Dear Parents/Carers,

**Athletics** – Tuesday saw the completion of the discus, 200m and 800m events for our 9, 10, 11 and 12 year old students at Allora State School. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Allora State School for allowing us to use their oval and discus facilities. The students participated to the best of their abilities and were commended on their resilient efforts. Thanks to our parents and staff the morning ran very smoothly. Tomorrow the whole school will participate in the remainder of our track and field events. The day will begin with our sprint events followed by field rotations (including ball games) and relays. The P&F will be providing a complimentary sausage on bread for all of our students however our students are still encouraged to pack something for lunch. All members of our community are welcome and encouraged to come along and cheer on the children in what should be a great day of competition.

**Bring in the band!** – Next Tuesday we will be treated to a 30-minute performance by the St Joseph’s Junior String Ensemble at 11:45am. The children from C&K Kindy will be joining us. Parents and friends of both communities are more than welcome.

**Early Years Play Date** – As has been mentioned in recent newsletters, we are hosting an ‘Early Years Play Date’ next Tuesday morning the 21st of June. All parents and children five year’s and under are welcome to attend. The parish function room, which backs onto the school grounds, has been made available for this date and can be accessed from Mackillop Lane. Parents are asked to park in front of the church. The play date kicks off at 9am and depending on the success of the turn out, future ‘play dates’ will continue to run until a formal time and place for Allora’s Playgroup can be organised.

**Report Cards** – Report cards will go home next Thursday with the weekly newsletter. The A to E standard that we use to assess the students performance over the course of the semester is the same standard that all schools implementing the Australian Curriculum utilises. It must be noted that the C grade standard of work is not the same as what it was when some of us went to school. Whereby a C was seen as barely scraping through and a D grade was a fail. This is no longer the case. When a child receives a C grade, by today’s Australian Curriculum Standard, they have shown that they are managing the content expected of their year level. The D standard, by comparison, means that all they are on their way to achieving the standard expected of their year level but more work is required. When a child receives a B grade it means that they have competently attended to the content expected of their year level and are even starting to use the content to a higher level than their peers – mostly unassisted. An A grade means that the student is operating in that learning area in a higher order thinking capacity independently and, in some instances, is attending to work in the year level above. Please do see your child’s teacher if you have any questions regarding reporting.

**Transition Days** – Next Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 6 students have been invited to attend transition days at Assumption College in Warwick and Allora State School respectively. A transition afternoon will be held at Assumption College next Tuesday from 12.30pm and at Allora State School next Wednesday from 12:30pm. If you have not decided which school you’ll be sending your child to for Year 7 it is strongly suggested that this be finalised as soon as possible. This is important as time is getting away. More importantly, from an emotional and social point of view for your child, knowing which school they are attending next year will help to address any anxieties that they will be experiencing already.

God Bless,

Tyronne Maher—Principal

“Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, and the heart desire, you can achieve.”

— Norman Vincent Peale

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**Important for this Week**

- **Tomorrow** bring a plate of goodies to share to Athletics Carnival (Tuckshop)
- **Tuesday** Play Date for under 5’s
- **Thursday** 2pm Glengallan History Performance

**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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**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.
Assembly Roster
Term 2
Friday’s 8.45am
Week 11: Glengallan

School Masses – Term 2
Family and friends are invited to share with their children the following celebrations:

Tuesday 21st June
9.30am School Mass—NAIDOC week celebration

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS Term 2 Week 9
Talgai — Sophia Fein for concentrating well to complete tasks in good time.
Cunningham — McKinley Keogh for a wonderful procedure description and good writing.
Dalrymple — Bridey Breen for excellent application in mathematics.

Mary MacKillop Award - Reverent

Cunningham — Zara Sullivan
Dalrymple — Zac Brasch

School News

Broncos Challenge

Last Friday the students from Year 5/6 participated in various sports as part of the ‘Broncos Challenge’ in Warwick. This sponsored event gave students from schools, small and large, the opportunity to play either rugby league, soccer, netball or hockey. The students reported a fun and challenging day of competition. Thank you again to Mrs Kylie Brasch and Mrs Anita Wright for their expertise and guidance with the netball players and for Mr Roy Nott’s work with the rugby league players. Under Mr Clarke’s coaching, our hockey team won every game on the day and took out the event—well done!

Glengallan History Performance

Next Thursday afternoon at 2pm the students from Year 5/6 will be performing the skits that have formed part of the history unit they’ve covered this semester on early colonial Australia. As part of the display they’ll also be showing the dioramas that they’ve created in their history lessons. All parents and friends are invited to experience Glengallan students learnings.

Development Cup

Daniel, Reuben, Billy, George and Jed represented the Central Downs District yesterday in the finals of the ‘Development Cup’ in Toowoomba. While they didn’t come away with the trophy, all reports would indicate that their behaviour and sportsmanship was of the level we’ve come to expect from our students. Thank you to our parents and to Roy Nott for supporting and training the team.

Work Experience Student

Next week Miss Brittany Lawler, a Year 10 student from Assumption College, will be joining us for some work experience in our classes. We look forward to working with Brittany next week and supporting her in her experiences. Please do say hello when you see her.

Homework

Homework is an important element of building student responsibility for their own learning as well as fostering parent engagement in the learning process. Our homework policy is reaching completion. It will be circulated in draft form via email as a way of seeking constructive feedback from everyone. Following a short period for feedback it will be brought to the next board meeting for approval. As a way of encouraging students to complete their work, a supervised ‘support room’ will be provided at lunchtime whereby those students that have not completed their homework (or other work) will attend the support room where they will be provided with a quiet environment to complete their work. The support room will be up and running in term 3.

Updating Contact Details

In recent weeks we have had some difficulty contacting parents. If you have not done so already, please notify the office if you have recently moved house, changed phone numbers, or changed email addresses. Please contact the office or email your changes to allora@twb.catholic.edu.au
School News (continued)

Bus Behaviour—Students have been reminded of the appropriate behaviour expected of them while travelling to and/or from school on a bus. Students are to select a seat to sit in and should not move from that seat unless directed by the bus driver to do so. We appreciate your efforts in reminding your children to follow these rules.

No hat—no play! - If a student does not have a hat here at school or does not have a note from a parent or carer addressing the reason behind needing to wear an alternative hat, there is no play. These children are encouraged to read a book or some other activity they can do while sitting. In the instance where a child needs a hat for a physical education lesson or a class excursion we will provide a spare one. The children are aware that the ‘spare’ hat is not to be used at play time. Children need to develop the responsibility of remembering all of the items that they need for a day at school.

P&F Update

Next Meeting Wednesday 13 July at 7pm in the Library.

Athletics Carnival Tomorrow

The P&F will have tea and coffee available all day in the Tuckshop for parents and friends attending to enjoy plus the coffee van will be onsite. Could parents please bring a plate of goodies to share and place in the tuckshop. P&F will also be sizzling sausages for students, parents and friends to enjoy a BBQ lunch.

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

Sacramental Preparation 2016

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter sacraments are vital expressions of Catholic life. Since sacraments are so important, they are taken very seriously and there is a need to prepare, to receive them thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Participating in and receiving the sacraments is a unique and special part of the Catholic faith tradition and all baptised children in Year 4 are invited to join the program.

The St Patrick’s Parish Sacramental Program will run in Term 3 beginning in the first week. This will include an information session with Father Rod.

Weekly sharing and discussion sessions for parents and children will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 2 September.

Please complete the Sacramental Registration form and return it to school by June 24th if you would like to register your child for this year’s Sacramental Program.

It is very important children are registered by this date so that resources can be purchased for the commencement of Term 3.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards Ros Hibberd
0409 277 510

St Patrick’s Centenary Merchandise for Sale

- Packs of 5 assorted cards $10
- School students’ art work
- Convent
- Church stained glass
- St Patrick’s 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

Footy Doubles

$2 a ticket

Available now at the school office for the second game to be played on Wednesday 22nd of June in Brisbane.

To win your ticket must have the first scorer number for each of the Home (Qld) team and the Away (NSW) team.

PRIZE $100.00
What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

St. Vincent de Paul Society
  Mini Vinnies
  Winter Appeal

Facts about Homelessness:
• Homeless people are like you and me, they too have feelings, dreams and aspirations.
• Homelessness can happen to anyone unexpectedly.
  ♦ Homelessness isn’t just being without a home. It also involves social isolation.

Donations of blankets, clothing and so on, are always most welcome, especially for the cooler months for those who are homeless. St. Patrick’s is wanting to make a difference this year and offer a helping hand to those who need our support. Please donate any spare blankets, or clothing that is now too small by the end of term and we will deliver them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

DATE CLAIMERS - 2016

June 17  2nd Day- Athletics Carnival
June 21  School Mass 9.30am
           Early Years Play Date
June 24  End of Term 2

July 11  Start of Term 3
July 24  Catholic Education Week
July 25  Early Years Expo
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

Early Years Expo

Open to all under 5’s and their parents in the community!
Come along for a morning of fun, games and laughter!
  • Painting, games, story time and more

Come Join in the fun on the 25th July —
all under 5’s and
Parents and carers welcome!!
9– 11:30am
St Patrick’s School Allora