



# 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**



## Important for Start of school

• **Allora ANZAC Day March and Ceremony students and staff to meet at 10.30am corner of Drayton and Herbert Streets.**

• **All sport shirt sizes are now in stock cost \$30.00 each**

### 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.



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Sight Words and Reading Practice—** In addition to engaging in and building upon instructional skills in the teaching of reading, we are also focusing on the information that can be gained through regular assessments. Information gathered from assessing reading comprehension and fluency; and assessing sight word knowledge against relevant benchmarks, allows us to track progression and then target specific students and content in the classroom. Sight word knowledge assists fluency which, in turn, facilitates better comprehension of what is being read.

Using assessment tools for reading and comprehension, such as PM Benchmarking or Probe, provides the teacher with important information regarding a student's reading progression. Including the speed with which they are reading, the strategies that they are using (e.g. 'sounding out', 'chunking', 'skip and come back', 'predicting', 'inferring' - to name a few) and the level of comprehension they have of what they are reading.

Sight words are high frequency words. Words that we read automatically without having to use any strategies. Children that have a large bank of these, are generally more fluent and therefore have a better understanding (comprehension) of the text. Children should be able to identify a sight word in less than a second. 'Sounding out' of sight words is not allowed.

Practice in both reading and sight words should be done often. Check to see if what your child is reading is suitable by asking them to read it to you aloud. If they make more than five mistakes on the page, they should look for another book. In regard to sight words practice, see your child's teacher for some direction on which sight words to practice and some practical ideas on how best they can be learnt.

**ANZAC Day March on the 25<sup>th</sup> April –** This morning, our year 5/6 students joined Allora State School and members of the local Retired Services League (RSL) in an ANZAC Day commemoration. We thank Allora State School for their invitation to join them once again this year.

God Bless

Tyrone Maher  
Principal

Why Reading 20 Minutes a Night is so Critical		
Student A	Student B	Student C
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,00 words per year	8,000 words per year
Scores in the 90th percentile on standard tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

By the end of year 6, student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days; student B will have read for 12 school days ; while student C will have only read for 3 days. (Nagy and Herman in 1987)



Well done to our sight word champions for last week!

Tomorrow morning, we'll continue our tradition of marching as a school on ANZAC Day by 10:30am.

**At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.**

**Lest we Forget .  
Ode of Remembrance**



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## School News

### Cross Country Runners—

Well done to our runners who last week competed in the Central Downs Cross Country event. Congratulations to Axil Mathie and George Philp who placed 2nd and 3rd in their respective events. These boys, along with Dakoda Cuning, Harry Wright and McKinley Keogh will represent the Central Downs District at next Thursday's Southern Downs event to be held at the Allora Golf Course. Good luck students.



### Hockey and Rugby League —

Congratulations goes to Ella Hagenbach who represented the Southern Downs team in the Darling Downs Hockey carnival yesterday. Ella impressed selectors and was rewarded with a place in the Darling Downs Team—Well done Ella on this outstanding achievement. Ella will travel to Cairns in June.

Well done to Lewis May, George Philp, Atticus Sullivan and Seth Esson (pictured above) who represented the Southern Downs league team at the Darling Downs Trials on the weekend. While unsuccessful in gaining selection this year, the players enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Well done!

### Assembly Roster

#### Term 2 Friday 8.50am

- Week 2: No Assembly
- Week 3: Leaders
- Week 4: Cunningham
- Week 5: Gala Day
- Week 6: Gala Day & U8's
- Week 7: Leaders
- Week 8: Broncos Cup
- Week 9: Leaders
- Week 10: Athletics Day
- Week 11: Dalrymple - NAIDOC Week

### School Masses – Term 2

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

Tuesday 22nd May

### Student of the Week

#### Term 2 Week 1

- Talgai** - Harriet Barton for excellent concentration & learning.
- Cunningham** - Eddison Barton for great work effort & participation.
- Dalrymple** - Kobe Lambert for having a great attitude towards learning.
- Glengallan** - Samantha Shaw for a great effort to achieve in every subject area.
- Mary Mackillop Award - Inclusive**
- Talgai** - Thomas Peters
- Cunningham** - Seth Donovan
- Dalrymple** - Joshua Millard
- Glengallan** - Ella Hagenbach
- MERIT CERTIFICATE**
- Gus Nolan from Cunningham.

## Talgai News

### Learning Fun

Term Two has started with the pedal to the floor. Prep students started learning the sight words they have been using in class as part of their homework. Many of the Preps were so keen and self-motivated that they had already started last term. Mr Maher and myself look forward to handing out lots of certificates in Assembly.

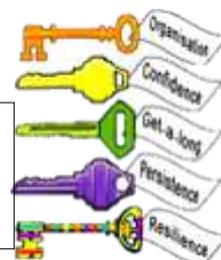
This week Year 1 have been participating in shared learning activities. All children have enjoyed the interaction and the learning it generated.

Many families used the recent History homework to share family histories that they may not have other wise talked about. As a result we had some interesting retelling of family stories (I'm sworn to secrecy), and some interesting artefacts emerged and were discussed. I look forward to hearing from students that have not yet presented.



### You Can Do It!

We often talk about the keys to being a good learner; organization, confidence, getting-a-long, persistence and resilience. To make sure the students fully understand the meaning of these keys, I will be specifically acknowledging children who display these traits. The learning for all children comes when children hear the associated statements that might go something like this; (Name), you were really trying to get along with your class mate, because I saw that you were trying to talk about the problem you were having.



### Did you know?

Collaborative or shared learning is when students share the learning with other students and/or adults i.e. when groups of students work together to search for understanding, meaning, or solutions or to create an artifact or product of their learning. There are many benefits of shared learning for students of all abilities e.g. students are presented with different ways of thinking and explanations, they understand their own learning better, skills (especially communication) improve and social interaction skills develop. Shared learning is not restricted to the classroom. Learning improves when parents/carers use shared experiences and create opportunities to encourage the two-way sharing of knowledge, ideas and skills.

### Students of the week

Congratulations, Harriet Barton, for an excellent start to the term. Harriet received the 'Student of the Week' award for Tom Peters' continued to display his inclusive attitude to all his peers, and therefore received the Mary Mackillop award for this week. Well Done, Tom!



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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**

**FAMILY MASS  
9am Sunday  
6th May 2018  
All welcome!**



## St Patrick's School Parents & Friends Association

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

### Trivia Night 2018

A big thank you to all the families who have volunteered to help out on the night !!! Most jobs are now filled, however I do still need some extra help at the working bee on Thursday the 24th at the hall. I am also putting together a team for each class group. So if you are a parent from Talgai and would like to be on the Talgai table please let me know via text 0421208654 the same for Cunningham , Dalrymple and Glengallen. Keep bringing the boxes of chocolates.

Thanks Alana



**Next P & F Meeting Wednesday 16 May  
7pm in the Library. All welcome.**



### Tuckshop—Term 2 Dates:

Friday 11th May, Friday 8th June and Friday 22nd June



# WARWICK BOOK FEST 2018

**MAY 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH HALL**

**FRI 3pm – 8pm    SAT 8am – 2pm**

Cnr Wood Street & Acacia Avenue

Free Admission • EFTPOS Available



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**OPEN EVENING**

**TUESDAY MAY 15**

**3.00PM – 6.00PM**

**ALL WELCOME!**

For more details:

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## ALLORA TENNIS SQUAD

Come have a hit!  
Everyone Welcome  
Monday Afternoons 3:30-  
4:30pm  
during school term

Tennis Skills, Activities, Games and Matches  
\$5 per player, Free Club Membership  
Games/Activities modified for beginners...

Please phone Mandy Mutch  
0428365676 for further  
information or email  
[alloratennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:alloratennisclub@gmail.com)





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## What's Happening?

### 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**



An Allora Historical Society display showcasing **150 years of justice and policing in Allora** at the Allora Police Station is open to the public this week.

Tue, Thur, Fri—9am to 12noon and 1pm to 3pm

ANZAC Day 1pm to 3pm only

### DATE CLAIMERS- 2018

- 25 Apr ANZAC Day (School Closed)  
6 May 9am Family Mass  
7 May Labor Day (School Closed)  
8 May First day of winter school uniform (please see uniform policy on the school's website)  
15 May Naplan yrs 3,5,7,9.  
16 May Naplan yrs 3,5,7,9.  
17 May Naplan yrs 3,5,7,9.  
18 May Gala Day—Soccer, Netball and League  
25 May Gala Day2—Soccer, Netball and League  
25 May Trivia Night  
19 June Day 1 School Athletics  
22 June Day 2 School Athletics  
29 June Term 2 Ends  
17 July Term 3 Starts  
30 July School Improvement Surveys emailed to parents.  
3 Aug Bishop's Professional Development Day (School Closed)  
21 Sept Term 3 Ends  
8 Oct Term 4 Starts  
22 Oct Student Free Day  
7 Dec Term 4 and School Year Ends



### Allora Blue Care Op Shop

Corner of Warwick and Forde Streets

Come in, browse, chat and shop. Tuesday and Friday 9 to 4. Soon to bring out Winter Stock.

