

# St Patrick's School Allora— Newsletter



Dear Families,

**Preparing for the Future**— Our families ask very good questions. A question that we are often asked is; 'How is St Patrick's preparing our children for high school and future learning?' We are preparing children for the future by teaching them to be aware and responsive to their current rate of achievement. That is, we are making their learning, their progress and their next steps in learning visible and known to them.

During a recent review of our school, students were asked what it was that St Patrick's is doing well. Numerous students responded by telling our visitors that their teachers give them regular feedback about how they are going and what they need to do next to make progress.

Students in high school receiving their 'Australian Tertiary Admission Rank' (ATAR) need to do more than just repeat back memorised content. They need to be able to analyse, comprehend, design and evaluate using the information learnt. Through the Australian Curriculum, teachers at St Patrick's are teaching these same ways of thinking and providing learning experiences that provide learners with an opportunity to operate at this higher-level of thinking.

Any employer or university officer will tell you that they want successful applicants to be able to think for themselves and problem-solve. Recently one of our year 1 students was heard telling his mother that he needed to keep learning his 'sight words' because he knew what level he needed to reach by a given time. Not only did this student know what level he was at, but he also knew what learning strategies he had to apply to get the next level in his learning.



'National Simultaneous Story Time' - last week at 11am, our Teacher Librarian; Mrs Debbie Groombridge; read 'Alpacas with Maracas' by Matt Cosgrove. It was a real hit!

Are schools preparing students for high school and beyond? At St Patrick's, it's our goal.

**Quadrennial Review Report**— The report that flows from the School Renewal and Improvement Process that was conducted in week 4, will soon be available on our school's website. This report which is a product of the feedback of families, students and school staff, will guide planning for school improvement for the next four years. Thank you to more than a dozen of our families who were able to spare some time to speak with the panel. In their preliminary feedback to staff on the last day of the review, the panel conveyed its thanks for the warm hospitality extended to them by our entire community.

**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**  
To book your Trivia Night table of 8 call school office 4666 3551  
Trivia Night family chocolate donations to school office. Thank you to the 15 families who have donated so far.  
Supper baking for Trivia Night to the school office Thursday or Friday this week.  
Sunday 2nd June 9am Family Mass—all welcome  
Book Club orders to be placed by Monday 3rd June.



**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

God Bless

Tyronne Maher  
Principal

**'The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.'**  
George Bernard Shaw  
[https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/george\\_bernard\\_shaw\\_385438?src=t\\_communication](https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/george_bernard_shaw_385438?src=t_communication)

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## School News

**Parent/Teacher Meetings**— Students excel, no matter what their starting point, when their parents engage with their child's teacher. Classroom teachers have called 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.

**Reporting Inappropriate Behaviour** - We occasionally have concerned families requesting times to meet to discuss 'bullying' related concerns. Two themes often emerge from these conversations .



Reading is going to be a breeze for these 'sight word' certificate recipients. Sight word knowledge makes learning to read easier for emerging readers. Keep up the good work children!

The first of these concerns what 'bullying' actually is. Recently added to our school's website under '[Policies and Procedures](#)' is the national definitions for bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. Part of this document outlines what is commonly referred to as bullying. While all of the following behaviours must be addressed, **they do not constitute bullying:**

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

The distinction between bullying and other behaviours is important as it informs the school's response and subsequent actions:

***Bullying** is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm and what (Bullying No Way! Fact sheet)*

The second theme which often emerges is : 'This has been going on for some time!' What is soon uncovered is that the school has not been made aware of what might be occurring. Please encourage your children to see an adult at school to report these incidents so that they can be followed up on straight away. Children could see a teacher or the school student protection contacts. Students can also place a note in the 'Student Voice' letter box located on the prayer table in the hallway for the Principal to follow up.

As a parent or carer, a phone call or meeting with a teacher will ensure that concerns can be addressed immediately. There is now also a 'Make a Report' link on our school's website under '[Policies and Procedures](#)'. Once complete, an email notification will be sent to the school for immediate follow up. While the absence of negative student behaviours cannot be guaranteed, parent and student communication can assist in bringing about quick and positive resolutions. If teachers do not know about what is happening, they can't help.

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## Assembly Term 2Friday 8.50am

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



Happy birthday to:  
**Max Kirkland**



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

## Student of the Week Awards—Week 5

**TALGAI** —  
Noah Schwenke for being cooperative with students and teachers.  
**CUNNINGHAM** —  
Year 3 students for an awesome attitude to sitting NAPLAN  
**DALRYMPLE** —  
Jenna Mutch for seeking out new learning opportunity and being persistent.  
**GLENGALLAN** —  
Ziggy Gibson for being cooperative when working with others and helping

## Mary MacKillop Award Helpful

**Talgai**—  
Mahailia Williams  
**Cunningham**—  
Cassandra Ryan  
**Dalrymple**—  
Matilda Gasson  
**Glengallan**—  
Braydan Gilmour

**Prep 2020 Afternoon-Tea**  
**12<sup>th</sup> June 2019**  
**3:30- 4:30pm**

**Do you have questions about Prep for 2020 or would you just like to know more about our great school?**





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

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH –  
MASS 9AM

2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH  
– MASS 5.30pm

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

### Trivia Night Friday 31st May 2018 Update



3 sleeps until Trivia Night, could all families please:

- Book at table (currently 18 booked)
- Bring in chocolate box (currently 14 family donations)
- Supper Cooking to school office Thursday or Friday morning
- Help at working Bee from 2pm Thursday 30th

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, Allora P&F presents

# Rattle of the Brains

Friday 31st May  
Allora Community Hall

*Entry includes pizza, nibbles and supper with tea and coffee*

1st place \$300  
2nd place \$200  
3rd place \$100

And a prize for wooden spoon

Thank you sponsors! Your help makes this night so successful!

\$15 per person  
Doors Open at 6.15pm  
Round 1 starts at 7pm  
Max of 8 per table  
Bar Available (no BYO)

Multi-Draw Raffles and Auctions throughout the night

To book a table phone St Patrick's school office on 4666 3551

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## What's Happening?

**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



### ALLORA 150 YEAR CELEBRATION "COME HOME TO ALLORA" 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2019

The town of Allora was proclaimed a municipality on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1869 by the Governor of Queensland. On the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019, a celebration is planned to celebrate 150 years of Local Government.

All residents of the district, young and old are invited to participate. On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July a Grand Parade commencing from the Old Shire Hall will proceed down Warwick and Herbert Streets to the Dalrymple Park. We would like everyone to dress in costume to join the celebrations and be part of the parade. Period costume, fancy dress, fashion through the ages - just dress up and join the fun. Families are encouraged to decorate their bikes or prams or billy carts.

For more information of events check out Web: [www.allora150org](http://www.allora150org) or Facebook Allora 150 Year Celebration; Email: [ahssec@gmail.com](mailto:ahssec@gmail.com)  
Ph. Wendy – 0488673778 or Lyn 0408753085

### SOON TO BE RELEASED— 2019 ONLINE ANNUAL CALENDAR

#### DATE CLAIMERS- 2019

##### Term 2

- 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
- 17 July 7pm—P&F Meeting—Library
- 20-21 July 150years of Allora Celebrations
- 26 July Gala Day 1
- 28 July Catholic Education Week
- 29 July School Improvement Surveys sent to families
- 2nd Aug Bishop's Inservice Day - Pupil Free
- 9 Aug Gala Day 2
- 11 Aug School Improvement Surveys —close
- 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

**'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**



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