.
Main topic for discussion and planning will be the Trivia Night. All are welcome to attend and participate. If you would like to add your name to assist with a task please contact the Event co-ordinator - Alana Deehan on 0421 208 654 or myself on 0447 174 487

Chris Gleeson has recently commented on the exceptional job that our parents did in running of the barbeque on the Sunday of our centenary. Chris is looking for anyone who might be able to help with the BBQ during the Autumn Festival on Sunday. If you might be able to give some of your time please contact her at the Allora Advertiser (4666 3128).

Regards Roy Nott (President)

TUCCSHOP NEXT WEEK

Orders into the BLUE BIN by Tuesday 3rd May
Tuck Shop on FRIDAY 6th May
Sweet Treat—Mars Bar Slice—$1.00

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

“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

Uniform: Wanted -
Size 6 or 7 Pinafore.
Please contact Anita Wright if you can assist.

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What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

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?

DATE CLAIMERS- 2016

May 2  Labor Day (Public Holiday)
May 4  School Winter Uniform Principal’s Meeting—Roma
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 
TRIVIA NIGHT
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 (School Closed)
Sept 16  End of Term 3
Oct 4  Start of Term 4
Oct 17  Pupil Free Day
Dec 2  End of Term 4

Head Lice Alert

Head lice have been detected in the school.
It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

Parents will be contacted by the school if head lice are detected in students.

ST JOSEPH’S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA

Enrolment interviews for students wishing to enter Year 7 in 2018 will commence during Term 3, 2016.

If you are considering applying to St Joseph’s College for enrolment in Year 7, 2018, please complete an Enrolment Application Form and forward to the College. Enrolments for 2018 will be finalised by Term 4, 2016.

Because of a high demand for enrolments at St Joseph’s, it is not always possible to offer places to all enrolment applications. It would be regrettable if children from Catholic Primary Schools were unable to be offered a position because of late application. If you intend enrolling your child at St Joseph’s for 2018, you are urged to do so during Term 2, 2016.

St Joseph’s College Open Day 2016 will be conducted on Tuesday 24th May 2016, commencing at 8.30am. All are welcome to attend.

Please contact the Enrolment Officer on:
Phone 4631 8525 or by email: enrolments@sjc.qld.edu.au