Dear Parents,

Parent Information Night—Tomorrow. As indicated in our newsletter in recent weeks, our parent information night will be held tomorrow night in the Multipurpose room from 5pm followed by the P&F Meet and Greet. Students are welcome and will be supervised by Miss Preston in the multipurpose shed during the information session.

This very important evening is always well attended at St Patrick’s and is an opportunity for parents to engage with our teachers and the learning that your child is involved in on a daily basis.

The partnership between home and school, which we hold in high regard at St Patrick’s, is further enhanced by communication. This is done in many ways at our school, but the face to face interaction, such as that experienced in forums such as tomorrow night, allows for both teachers and parents to have the most effect on a child’s learning.

All teachers will be available for questions straight after our sessions tomorrow afternoon. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow night and continuing the journey with you in your child’s learning.

Student Protection Contacts— Both Miss Mary Donnelly (Year 5/6 teacher- ‘Glengallan’) and I, as the student protection contacts for our school, attended our annual training today in Toowoomba with other student protection contacts from other schools in the diocese. The active presence of these roles in our school, is one of many elements used to ensure the safety of the students at St Patrick’s.

In addition to these formal student contact roles, all teachers, relief teachers and officers are trained in how to respond to student protection related incidents and are also trained in our Diocese of Toowoomba Catholic Education Code of Conduct. Our students should feel safe in talking to any of our staff relating to these matters.

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 this Thursday, 9th February at 9am in the Library. We invite new and existing volunteers to attend. Please RSVP your attendance to the school office.

2017 St Patrick’s teaching and learning team— When we talk about our teaching and learning team at St Patrick’s, we are not only referring to the dedicated team of teachers and officers that you and your children see each day. We are also making reference to those personnel from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office that support the work that we do in pursuing 'high levels of learning for all.' In 2017 we welcome to our team;

- Mrs Suzanne Cavanagh – Senior Education Leader: Teaching and learning
- Mrs Catherine Kimmorley – Education Officer: Teaching and learning
- Mrs Maria Dau – Education Officer: Teaching and learning (Inclusive Education)
- Mrs Jane Murphy - Teaching and learning (Inclusive Education)
- Mrs Lynne Sharman - Teaching and learning (Inclusive Education – English as an additional language or dialect)
- Mrs Sarah Jackman—School Counsellor (Inclusive Education)

God Bless

“Effectively, change is almost impossible without industry-wide collaboration, cooperation and consensus.”

Tyronne Maher
Principal

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Important for Start of school

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

Our School Student Protection Contacts: Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher

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**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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Phone: 4666 3551 Email: allora@twb.catholic.edu.au  
Website: http://www.allora.catholic.edu.au
Assembly Roster
Term 1 Friday’s 8.45am
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 1st March
Ash Wednesday Mass
Friday 17th March – St Patrick’s Feast
9.30am

Happy Birthday this week to:

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

AWARDS Term 1 Week 2

Talgai— Cassie Ryan for her enthusiasm towards learning.

Cunningham —
Alexander Kotsopoulos for an improved work ethic in all areas of his school work.

Dalrymple – Jason Deehan for his enthusiasm for learning.

Glengallan — Corey Deehan for setting such a wonderful example as a leader.

Mary MacKillop Award – Reverent

Talgai — Seth Donovan
Cunningham - Ivy Coker
Dalrymple - Dakoda Cunning
Glengallan — Jasmine Groombridge

Parent/Caregiver Consent 2017—Note (green)
Please find attached the 2017 consent note for student photographs and participation in school based activities. If your child has private music lessons with Mrs Telford we also require school permission for their attendance. Completed and signed notes to be returned to the school office by Thursday 9th February.

School News

The Central Downs Swimming Carnival was held yesterday at the Clifton Pool. The resilience and sportsmanship that our students bring to these events never ceases to surprise. From cheering on other team mates to stepping outside of their comfort zones, our students gave their all in yesterday’s competition. Thank you to our parents for supporting our students positively throughout the entire day. Your positive examples have a massive impact on your children. Children that are successful in attaining Southern Downs nomination to be part of the Central Downs Team will compete at the Allora Pool on the 17th February. This information will be passed on as it comes to hand. Congratulations to our runners up age champions and age champions.

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Allora Show Holiday: With the Allora Show holiday falling this Friday, I will send home Week 4 Homework on Thursday afternoon and mark both weeks’ homework next Thursday. We will also be having our Weekly Spelling Test on Thursday this week, rather than Friday. I hope that everyone has a wonderful time at this year’s show. Remember to check out the St Patrick’s school display as you meander your way around the exhibits.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that they are welcome to visit our classroom throughout the year to touch base, or to see what we have been learning. If you would like to organise a meeting time to discuss your child’s progress, please call the office, or e-mail me at karine.preston@twb.catholic.edu.au

Have an awesome long weekend!!!!! Miss P.

Cunningham News

Welcome to Week 3. It is hard to believe that we are in February already. I have been extremely proud of the work ethic demonstrated by Cunningham students in the first few weeks of school. This term we will be focussing on Speaking and Writing correctly, consolidating our Number and Place Value knowledge and strengthening a, “Have-a-Go” learning attitude to build our confidence.

Reading and Spelling: It is essential that students read and practice their spelling at least four nights a week. This may occur during the afternoon, or in the morning if your child happens to be an early riser. Find a time that suits both you and your child. Another way to practice weekly spelling words, is to ask your child their words whilst you are in the car on your way to school, or sporting practice. You can easily focus on three to five spelling words this way.

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7 February 2017 — Term 1 Week 3

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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

School Family Mass
9am on 5th March
Followed by shared morning tea

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.

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

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 22nd February at 7pm in the Library.

TRIBUTE to PHIL HIGGINS

In honour of the late Phil Higgins (1957 – 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 Lobb will donate $1.00 to the Melanoma Institute Australia.
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What’s Happening at St Patrick’s Allora?

DATE CLAIMERS - 2017
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)
22 Feb  P&F Meeting (please note the change of date—previously advertised for the 8th Feb)
5 Mar  9am School Family Mass
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

WARWICK & DISTRICT JUNIOR NETBALL

Come & Join us in 2017
Netball is a fantastic team sport for girls and boys. Aged 7 to 14 yrs.
Fixtures & Training: Saturdays afternoons
Sign-on day Saturday 11th Feb 8am – 1pm
Season commences 18th February 2017
Four age divisions:
Netball under 8’s (U8) 
Netball under 10’s (U10)
Junior B (U12)
Junior A (U14 & U16s)
Please visit our Facebook page for full details:
https://www.facebook.com/warwickdistrict.netball/
Or ring Lindsie 0407 734 330

St Francis de Sales School Centenary

Dates: Saturday 18th and Sunday the 19th 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
“Ladies Night”
Thursday, 9th February 2017

Time: 6pm – 9pm
Venue: Bunnings Warwick - Entry via Albert Street
Cost: FREE

5 stations to explore:
Cooking with charcoal and smoking chips
Pick the right tool for the right job
Eradicate pests from your plants
Patch a hole in your plaster
Tile painting

Light refreshments served  Lucky Door Prizes  Fun with friends 😊

For more information on other in-store events, or to book, phone on 4660 1000 or visit www.bunnings.com.au/warwick
Alternatively email the Activities Organiser on warwickao@bunnings.com.au