Dear Parents/Carers,

‘Early Years Expo’- On the 25th of July at 9am, St Patrick’s will be holding an ‘Early Years Expo’. All young members of the Allora community are invited to this event which aims to be a morning of fun for all children 5 years and younger. This is open to all families regardless of their future plans for the enrolment of their children. Fun activities will include art and craft, face painting, storytelling, games and more. This morning is separate to the two prep open mornings that will also occur in terms 3 and 4. Please help in spreading the word about what should be a great community morning of fun and games for everyone.

Sally Returns

Sally Higgins returned to our assembly last Friday and reported on the life changing trip she had recently taken to the historic battlefields of Turkey and France. The children were very impressed to see that the cross that they decorated was pictured at the grave of one of our fallen – Timothy Lynam. We thank Sally for including our school, her primary school, in her journey and for her time in addressing us.

Athletics—Our athletics carnival will be held on Tuesday and Friday of next week. On Tuesday, following the marking of our class roles, students aged 9,10,11 and 12 will be escorted down to Allora State School for discus and the 200m and 800m running events. On Friday we will be running the rest of the carnival with all students competing in running events first up, followed by field event rotations and ball games and finishing the day with relays. A barbeque lunch will be provided for the students and spectators. Thank you to Allora State School for the use of their track and facilities on Tuesday and to Roy Nott and Paul Morris for marking our running track this weekend. I look forward to seeing you all there next week.

Learning—Our Professional learning community meetings have continued productive conversations about student learning throughout the semester. Our main focus area will remain on mathematics but on number facts specifically with the goal of speeding up recall. The Australian Curriculum marks Year 2 as the first year that number facts are explored. For this reason, Prep and Year 1 students will focus on the foundational elements of number facts and tables required of them before Year 2. Times tables and other related facts are foundational to most mathematics concepts learnt and to many things we do in everyday life. Assisting your children in learning these facts, ‘parrot fashion’ is a big help in assisting them to retain the information. We are enthused by this focus and look forward to working with you in the attainment of higher results for all of our students in this area.

Surveys—Have Your Say —Again in 2016 the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office has engaged the Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII) to conduct our School Improvement Surveys. These surveys provide our school with an opportunity to gain valuable data from parents, staff and students. The Surveys will be conducted during Catholic Education Week (CEW) in Week 3 of next term and it is an expectation that all students from Years 5 and 6 undertake the electronic survey here at school. The survey that students will complete is separate and different to the one that parents and teachers receive. Parents with email addresses recorded on our school data base will receive the email directly to their inbox. Our school will use the data to steer future improvement planning at St Patrick’s. I encourage as many people as possible to complete the short survey and have their feedback recorded. The survey, like most, is anonymous and used only for the purposes of school improvement at a local and diocesan level.

God Bless,

‘Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.’

Chinese Proverb

Tyronne Maher—Principal
Assembly Roster
Term 2
Friday’s 8.45am
Week 9: Principal
Week 10 Thursday: Dalrymple
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

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Eli Breen
Jack Wright
Logan Schelbach
Matilda Gasson

Book Presentation
Thank you to Wendy Ardrey and Lyn Wright from the Allora and District Historical Society for coming and presenting the beautiful book, ‘Keeping Their Memory Alive’. The book is a wonderful addition to our library and compliments the Australian History Curriculum beautifully. Dalrymple class have already made use of this book in a task they are currently undertaking whereby they are making movies about the school’s unique Shrine monument. Thank you.

NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week
Last week was National Reconciliation Week. ‘Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians’ (*). Another week of commemoration and celebration is NAIDOC week starting on first Sunday of July. As this week falls in the school holiday period, the Yr 6 students will facilitate activities on the last day of school in a two-hour session of rotation activities celebrating NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC week (NAIDOC stands for - National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance committee) celebrates the contributions of our Indigenous Australians past and present.

New School Website
Be sure to check out our new website. Our website is now live and as well as being new and fresh, it is also more compatible with tablet and android devices. I look forward to your feedback and any ideas that you might have for inclusion on our website.

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 class 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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS Term 2 Week 8
Talgai — Riley Burton for always doing his best work.
Cunningham — Ivy Coker for outstanding effort in all areas of her school work.
Dalrymple — Jason Deehan for his good work ethic.
Glengallan — Elyse Peters for excellent spelling results.

Mary MacKillop Award - Respectful of Learning
Cunningham — Reagan Pendergast
Dalrymple — Sarah Brown
Glengallan — Jack Wright

Above : Axil making some lemonade and below, Angus showing how to cook the perfect batch of biscuits.
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

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/Semillon

Sacramental Preparation 2016

Celebrating a sacrament for the first time is an important step in the life of a Catholic child. 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. Ros Hibberd is once again co-ordinating St. Patrick’s sacramental program.

St. Patrick’s Parish, will commence the 2016 Sacramental Program in Term 3. Please complete the attached form and return it to school by June 24th if you would like to register your child for this year’s Sacramental Program. If you have any questions regarding the program, please see either Ros, or myself.

Karine Preston
Assistant Principal – Religious Education

P&F Update

Next Meeting Wednesday 13th July at 7pm in the Library.
June 9 - Term 2 Week 9

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
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?

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 14 1st Day - Athletics Carnival
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

St Patricks Uniforms For Sale
2x St Patricks sport shirts size 16 -$15 each 2x St Patricks track pants size 6 -$10 each 1x St Patricks jacket size 6 -$10 All below $5 each 1x summer dress size 6 (small stain) 2x navy skorts size 4 2x navy skorts size 6 3x grey shorts mid length size 12 3x grey shorts mid length size 16 2x navy ruggars size 16 3x blue midford shirts size 16 Contact Vanessa 0439320581

GIVEAWAY
2 x 10 week old kittens
Contact—Anita Wright 0488 663 836