



St Patrick's Allora School Newsletter

Providing quality education since 1916

Dear Parents,

"Never see a need without doing something about it." - Mary MacKillop

Mission—
We are an inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all.

Our School Student Protection Contacts:

Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher



Please note:

Term 1 School Fees Reminders have gone home today. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss fee payment.

- ◆ **Assembly this week is 9am THURSDAY 30th March**
- ◆ **Remember to bring in Caritas donation money before Thursday.**

St Patrick's School – A Nut Aware School.
We are aware that children may have a severe anaphylactic reaction to peanuts.

Parents are requested to be diligent with items packed in lunch boxes.



Reading Training — Currently students are being trained towards building their reading stamina. Just like we train in the lead up to a long distance running race so that we can run for longer. Building reading stamina is about getting children to read for longer. This requires building concentration time.

In classes we set daily time goals for students to try and reach. While they are 'training' and trying to reach these goals, teachers ask individual children to 'whisper read' to them. Doing this enables the teacher to highlight and praise positive reading strategies the learner is using, assess areas in their reading that require consolidation and to determine the suitability of the text for their capabilities. Reading stamina requires a book that they can read without assistance.

Rules for reading stamina include;

- Reading the right book and having the right amount of books for the reading time. This reduces distractions for the reading time.
- Sit in a quiet place.
- Start reading right away.
- Read the whole time. Students should 'lock their eyes in' to the text. No looking around the room.
- Think about what their reading.

Holiday reading challenge — Continuing to read over the Easter holidays is very important and parents should ensure that their child reads for 15minutes every day regardless of their age. This week, students with their teachers will set themselves the goal of reading a certain book or number of books over the 2 week break. Those students that successfully reach their goal will be rewarded with a session of games and fun in the first week back in term 2.

Cross Country on Friday – Our students will assemble at Allora Golf Course at 9:30am sharp. Teachers will mark rolls here at school before walking students down to the course. Students will need to have had sunscreen applied before arriving at school. They will also need to be in their sports uniform, with a hat and a water bottle (name clearly printed). Those students not ordering a sausage for lunch will need to bring their bag with them. Students are encouraged to accessorize their uniforms with their team colours. This may be in the form of coloured zinc (not above or around the eyes), hairbands, socks or wristbands. Please note that Rynne is red, Lynam is green and Hughes team is blue.

Parents and friends are encouraged to come along and support the students. Help from our families will be greatly appreciated in track supervision (please bring a chair) and with the barbeque.

Children born 2012/2011 will run 500m, children born 2010/2009 will run 1km, children born 2007/2008 will run 2km, children born 2006/2005 will run 3km. There will also be a participation event for those students not wishing to run in their competitive event or for those that would like to run in an extra event. Students 9 years and older can qualify to compete in the Central Downs Carnival early in Term 2 if they place 1st, 2nd or 3rd over the line in their competitive event. Students that are unable to run on Friday can still be nominated to run in the Central Downs Carnival.

Students will receive ribbons for their individual school placing and medallions will be issued for the overall champions in each age group at the conclusion of the day's events. During our next school assembly, house results will be announced and medallions will be awarded.

God Bless

Tyrone Maher
Principal

'The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.'

Mahatma Gandhi

<https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mahatmagan121411.html>



Pictured: Students having a great day at last year's cross country event.



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Assembly Roster

Week 10(Thursday) 9am

: 'You Can Do It'
Presentations



Happy Birthday this week and over the holidays to:

- ◇Chad Doepel
- ◇Ruby Wright
- ◇Jake Burns
- ◇Corey Deehan
- ◇Bridey Breen
- ◇Seth Donovan
- ◇Porscha Mathie
- ◇Brett Shelton

School News

Glengallan Homestead Visit—Students from Cunningham have been learning this term about local history and what life would have been like for the first settlers of our area.

The students learnt about the small village that was part of the property that housed and catered for approximately 300 residents.

Our year 2/3 students were on their best behaviour and asked some very insightful questions. Thank you to Clare, one of the homestead's volunteers, for taking the time to show the students around.

The homestead celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. To commemorate this occasion, admission for children is during all of 2017.

Message Through Magic— Last Tuesday students were treated to a show about bullying. Ben used magic and puppetry to engage the students in conversations and strategies that they can use if ever they are being bullied or seeing someone else being bullied.

Students to sing for the QCWA—All students have been working hard in music this term in singing, recorder and ukulele. Children from the Years 4-6 choir will be singing for the Queensland Country Women's Association this Thursday afternoon at 2pm.



Cunningham historians enjoyed a great day at Glengallan Homestead.



All students enjoyed the 'Stamp out Bullying' show last Tuesday.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS Term 1 Week 9

Talgai— Thomas Peters for trying hard to find letters for sounds in his writing.

Cunningham— Alana Burton for great work in spelling and writing.

Dalrymple — Samantha Shaw for thinking deeply to set goals to improve her learning.

Glengallan — Amy Morris for the high quality of work produced in every subject area.

Mary MacKillop Award - Trustworthy

Talgai — Logan Schelbach
Glengallan — Jed Esson

Mary MacKillop Award - Inclusive

Cunningham - Matilda Gasson
Dalrymple - Harry Wright

Glengallan News

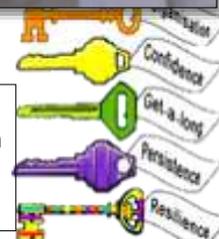
Learning Fun

Congratulations on a super term, Glengallan! We have really developed our understanding of whole numbers and fractions in maths, we have written some interesting narratives, completed information about Nepal for the CWA competition and learnt how to be persuasive through our writing. In Religion, we have learnt what it means to be a just leader and have developed these skills through our leadership on St Patrick's Day and throughout every day as leaders in the school. We have represented the school and Central Downs in tennis, soccer, netball and rugby league. We have been extremely productive!



You Can Do It!

It's been very nice to see how the students of Glengallan have been 'getting along' lately. This is a skill that we are focusing on as we treat each other with respect. We're trying to think before we say things that might be hurtful.



Did you know?

Pronoun referencing is a tool we use to better understand a text. It involves trying to work out who a particular pronoun is referring to. The next time your child reads to you, find a pronoun and see if they can work out who it is referring to. It's not as easy as you might think.

Students of the week

Congratulations to the students who received Students of the Week last week: Amy Morris for high quality work produced in every subject area and Jack Phelan for striving to do his best. Jed and George received Mary MacKillop Awards.



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Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH –

MASS 9AM

2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 6pm

4TH, 5TH SUNDAY OF MONTH – LITURGY OF THE WORD – 9 AM

EASTER at St Patrick's
Holy Thursday 6pm
Good Friday 10am
Easter Saturday Virgil 7pm



St Patrick's School Parents & Friends Association

"... as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school"

- President—Roy Nott
- Vice President—Laurence Ryan
- Secretary—Juanita Breen
- Treasurer—Position vacant
- Uniform convenor—Deanna Kotsopoulos
- Tuckshop convenor—Kirsty Gibson

**Cross Country Lunches—
Helpers needed on Friday!**

**Next P & F Meeting is Wednesday
19th April
at 7pm in the Library.**

**TUCKSHOP Sweet Treat bakers
thank you to the ladies who
have volunteered for Term 2, we
will contact you with Tuckshop dates
early in the term.**



**Term 2 starting
Tuesday
18th April 2017**

School Mass – Term 2

Family and friends are invited to share with their children the following celebrations:

**Tuesday 23rd May –
Mary Help of
Christians 9.30am**

Assembly Roster Term 2 Friday's at 9am:

Week 1: Easter Prayers

Week 2: Leaders

Week 3: Leaders

Week 4: Talgai

Week 5: No Assembly
Gala Day

Week 6: No Assembly
Gala Day

Week 7: Leaders

Week 8: Principal

Week 9: Leaders

Week 10: Whole school
presentations of 'You Can
Do It' - Getting Along

Last Wednesday's meeting

- Trivia night organisation
- Purchase of netball bibs for junior girls
- P&F to pay for literacy workshop by bush poet Marco Giori who will work with the students for a day in September.

Former St Patrick's Student in Green and Gold!

Former St Patrick's student Jai Catling has been selected to attend the World Futsal (indoor soccer) Championships in the United States this coming July. Jai completed year 7 at St Patricks in 2013. Jai's younger sister Alana (Year 2) and brother Riley (Year 1) both still attend St Patrick's.

Many of you may still remember Jai representing St Patrick's School with pride in his sporting achievements at Central, Southern and Darling Downs' levels in swimming, athletics, tennis and football (Soccer).



Jai was the Year 7 recipient of the St Patrick's Sporting Award for the graduating class of 2013. His passion has always been to play football at the highest level, for Australia. This has come from many years of training and dedication to the sport.

Please keep Jai in your thoughts and prayers as he embarks on this journey. Your assistance in any way possible is appreciated to help him achieve his goal. His family has set up a 'gofundme' account. Please click on the link below to show your support.

<https://www.gofundme.com/e28dj-jais-campaign-to-world-futsal-usa>





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What's Happening at St Patrick's Allora?

Harry Potter Day

WIZARDS, WITCHES AND MUGGLES ALIKE ARE INVITED FOR FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN AT DIAGON ALLEY MARKETPLACE THANKS TO THE ECLECTIC EMPORIUM.

SATURDAY 1 APRIL, 11 - 4PM
TOOWOOMBA CITY LIBRARY
FREE ADMISSION - NO TICKETS REQUIRED

Harry Potter trivia challenge (O.W.L.S. and N.E.W.T. rounds)*
3D printer snitches thanks to University of Southern Queensland from 1-4pm.
Free face painting | Harry Potter costume competition | Scavenger hunt
QR code challenge | Potions class for kids* | Harry Potter craft bar
Harry Potter photobooth by Lightscape Studios (\$5.00 per photograph, cash only).

*Booking Required: to book for trivia or potions class, email young.people@tr.qld.gov.au or Facebook Toowoomba Regional Libraries.

DATE CLAIMERS- 2017

31 Mar	School Cross Country—Competing with St Francis de Sales at Allora Golf Course BBQ lunch— <u>pre ordered</u>
31 Mar	Term 1 Ends
14 Apr	Good Friday
16 Apr	Easter Sunday
18 Apr	Term 2 Starts
19 Apr	Central Downs Cross Country - 9-12yrs (Pilton) P&F Meeting—7pm
25 Apr	ANZAC Day (School Closed)
27 Apr	School Photos (formal uniform)
1 May	Labor Day (School Closed)
2—5 May	Parent teacher interviews
23 June	Term 2 Ends
10 July	Term 3 Starts
15 Sept	Term 3 Ends
3 Oct	Term 4 Starts
16 Oct	Student Free Day (School Closed)
1 Dec	Term 4 and School Year Ends

RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

A FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
for Primary School Children
put on by the Presbyterian Church of Allora
April 3,4,5
from 9 - 12 (Come earlier for name tags first day)
at the Allora State School

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Wednesday night 6pm (gold coin donation)

Games, puzzles, crafts, morning tea provided, hats needed

contact: Elton Wiltshire 46663743

SWIMMING LESSONS

WIRAC
Woronora Indoor Recreation and Aquatics Centre

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