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.

Important for this week

NAPLAN—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Could ALL students please be at school by 8.30am to enable NAPLAN to start on time without interruption.

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.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

NAPLAN – Next week the Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Attached to today’s newsletter is some information about these assessments.

It is very important for your child to understand the purpose of these tests to address any anxiety around these days. Please talk to your child’s class teacher if you have any questions regarding these tests.

Choir Performance— Last Friday the Year 3 to 6 students who make up our wonderful school choir performed for the Country Women’s Association (CWA). The students performed beautifully and did our school proud. A big thank you goes to Mrs Lesley Telford and our teachers for preparing the students for this community event.

Athletics Training— Whilst athletics is a focus in the children’s regular physical education classes this term, I will be conducting sessions after school on a Tuesday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm in the lead up to our athletics carnival in week 10. These sessions will start next Tuesday and are open to students born 2007 and older. In addition to this, students will be supervised in training sessions focusing on the various athletics disciplines on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Parent Workshop Opportunity— Attached to this week’s newsletter is an invitation to parent representatives of our school to attend a workshop with internationally acclaimed parent engagement expert Dr Debbie Pushor on Thursday, 12 May 2016 in Toowoomba. Debbie’s work is focussed on engagement of parents in the learning process. The sessions offered are designed to act as a springboard for the further development of parent engagement already happening in our school. I will be attending one of these workshops and I think it would be absolutely beneficial to our school community if some parent representatives could attend as well. Please contact me if you would like to take advantage of this very worthwhile free workshop.

God Bless,

Tyronne Maher
Principal

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”

Benjamin Franklin

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/b/benjaminfr383997.html
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Assembly Roster Term 2

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Southern Downs Touch Football
Congratulations goes to Reuben Sullivan for being selected for the Southern Downs Touch Football team. On Tuesday his team competed in the Darling Downs Trials against other teams in the region at the Kearney Spring’s sports grounds. A good day of competition was had but unfortunately Reuben was not chosen for the Darling Downs team.

Gala Days
Notes went home yesterday to students in Glengallan and Dalrymple that contained information about the upcoming Gala Days at Allora State School on the 20th and 27th of May. These days are a great opportunity for the students from years 3 to 6 to compete in a sport that they may not normally have the opportunity to compete in. Students have a choice of rugby league (boys and girls aged 9 or older only), netball (girls only) or soccer (boys and girls).

A big thank you goes to Mrs Kylie Brasch and Mrs Anita Wright for coordinating training sessions for our netball girls on Wednesdays in the weeks leading up to Gala days. The netball sessions have been moved from after school to lunchtime on a Wednesday. Students are reminded to bring a change of sports shorts and shirts plus joggers for practice sessions on formal uniform days. Practice sessions for soccer and rugby league will be catered for in the coming weeks during lunch times. The facilitators from the NRL Development group will be running training sessions during the next two Friday lunch times for our junior and senior league teams.

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS Term 2 Week 3

Talgai — Eddison Barton for excellent concentration in learning activities.
Cunningham — Axil Mathie for wonderful effort in writing.
Dalrymple – Aliza Schellbach for working hard, staying on task and being helpful.
Glengallan – Casey-Lee Shelton for her dedication to improve, especially in Maths.

Mary MacKillop Award - Helpful
Cunningham—Elizabeth Jones
Dalrymple – Ashlee Henry
Glengallan—Emily Jones

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.

Under 8’s Day
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 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.

St Patrick’s Centenary Merchandise for Sale
Packs of 5 assorted cards $10
- School students’ 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/Semillion

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. Yesterday the Trivia Night family participation information and volunteers sheet went home. Please contact either Alana or myself with any questions. 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. Family chocolate donations are being collected at the school office.

In preparation for the next meeting, minutes form the April meeting will be distributed by email on Monday. If you wish to be added to the newsletter email list, please contact the office. Regards Roy Nott (President)
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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
2000.............. Classes 6 & 7
2002.............. 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 10,11,12    Naplan Testing
May 18/19       Life Education van class visits
May 20          1st Gala Day
May 24          School Mass 9.30am
May 27          2nd Gala Day and Under 8’s Day
                **TRIVIA NIGHT 6.15pm**
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

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