

St Patrick's School Allora— Newsletter



Dear Families,

New Vision and Mission launched— Last week we began our school's athletics carnival with the launch of our school's new 'Vision and Mission'. Our **Vision** is our goal. It is what we want to achieve and become:

Vision - An inclusive committed to high levels of learning for all.

Our **Mission** describes what we're going to need to do every day to reach our Vision:

In the spirit of Saint Mary Mackillop, we strive for excellence with love, dignity, integrity and justice.

A vision and mission for a school is important. It is used as a guiding light towards becoming better for our learners and our community every day.

Quadrennial Review - This week sees our school community taking part in a very important process that will contribute to our constant focus of school improvement. As the needs to our community and children change, so too do the practices we use to educate and to promote 'high levels of learning for all' of our learners.

We welcome the members of our review panel; Mr Chris Bartlett (Principal of Mater Dei Primary School Toowoomba); Mrs Suzanne Cavanagh (Senior Education Leader for Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office); Mr Jim Midgley (Director of Teaching and Learning for Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office); and; Mrs Terry Carter (Manager- Teaching and Learning for Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office). On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the review panel will be interviewing parents, students and staff and asking them:

- What is the school doing well?
- What is it that we could be doing better?

The report that will come from this information gathering will inform our school's strategic plan for the next 4 years. Thank you to those of our families that were able to make themselves available for an interview. We are looking forward to the advice and directions that this report will offer to our school.

Politics and Phonics? - You may have noticed during the week that 'Phonics Instruction' hit the news headlines. Spelling data across the nation has been consistently low for a number of years.

Phonics instruction is the explicit teaching of sounds that each letter (and combinations of letters) can make and their connection to reading and spelling. Mrs Lyn Geyle is currently leading our school in the implementation of the 'Toowoomba Catholic Schools Spelling and Phonics Approach'. The approach includes an intensive week-by-week phonics focus in years prep to two before focusing on spelling rules and patterns in year three to six. Mrs Geyle is already implementing the approach in full in our Prep/Year 1 class and we are already beginning to see the benefits for our learners in our recent data collections. We look forward to rolling this approach out across our entire school throughout this year.

Politics
Phonics ?

Our Vision
An inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all.

Our Mission
In the spirit of Saint Mary Mackillop, we strive for excellence with love, dignity, integrity and justice.

Our School Student Protection Contacts are:
Miss Donnelly, Mr Maher and Karen (school counsellor)



Reminders and To Do List

Family Mass Note please return to office if you can participate by Tuesday 22nd May.

Book your Trivia Night table of 8 call school office 4666 3551

Trivia Night family chocolate donations to school office. Only 3 boxes received to date!

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.



God Bless

Tyrone Maher
Principal

"Problems can be experienced as... a chance for renewal rather than stress."

Marilyn Ferguson

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/marilyn_ferguson_804555?src=t_renewal

Providing outstanding education since 1916

St Patrick's School Allora— Newsletter



Assembly Term 2Friday 8.50am

Term 2
Week 4: Leaders
Week 5: Leaders
Week 6: Leaders
Week 7: Leaders
Week 8: Leaders
Week 9: Leaders
Week 10: No Assembly
Pupil Free Day



Happy birthday to:
Harrison Dangerfield



The Qld Government Mobile Dental Clinic will be visiting Allora State School to offer treatment to St Patrick's School students.

Completed forms have been collected and you will be contacted directly with an appointment time.



Collect your stickers and bring to school or deposit in the St Patrick's box at Warwick Woolworths

School News **Athletics News**— It has been a busy couple of weeks of athletics for our students. Our athletics carnival in week 2 was run and won by Hughes while the team spirit award went to Lynam who were consistent in their organisation, persistence and sportsmanship all day long. The war cries were something else with raspy throats and many adults reaching for the ear plugs. Well done to our age champions (pictured below).

We had some great weather for our Central Downs Carnival which saw over 50 of our students competing in over the two days. Congratulations to Patrick and Hugh Denny who received the age champion medallions for their respective age groups while Ella received the runners up medallion. Well done to these students.

A notable mention goes to Patrick on his sportsmanship. We received a phone call last Thursday from Mrs Weir who commented on the sportsmanship of all of our students but wanted to highlight Patrick in particular. On many occasions she watched as Patrick would congratulate each of his fellow competitors. This is indeed what these days are all about!

Thank you to all of our families for your support at these days. The positive support of our students contributed to the fun that all of our children had.

Southern downs nominations will be communicated through FlexiBuzz once they've been announced.



St Patrick's School Athletics 2019 Age Champions;
(front :left to right)— Ruby (9yrs), Molly (8yrs), Jake (8yrs), Hugh (9yrs); (back: left to right) Jason (12yrs), Sarah (11yrs), Patrick (11yrs), Matilda (10yrs), Ella (12yrs) and Marty (10yrs).

Parent/Teacher Meetings— Students excel, no matter what their starting point, when their parents engage with their child's teacher. Classroom teachers will soon be calling for parent teacher meetings. Term one parent teacher meetings were for all families while our week 6 and 7 meetings are for those requested by the teacher or family. These meetings are a time to discuss the learning progress of your child and the steps required to achieve their goals.

EduSpark Conference— Last Thursday the Year 4, 5 and 6 girls travelled with students from St Frances Clifton to Toowoomba for the day at EduSpark. St Patrick's students worked with students from other schools to come up with a proposal around why it is important to keep indigenous language alive and prominent in today's society. Students worked in groups of about 5, with the aim in 30 minutes, to write a proposal and then present it to the rest of the group. These were judged by 3 people from the local aboriginal community. A mixed school group with two St Patrick's girls was judged to be the best presentation. Girls were involved in various STEM projects and talks including 3D printing, create drones, all had an interesting day with girls from all over the region.



Tuckshop Dates for Term 2—orders to be in the classroom basket by **9am** the Monday before:

Wednesday 29th May	Orders due Monday 27th May
Wednesday 12th June	Orders due Monday 10th June
Wednesday 26th June	Orders due Monday 24th June

Providing outstanding education since 1916



St Patrick's School Allora—Parent's and Friends Association

'As many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school'



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

Trivia Night Friday 31st May 2018 Update

17 sleeps until Trivia Night, could all families please:

- Book at table
 - Bring in chocolate box
 - like and share the " Rattle of the Brains" facebook page
- If any one is able to volunteer some time please text me on 0421208654.
Thanks Alana



Next P&F Meeting—7pm in the Library on 19th June 2019



FlexiBuzz is used by many schools, not to mention numerous businesses. We are using FlexiBuzz to:

- Engage our families in their child's learning- We know that when children can talk about what they've been learning, their learning is accelerated. To assist you in these conversations, teachers will soon be able to send you notifications straight to your phone about what your child has been up to.
- Enhance positive communication between home and school - The App will also be used to send reminders or last minute changes to routine. Teachers will also have the ability to send you personalised communications. FlexiBuzz will not replace the important face to face communication important to building positive and productive relationships. This is why the opportunity to 'Chat' with the teacher, will not always be possible. We are very excited about the opportunities that using this App will offer. In the meantime - stay tuned.



St Patrick's School 2019 Athletics Carnival!



Congratulations team Hughes!



Tug-O-War—Try as we may, the parents were just too good!

Central Downs Athletics— Medallion Recipients



Providing outstanding education since 1916



What's Happening?

BUSHKIDS
Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Service

Dear Service Providers/Educators

Southern Downs Regional Children's Services Network Meeting
Free Presentation

SAVE THE DATE

Date/Time: Tuesday 25 June from 6pm to 7.30pm (6pm finger food provided)
Venue: BUSHkids Warwick Centre
191 Wood Street
Guest speaker: Kaitlin Hinchcliff (BUSHkids Telehealth psychologist)

Attachment and the Circle of Security overview
'Child Attachment Relationships and an overview of the Circle of Security program'

Kaitlin will discuss different attachment styles, what this looks like and the many ways parent-child attachment can predict and impact children's learning, development and behaviour. She will then give an overview of the Circle of Security program, and how this aims to shift parents and children towards healthy, secure attachment relationships by developing parents' understanding of their child's attachment needs.

Please forward this email to colleagues/other services you feel would be interested in attending. A quick email letting us know if you are coming would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you on the Tuesday 25 June 2019.

RSVP: Friday 21 June 2019

Kind Regards,
Warwick BUSHkids Team
(Aislinne, Shelley, Elaine, Linda, Kim and Kirsti)
warwick.bushkids.org.au



SOON TO BE RELEASED— 2019 ONLINE ANNUAL CALENDAR

DATE CLAIMERS- 2019

Term 2

- 12 May Mother's Day
- 13-17 May School Renewal Improvement Process
- 13 May Naplan Online opens (closes 24 May)
- 31 May Trivia Night
- 2 June School Family Mass- 9am All Welcome
- 3 June Southern Downs Athletics Carnival
- 12 June 3:30 - 2020 Prep Afternoon tea (2019 Prep parents encouraged to attend)
- 19 June 7pm—P&F Meeting—Library
- 19th June Early Years Morning - all welcome - 9-11am
- 25 June Semester 1 Reports Issued
- 27 June Last Day of Term 2--
- 28 June Professional Learning Day - (Pupil Free Day)

Term 3

- 15 July Term 3 begins
- 26 July Gala Day 1
- 28 July Catholic Education Week
- 2nd Aug Bishop's Inservice Day - Pupil Free
- 9 Aug Gala Day 2
- 14 Aug 7pm—P&F Meeting—Library
- 1 Sept Father's Day
- 11 Sept P&F Meeting
- 19 Sept Last Day of Term 3
- 20 Sept Professional Learning Day - Pupil Free

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA
Invites you to its
OPEN DAY
ON
Tuesday 21st May 2019 from 8.30am - 12.00pm


At St Joseph's College, everything we do, sets our students up for their best future and their desired pathway.

Bring your future thinkers along to our Open Day to meet our teachers, take a tour of our campus and see why St Joseph's is the best choice.

We look forward to welcoming you on 21st May.
For further information, please phone St Joseph's College on 46 31 8500.

We are now taking enrolments for 2021 and beyond.
To request an enrolment package please
email: enrolments@sjc.qld.edu.au
or visit our website: www.sjc.qld.edu.au

'Like' us on Facebook— To engage more of our community in the wonderful work that staff and students are doing here at St Patrick's, we have branched out into the world of social media. Media consent forms were returned by families recently that sort parent permission in having their children pictured on the world wide web. Please let us know if you would prefer not to have images of your children on Facebook.



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

