



Dear Parents,

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

**Reading Stamina** - One of the areas of focus this year in our classrooms is the explicit teaching of skills related to the training and subsequent development of *reading stamina*.

"Building reading stamina supports students to read for an extended time, trains muscle memory and supports an increased attention." (source: [www.literacysolutions.com.au](http://www.literacysolutions.com.au))

In the same way we train our bodies for a big running race, we need to train our children to read for sustained periods of time. With the influx of handheld illuminated screen devices, students find it difficult to engage with reading for sustained periods.

At home:

- Provide a quiet time and place for your child to read uninterrupted.
- Check in with how their book is coming along to make sure that they have a suitable book. Listening to them read a page will tell you very quickly whether or not the book is at their level. There should be no more than two or three new words on each page. Children will sometimes borrow a book from the library because it is what 'everyone else' is reading.
- Encourage reading of a wide range of texts including newspapers, magazines, junk mail etc. Children need to know that language serves many purposes.

**Next Wednesday night**, as part of our parent information sessions, (see further information in this newsletter), Mrs Eileen Moyle, an inclusive education learning officer from Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office, will be presenting a practical session on reading to assist our parents. Eileen has extensive experience in supporting students with reading. We thank Eileen for her time and look forward to the practical suggestions she can offer in supporting reading development at home.

**8th February—Parent information night and Meet and greet** - Our parent information night will be held in the Multipurpose room next Wednesday afternoon from 5pm. This very important evening is always well attended at St Patrick's and is an opportunity for parents to gather an understanding of classroom expectations and routines as well as an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher/s and ask questions.

Due to the new routines that are being implemented across all classrooms, we will be running with a different format. During the presentation, teachers will present different aspects of our classroom routines and the expectations that our team has of our students. Following these presentations, parents will have the opportunity to meet with classroom teachers to ask any further questions. The evening will conclude with a 'Meet and Greet' barbeque provided by our 'Parents and Friends' (P&F) committee.

The **meet and greet** is a great opportunity to have something to eat and to meet new parents to our community. It also ensures that a meal need not be prepared on your return home. A 'win, win' for everyone! We look forward to seeing you there!

**Please note - The first P&F meeting for 2017 will now be held on 23rd February in the library.**

**Volunteer induction** - We are extremely fortunate at St Patrick's to have a very active group of community members who enthusiastically give of their time to assist our students in the development of their reading skills. The 2017 Induction Training for Volunteers will take place next Thursday, 9th February at 9am in the Library. We invite new and existing volunteers to attend. Please RSVP your attendance to the school office.

Parents of our students are exempt from having to hold a volunteers blue card or having to do the required training. With that said, to improve the safety of all students, the short 45minute presentation on Student Protection and Volunteers Code of Conduct is well worth the time. Those of you wishing to view these online training courses for your own interest can do so at: <http://www.twb.catholic.edu.au/work-for-us/volunteers-and-visiting-service-providers/> on the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Website or feel free to join us on the day.

God Bless

Tyrone Maher  
Principal

**"Social media is an amazing tool, but it's really the face-to-face interaction that makes a long-term impact."**

**Felicia Day**

Read more at: <https://www.brainyquote.com/>



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

Our School Student Protection Contacts:

**Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher**



## Important for Start of school

### SCHOOL BELL TIMES

**8.40am Start of School**  
10.50am Break start  
11.30am Break finish  
1.30pm Snack start  
1.50pm Snack finish  
2.50pm Pack up  
**2.55pm End of School**

### UNIFORM DAYS

Monday — Formal  
Tuesday — Formal  
**Wednesday – Sports**  
Thursday – Formal  
**Friday – Sports**

### 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.



## Assembly Roster

### Term 1 Friday's 8.45am

Week 2: Year 6 Leaders

Week 3: No Assembly

Week 4: Year 6 Leaders

Week 5: Year 6 Leaders

Week 6: Year 6 Leaders

Week 7: Year 6 Leaders

Week 8: No Assembly

Week 9: Year 6 Leaders

Week 10: 'You Can Do It' Presentations (Thursday)

## School Masses – Term 1

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

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Ash Wednesday Mass

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March –**

St Patrick's Feast

9.30am



Happy Birthday this week to:

Samantha Shaw  
Jack Phelan

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### AWARDS Term 1 Week 1

**Talgai**— Maggie Philp for thinking about the situation and helping a fellow student.

Emilia Hoey for using the 'SHELL' technique to focus her learning.

**Cunningham**— Kaleb Millard for a happy attitude and good work ethic when learning.

**Dalrymple** – Zac Brasch for having a positive attitude to learning and being a helpful classmate.

**Glengallan**—Chad Doepel for creative approaches demonstrating his learning.

### Mary MacKillop Award - Respectful of Learning

**Talgai**— Riley Burton

**Cunningham** - Hugh Denny

**Dalrymple** - Cody Climpson

**Glengallan**—

Georgia Pendergast

## School News

**Morning arrival times, drop off and pick up procedures**— please be advised that for their safety, students are not to be at school before 8:10am each morning. Upon arrival, students are to drop their belongings at their respective classrooms before making their way to the multipurpose room to read quietly. Students are collected by a teacher at 8:25am. Please contact the office if circumstances arise that require you to bring your children to school earlier.

Parents and carers are reminded that the roads skirting our school are a school zone and therefore have a speed limit of forty kilometres per hour. If you are running late in the afternoons, please be reassured that your child will not be left unsupervised. Please arrive safely.



**St Patrick's — a nut aware school** - Given the prevalence of nut allergy diagnosis, our school will continue to operate as a nut aware school. Parents are asked to avoid packing peanuts, peanut products or foods where peanuts form part of the ingredients. Food items indicating the possibility of traces of peanuts may be included in lunchboxes.

## Talgai News

### Learning Fun

The first week of school has been a busy time of getting to know the new preps, establishing routines and finding out what all the children know so that we can build on from there. The children have responded well to the variety of activities, including hands on, creative, movement and more formal work. They are also enjoying the new music sessions with Mrs Telford and Mr Maher and will be performing some of the songs at future events.

The class has started its adventures into Science, with Mr Clarke, and Mr Maher got them all moving in P.E. Wednesday will be a highlight of the week.

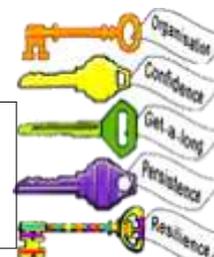
At mass, the Preps thought they were pretty special to be part of the ceremony, while the Year Ones and the Year Six buddies have been very caring by showing them the ropes.



Students participating in their 'entry routine' before getting straight to work in class on a 'do now' activity.

### You Can Do It!

The 'You Can Do It' focus for this term is Organization. In Talgai we have been familiarizing ourselves with the new organization of the classroom as well as practicing new routines especially those for entering the classroom (e.g. the 'Morning Greeting' and 'Do Now' routines) and for organizing ourselves to maximize our learning (e.g. the 'SHELL' routine).



### Did you know?

Homework Booklets have been prepared for each student to take home this week. This should make it easy for students to organize and complete their homework. The focus in Prep. is to develop student's language as this is known to have the most impact on future learning. Year One Homework priorities are spelling and reading with some mathematics. All of Talgai are asked to complete homework daily from Monday to Friday, and to bring their books back each day.

**Students of the week** **Maggie Philp**—for thinking about the situation and helping a fellow student. **Emilia Hoey**—for using the "SHELL" technique to focus her learning. **Riley Burton**—Mary MacKillop Award for his attitude to learning.



## Parish News

### LITURGY TIMES

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH –

MASS 9AM

2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF

MONTH – MASS 6pm

4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF

MONTH – LITURGY OF THE

WORD – 9 AM



## St Patrick's School Parents & Friends Association

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

### P&F Meet and Greet BBQ

Wednesday 8th February after the Parent/Teacher information session (during this session children will be supervised in the Multipurpose Court).

BBQ tea provided please bring your family drinks.



First P & F Meeting for 2017 is Wednesday 23rd February at 7pm in the Library.



Students – We Need You!

The Allora Show showcases a wonderful array of entries in the Pavilion and you can have the chance to enter in the following categories:-

- ◆ Cooking
- ◆ Vegetable characters
- ◆ Lego
- ◆ Scrapbooking
- ◆ Craft
- ◆ Fine Arts - designing posters, drawing and painting. Prizes may include \$20 for 1st and \$10 for 2nd.
- ◆ Photography

Please follow this link to the sections.

<http://www.allorashow.org.au/show.html>

As extra entertainment for the Show on Saturday 11th we are having the

### TRIBUTE to PHIL HIGGINS

In honour of the late Phil Higgins (1967 – 2016) and his baking prowess, we invite you to make a sponge cake (of any sort) to add to a special display at the 2017 Allora Show. This is non-competitive and the school holidays may be the perfect opportunity to spend some time in the kitchen creating memories with young ones making a cake (that could be frozen until the show). The sponge cake needs to be presented on a disposable tray or plate and covered in a clear plastic bag and delivered to the pavilion at the Allora Showgrounds by 9am on Friday 10th February 2017. For every cake on display, Grant and Janette Lollback will donate \$1.00 to the Melanoma Institute Australia.





## What's Happening at St Patrick's Allora?

### Soccer Season is here again.

We encourage all existing players to sign up again and for those keen to try football out for the first time, to have a go.

REGISTRATIONS for the Warwick District Football Association's 2017 season are now open – and can be done online at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au).

The Saturday club competition at Queens Park will start in April and there will be several carnivals around the south-west region.

Age groups in 2017 are Cubs (under 5), Under 6's, Under 7's, Under 8/9's, Under 10/11's, Under 12/13's, Under 14-17's, Colts (under 18's) and Senior Men and Senior Women (18+).

The club will hold a 2 registration information days; on Saturday February 11 at Rose City Shopping world, and on Saturday February 18 at the clubhouse at Queens Park.

Check out our website : <http://www.warwickwolves.com.au> or look us up on Facebook for more info.

We'll hope to see you on the pitch.



### DATE CLAIMERS- 2017

6 Feb	Central Downs Swimming—Clifton 9am
8 Feb	5pm Parent/teacher information night and 'Meet and Greet' BBQ tea
9 Feb	9am Volunteers Induction & Morning Tea
10 Feb	Allora Show Holiday (School Closed)
23 Feb	P&F Meeting (please note the change of date—previously advertised for the 8th Feb)
31 Mar	School Cross Country—Competing with St Francis de Sales at Allora Golf Course
31 Mar	Term 1 Ends
18 Apr	Term 2 Starts
25 Apr	ANZAC Day (School Closed)
1 May	Labor Day (School Closed)
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

### St Francis de Sales School Centenary

**Dates:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**Events:** Saturday evening from 7:00pm Celebrating a Centenary Dinner at F.E. Logan Hall Clifton.

**Sunday** 9:00 am Mass, followed by celebrations at the school. A Barbeque lunch, display of memorabilia, entertainment and games will be part of the day. Souvenir items will be on sale.

**Updates on Face Book: St Francis de Sales School Centenary 2017, or contact Lisa: Ph 0407254078 email: [lisamlucas@bigpond.com](mailto:lisamlucas@bigpond.com)**

