



“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 are:

Miss Donnelly, Mr Maher and Karen (school counsellor)



Reminders and To Do List

- **P&F Meeting 7pm Wednesday 13th March**
- **School Fees are now overdue. Please note the change of school bank account details and contact the school office if you are experiencing difficulty with payment.**
- **School Photo Order envelopes (1 per child) please return to the school office before Wednesday 13th March or sooner.**
- **Cross Country Meal Deal Orders per family to the school office with the correct money by Friday 15th March or sooner**

Dear Families,

Visible Learning News— St Patrick's Allora is one of eight schools in our diocese of thirty-two schools that is a part of the 'Lighthouse Schools Visible Learning Project'.

What is 'Visible Learning' - 'Visible Learning' is about making the learning visible to learners. That is, students know:

- What they are learning—the 'learning intention';
- Why they are learning it;
- What they need to do to be successful—the 'success criteria'
- What their current level of achievement is against the criteria and;
- Their 'next steps' in their learning.

The research tells us that when learners know all of these things, they are more motivated, engaged and are happier learners. Better still, they are set up for life long learning.

What does it mean to be a 'Lighthouse School'? - just like a lighthouse shows the way, as a lighthouse school, we'll be a leading school to other schools in our diocese and to other schools from across Australia that would like to visit to see this practice in action.

The 'Journey' - St Patrick's started this new learning in 2017. Teachers have engaged in rigorous professional learning, and many of our routines in planning for learning have had to change for our learners. Where once we were planning from the Australian Curriculum and then Teaching, we now start with what our students know and are able to do, and then we plan from here. Planning is learner driven and related to the Australian Curriculum (see the diagram below which outlines our cycle for planning in regard to reading).

Not only have teaching practices changed, twelve months on, students have changed their ideas of what a good learner is. Many of our students told us last year that good learners behave themselves. Now, students are telling us that good learners are confident, persistent, resilient, cooperative, and organized and are not afraid to make mistakes. They are also telling us about different strategies that they use when they get 'stuck'.

Our yearly assessment conducted by our external consultants last week, which included speaking to teachers and students, indicated that we are well on track and even ahead of where we should be. Exciting times are ahead for our school.

Teaching

The next element is teaching reading in a way that addresses the needs of all students; based on research based, best practices. This includes scheduled professional conversations to reflect on what is working (achieving best improvement) and coaching and feedback sessions with the goal of developing teacher instruction.

God Bless

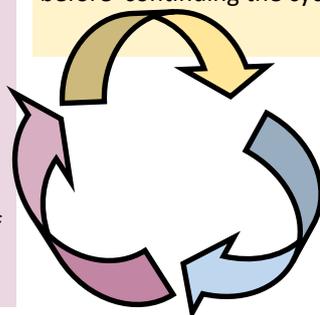
Tyrone Maher
Principal

Assessment and identification

Students' abilities and needs in relation to reading are identified through various reading assessments. This helps in the identification of those children that need extending as well as identifying those children that may be 'at risk' of not achieving age related benchmarks. Each term we reflect on this element to determine the impact teaching is having on the learner before continuing the cycle.

Planning for instruction

The second element of the cycle involves teacher planning to address needs of all students. This includes teachers working with our learning support teacher to plan intervention strategies to progress students that are struggling. This will also include contacting parents to highlight the needs of their children.



“Smart is not something you are... Smart is something you get!”

Stephanie Harvey

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Assembly Term 1

Friday 8.50am

Week 7: St Patrick Feast Day Liturgy



Week 8: Leaders

Week 9: Leaders

Week 10: No Assembly
Pupil Free Day

Term 2

Week 1: No Assembly

Week 2: Leaders

Week 3: Taglai—

Mother's Day

Week 4: Leaders

Week 5: Leaders

Student of the Week Awards—Week 6

TALGAI —

Akeera Young for excellent organization in readiness for starting work.

CUNNINGHAM —

Esther Coker for working diligently in a group to complete all set tasks and listening to others to improve your learning.

DALRYMPLE —

Paige Cummins for being open to learning from others and contributing to collaborative work

GLENGALLAN —

Ella Hagenbach for being co-operative when you work with others by keeping the peace and considering others points of view.

Mary MacKillop Award Helpful

Talgai—

Dustyn May

Cunningham—

Logan Schelbach

Dalrymple—

Kaleb Millard

Glengallan—

Ziggy Gibson

School News

Darling Downs Swimming Trials- Congratulations to Brett, Matilda, William and Jonte for their efforts during last week's Darling Downs Swimming carnival in Gatton. They represented both their school and the Southern Downs District proudly and in the right spirit. All students reported achieving personal bests in their respective events.

Cross Country Next Wednesday— Next Wednesday we join St Francis De Sales Clifton at the Allora Golf Course at 9am for a 9:30am start. **A participation event will be run for those students not wishing to take part in the competitive events. Children will need a hat, sunscreen (applied before arrival) and plenty of water.** Distances for children wishing to compete in the competitive events are listed below; Children born:

- 2013/2014 (5/6) will run 500m;
- 2011/2012 (7/8) will run 1km;
- 2009/2010 (9, 10) will run 2km; and;
- 2007/2008 (11,12) will run 3km.

Children may accessorise their sports uniform with colours to represent their sports houses. Parents of children not returning to school will need to see a teacher before departing the golf course so their names can be marked off and recorded as absent for the afternoon back at school. **Sports houses and team colours are on the school's internet for your convenience under 'Newsletters'.**

Talgai News

Learning Fun In Talgai we have been focusing on improving our listening to become more effective learners, and to encourage independence when completing tasks. Some listening activities being undertaken are also promoting the development of fine motor skills in our Prep students and leadership skills in the Year Ones. Students are enjoying the combined activities as a way of getting to know students they may not have spent time with.



To improve the listening and thinking culture of the class, we are working on 'Engage, I'm on the Stage'. Children are learning that they all need to be thinking about topics because teachers are not just asking students with their hands up.

You Can Do It! Each week in Talgai we take one of the elements of "Being an effective learner" as a focus. We have been discussing each focus element and are beginning to evaluate our own levels of competence during the week.



Did you know? Is your child standing nearby when you are having an adult conversation? Sometimes we forget that children are around. Children can be upset and confused by overheard adult conversations. Want to learn more about the six things that shouldn't be overheard by children; go to <https://www.webmd.com/parenting/features/talking-around-the-kids#1>

'Pats' on the Back— Congratulations to Akeera Young for her excellent organization in readiness for starting and completing work. Also Dustyn May received the Mary Mackillop Award for his helpfulness around the class. Well Done, Dustyn



Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH –

MASS 9AM

2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH

– MASS 5.30pm

4TH, 5TH 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"

You're invited to our next P & F Meeting Wednesday 13 March 7pm in the Library.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 20th February. Karen Brown and Shane Peters stood down from their positions of President and Vice. We thank both Karen and Shane for their work on our committee throughout 2018 and we look forward to their continued support of our school community.

2019 Committee positions (voted on)—**President (to be filled)**, Betty Drennett (Vice President) Karli Ekerick (Treasurer), Meghan Keleher (Secretary).

2019 Sub-committee positions— Lisa Hansford (Care group), Alana Deehan (Trivia night coordinator).

Volunteers wanted— Uniform coordinator, Tuckshop convenor and Trivia night helper.

Cross Country Volunteers— We need some helpers to assist in the coordination of the 'meal deal' we offer to the students of St Patrick's and St Francis de Sales on the 20th March. Please contact Karli if you can assist.

SCHOOL BELL TIMES

8.40am Start of School

10.45am Break start

11.25am 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 Board - Our School Board recently held it's first meeting for the year. At the end of his two year tenure as Board Chair, David Burton stood down and Felicity Philp took up the position of Chair. We thank Felicity for accepting this role and David for his commitment to our School Board. We look forward to his continued membership of this group.

Kylie Brasch has been a long standing member on our School Board. Kylie stood down from her position on the board this week. We thank Kylie for her years of dedication to this important role.

Expressions of Interest— Our School Board drives the school improvement continual renewal agenda. It is consulted with on many changes affecting our school community. The board is now calling for expressions of interest. Contact the Tyrone if you would like some further information.

Warwick Hockey Association

COME & TRY!

JOIN US FOR TWO PRE JUNIOR SEASON COME & TRY/BACK TO HOCKEY MORNINGS & LAUNCH OF 2019 AGE GROUP TIMES AND TEAM LISTS.

**Saturdays
16th & 30th March**

9AM U5 & U7
9:30AM U9
10:30AM U11
11:30AM U13

NEW PLAYERS & FAMILIES WELCOME TO SIGN ON!

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Helping Children Relax Workshop

The joy of being relaxed

THURSDAY 14th MARCH
7:00 – 8:30 pm
At the Centre for Healthy Living
14 Freestone Road, Warwick

In this workshop we will look at how to help children be positive, calm and relaxed. This will help them succeed at school, have good relationships with their friends and positive self-worth. Jan Dugan and Jan Oulovs, authors of the book "Helping Children Relax" will share guidelines distilled from more than three decades of working with children and families. You will receive a FREE copy of the book at the workshop. Bring a friend!

Cost: \$50 (Concessions available)

BOOKINGS: Online: <http://www.thefoundation.org.au/parents/courses/helping-children-relax/>
allora@twb.catholic.edu.au
or phone: 4661 3348

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INSTORE & ONLINE THURSDAY 14TH MARCH.

* Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with ticket. Includes existing 5% discount. Offer ends midnight (AEST) 14/03/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

SOON TO BE RELEASED— 2019 ONLINE ANNUAL CALENDAR

DATE CLAIMERS- 2019

- 13 Mar P&F Meeting 7pm in Library
- 15 Mar St Patrick's Day Liturgy at Assembly
- 15 Mar SD netball, hockey and rugby league trials
- 19 Mar School Photos—return Orders by 13th March
- 20 Mar School Cross Country—Allora Golf Course
Return Meal Deal orders by Friday 15th March
- 3 Apr CD Cross Country, Pilton & SD Tennis, Clifton
- 4 Apr Easter Liturgy 9.30am
- 5 Apr Last day of term—Professional Learning Day (Pupil Free Day)

Term 2

- 23 Apr Term 2 begins
- 25 Apr Anzac Day— School Marches with the community
- 29 Apr School Athletics (half day) - 9-12yrs—200 and 800m
- 3 May School Athletics (Full Day) - whole school
- 8 May CD Athletics—half day (qualifying students)
- 10 May CD Athletics—first day (qualifying students)
- 31 May Trivia Night
- 26 July Gala Day 1
- 9 Aug Gala Day 2
- 28 June Last Day of Term 2—Professional Learning Day (Pupil Free Day)

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FEATURING:

- S – Soccer
- T – Tennis, T-ball and Touch Football
- A – Animation with LEGO
- R – Robotics, Reading Club
- S – Science, Strategic Boardgames

April 15-16, 2019
SCOTS PGC, WARWICK
For students Years 1+

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER:
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Into The Jungle

Where?
Allora State School
Assembly Hall

Entry Cost!
\$3 per person
Or:
\$5 a family

Theme?
Into the Jungle wear Green & Brown

Shop!
Snag on Bread
Cupcakes
Popper/Water
And more...

When?
22nd of March
Primary- 5:30pm-7:20pm
Secondary- 7:30pm-9:10pm

Ring Julian in hosting an epic jungle party and all are invited! Creatures large and small are coming from miles around to party with the best of the best. Will we see you there?

NO TRESPASSING BEHIND OF BATTLESHAKES

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