



# Newsletter- St Patrick's School Allora

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

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

Our School Student Protection Contacts:

**Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher**



## **Reminders for this week:**

**'Cuppa' with the Principal**—Friday September 7th 9:15am-Straight after assembly.

**Confirmation**—Friday Sept 7th in Clifton.

**Tuck shop**— Friday 14th September. Orders to be in by Tuesday the 11th.

## **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

## **Dear Parents and Carers**

**Child Protection Week** - This week is national 'Child Protection Week'. This week is an opportunity to promote the importance of us all being aware of everyone's responsibility when it comes to the safety and wellbeing of all children.

The Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office have released 'It's Okay to Speak Up'. This short movie will be shown to children in classes this week to stimulate discussion about student protection. Children will also be taken through curriculum aligned lessons from the 'Daniel Morcombe' Program. These lessons will focus on being safe and what strategies that children can employ when they don't feel safe.

In addition to all staff being trained in student protection, every one of our 32 schools also have at least two 'Student Protection Contacts'. At St Patrick's these contacts are Miss Donnelly, Jayne (our visiting student counsellor) and I. Children are encouraged to see these people about any concerns that they may have. To promote 'student voice', a box has been recently placed on the prayer table in the hallway. Students are encouraged to write down concerns that they have so that we are able to respond.

**Behavioural Support Plan** - A number of months ago, we set about reviewing our school's behavioural support plan. Our behavioural support plan facilitates high standards of behaviour and promotes inclusive practices so that the learning and teaching in our school can be effective and students can participate positively within our school community.

Included in this plan is a school matrix of minor and major behaviours. This matrix outlines what behaviours are considered minor or major at our school. Minors are dealt with at the school level while parents are contacted for major behaviours. Three minors equal a major. These were explained to the children at the start of this term and they have been working with them very successfully.

Our school's new 'Behavioural Support Plan' can be located on the school's website.

God Bless

  
Tyronne Maher  
Principal

***"Words can't wipe away your tears. Hugs won't ease your pain. But hold on to your memories. Forever they'll remain."***

*Please keep Elizabeth Partington and her family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the recent passing of her Father.*

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*



**Darling Downs Athletics Success**— Seven of our students represented the Southern Downs District at the Darling Downs Athletics Carnival in Toowoomba last week. It's always wonderful to hear of the 'personal bests' that this level of competition brings out. Congratulations to Patrick Denny and Lewis May who made the Darling Downs team. Patrick finished first in the 100m event and third in the 200m event while Lewis finished in second place in high jump. Both boys will travel to Cairns for the Queensland School Athletics Championships on the 19th of October. Good Luck and safe travels!



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## School News

### Assembly Roster Term 3 Friday 8.50am

**Week 8: Leaders**

**Week 9: Leaders**

**Week 10: Leaders**

**Country Women's Association Winners**—Each year our students support the Allora branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association by entering work in the 'International Children's Competition'. This year the focus country was Germany. Congratulations to the following students on placing in this competition;

Year 1 (colouring in): 1st—Esther Coker

Year 2 (drawn poster): 1st— Eddison Barton; 2nd— Riley Burton ; 3rd— Jake Burns

Year 3 ('Tourism Poster'): 1st - William Peters; 2nd - Kaleb Millard; 3rd— Alicia Deehan

Year 4 ('Tourism Poster'): 1st— Evie Gilmour; 2nd— Regan Pendergast; 3rd— Ivy Coker

**'Family Health Week'** - Next week, students will be engaged in age-relevant lessons aligned with the Health and Physical Education curriculum that focus on the human body and the changes that take place. Letters were sent home today so that parents can be aware of the content to be covered. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.



**Father's Day Assembly** - Last Friday, Talgai did a wonderful job of presenting a prayer service on assembly giving thanks for our Father's. Well done!

## Cunningham News

### Learning Fun

Wow! Week 8 already. Time really does fly when you're having fun. With only two and a half weeks to go until the end of term, we are currently focusing on a variety of learning tasks in literacy and mathematics, including, time, fractions, data, synonyms, pronouns, noun groups, reading and comprehension. We will also continue to explore the curriculum areas of dance, music, science, information technology, geography and HPE. We will all be sooooo ready for a rest come holiday time! There have been rapid changes in the weather during the last few weeks. Please ensure that your child has a jumper or spray-jacket in their bag each day, no matter what the weather looks likes.

### You Can Do It!

Cunningham students continue to explore the concept of Persistence. Our, 'have-a-go' attitude is demonstrated in all aspects of our learning. We have-a-go at spelling words during our writing, have-a-go at reading new words by using our reading strategies and have-a-go at new activities both inside and outside the classroom.



### Did you know?

That there are only 11 weeks and 3 days of the 2018 school year left. Which means that Christmas is only 112 day away and the New Year is 118 days away. (Important Information to have, I know!!!) We therefore have quite a bit of learning still to accomplish in a short period of time. To be a good learner we need to listen carefully, be at school each day, be on time, be ready to learn, participate in activities, be safe, be responsible, be respectful, follow the rules and always 'have-a-go'. We are always participating and doing our best.

### Student of the Week

Whilst we have missed a few assemblies due to sporting commitments this term. I would like to congratulate those students who have received awards for their work ethic, improvement in reading and spelling and their overall dedication to their studies. Well Done Cunningham!



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## 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 5pm

From Sunday 13th May for

Winter

4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF  
MONTH – LITURGY OF  
THE WORD – 9 AM

### Fete

This year's Fete will be held on Friday 19 October.

The 2018 executive is

Roy Nott, President;

Paul Morris and Paul

Bradfield, Vice-Presidents;

Lisa Hansford, Secretary

and Kerry Haigh,

Treasurer.

We welcome Lisa to the committee and thank her for being a School P & F representative.

New faces and ideas are welcome.



St Patrick's School  
Parents & Friends Association

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



Next P & F Meeting Wednesday 19 September  
7pm in the Library. All welcome.

**Fete volunteers required!**

Please complete the electronic survey sent out last week

## St Patrick's Parish and School Fete

Our annual Fete will be held on Friday the 19th of October. Last year, the level of parental representation in the set up, running of stalls and the pack up of the evening was second to none. We'd like to replicate this again this year.

The partnership that exists between school and parish is not to be underestimated. In the last two years the Parish Council has recognized this partnership with a sizeable portion of profits from the evening being donated straight back to the school. Last year, the school shared in the profits of the event with approximately \$5000 going to the school's Parents and Friends Association.

In addition to our school financially benefiting from the Fete, the team building and sense of community that comes from such events cannot have a price tag put on it. The funds that are raised from this wonderful event also contribute to the support of our parish community and the maintenance of our wonderful church.

This year, in addition to the working bee and the running of the barbeque, we are also looking for parents who can help in the running of stalls. Thank-you to those who completed the survey. We look forward to this wonderful event and thank you in advance for the sense of community that you bring when you support our fete.

### 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



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What's Happening?

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Cricket Selection - Last Friday, Archie Brown attended the Country Zones Cricket Trials. As a result, he was chosen in the Country Team to play City in Goondiwindi on Sunday and Monday the 9th and 10th of September. A Darling Downs Team will be chosen from these games. Good luck Archie!



**PLEASE SEE OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OUR 2018 ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**DATE CLAIMERS- 2018**

- 3 Sept Student Protection Week
- 4 Sept Tuesday—Show—'Treasure Hunt'
- 7 Sept A 'cuppa' with the Principal (9:15am- Straight after assembly)- come and ask any questions on any topic.
- 7 Sept Confirmation—Clifton—6pm
- 10 Sept Family Health Week
- 14 Sept TUCKSHOP
- 21 Sept Term 3 Ends
  
- 8 Oct Term 4 Starts
- 19 Oct St Patrick's Parish and School Fete
- 22 Oct Staff PD day—Student Free Day
- 23 Oct School Standardised testing
- 30 Oct Prep transition morning
- 14 -16 Nov - Year 5/6 Camp—Tallebudgera
- 30 Nov School Swimming Carnival
- 4 Dec Christmas Liturgy and Music Presentations
- 7 Dec 10am—Graduation Ceremony  
12pm—School Year Ends

## Volunteers for Tuck Shop Baking

Volunteers are needed to bake the sweet-treat for tuck shop. Without your help, we are unable to offer this each fortnight. If you are able to help out, please contact the office on 4666 3551.

