



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



Reminders for this week:

Tuckshop orders in classroom baskets by Tuesday 5th June



A case of Headlice has been reported in the school. We request all parents to be diligent in checking their children and being prompt with treatment.

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,

Early Years Expo Success! - This morning, St Patrick's hosted under 5s for a morning of fun at our annual 'Early Years Expo'. Over 30 children attended the morning filled with paint, playdough, sand pit fun, book reading and more! Our year 6 leaders were on hand to support these children and ensure a morning of fun and laughter.

C&K Kindy and Headstart, our local early years educators, were available to speak with parents and provide important information about the formative years for children. A special thank you goes to our current parents who were on hand to answer questions from visiting parents and carers.

Hygiene and the Flu Season— At St Patrick's School we encourage all staff and parents/guardians to be informed, prepared and proactive as we enter this influenza season. Personal hygiene, staying warm and healthy eating all play a considerable part in **keeping our students well and ready to learn**

The following important flu (influenza) facts have been taken from the Queensland Health Website:

- The flu is highly contagious;
- Flu spreads easy, particularly in young children;
- Washing of hands, coughing and sneezing with an arm over prevent the spread;
- Having an annual flu vaccine will help keep you and your family healthy;
- Queensland Health are offering free vaccines in 2018 to children between 6months and 5yrs of age;
- If your child has the flu, keep them home until they are better. This helps their recovery and avoids the spread of the illness to others.

Homework Routines— Homework is an opportunity to consolidate learning and engage parents in their children's learning. Too often we encounter students that have not completed homework due to poor homework routines. Teaching and establishing a regular homework routine builds student independence and a responsibility for learning. If homework becomes stressful or a negative experience, please see you child's teacher.

Fiesta Time! — All of our lower primary students joined in a day of fun and learning with over one hundred other under 8's from the district at last Friday's under 8's day at Clifton State School. This years theme was 'Fiesta'; focusing on the multicultural offerings of our culturally diverse Australian community. Students and teachers had a wonderful day. (see pg.2 'Talgai News' for more news under 8's day 2018).



Story time at Under 8's Day



Under 8's—What a mess!
Great fun!

God Bless

Tyrone Maher
Principal

'Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me.'

Carol Burnett

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/carol_burnett_371189?src=t_change



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School News

Assembly Roster

Term 2 Friday 8.50am

Week 7: Leaders

Week 8: Broncos Cup

Week 9: Leaders

Week 10: Athletics Day

Week 11: Dalrymple -
NAIDOC Week



Happy Birthday to:
Ashlee Henry
Noah Schwenke
Paddy Denny

Gala Day Fun—Last Friday saw the completion of this year's Gala Days. These two days involve our 8 to 12 year old students competing against other schools in league, soccer and netball. This year, our junior and senior divisions won the league and netball competitions. Well done to all students on their sportsmanship and behaviour.



St Patrick's junior league team

Thank you again to Mandy Mutch, Chantal Keogh, Kerrie Schelbach, Shane Wright and Trevor Philp who managed the children over these days. Countless other parents were also present to cheer all of the children on.

A special thank you goes to past students; Sophie Otten, Cooper Seng and Billy Mutch from Assumption College; who were able to come along and assist with refereeing and umpiring duties.



Story Time! — Mr Maher read 'Hickory Dickory Dash' last Wednesday at 11am as part of 'National Simultaneous Story Time' 2018.

Student Protection at St Patrick's School —

One of the most important concerns of our school community is the health, safety and wellbeing of our students. St Patrick's has a number of specific child protection responsibilities which are detailed in the Student Protection Processes and Guidelines, available on the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Website along with other information for parents and caregivers: <https://www.twb.catholic.edu.au/parents-and-community/student-protection/>

In addition to all staff being trained in student protection, we also have two staff members specially trained to assist with student protection concerns. These 'School Student Protection Contacts' are Miss Donnelly and Mr Maher. Students can speak to these teachers if they have any worries about their own safety or wellbeing, or that of a classmate. They can also speak to our school counsellor—Jayne.

Talgai News

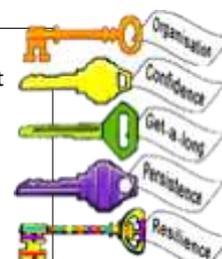
Learning Fun

To celebrate **Under 8's**, students in the lower grades had great fun participating in a variety of activities last Friday. Many of these activities were designed to develop student awareness of minority groups, and as the day concluded, there were many tired, happy and more aware children. Clifton State School generously organized and produced the event, and we thank them for inviting us to join them. I was proud to see so many children thanking presenters for their volunteer efforts.



You Can Do It!

Modern lifestyles have impacted greatly on students' ability to concentrate. This happens for many reasons and it impacts on all of the 'You Can Do It' keys. The earlier this is addressed, the better. A few simple ideas for building concentration are:- Children are allowed to watch a suitable T.V. program but if they stop watching it gets turned off and not turned on again, less toys available and only one activity at a time, completing puzzles and games and reading and talking about books. Improving concentration will have a major positive impact on student learning.



Did you know?

Today, we welcomed into our school, many younger children and their families from the Allora community. Activities were enjoyed by our Prep Children as well as our visitors. Days like this don't just happen, so thank you to all the staff who contributed to its success, and also a big 'Thank you' to the Year 6 students who helped set up and supervise activities.

Students of the week

Many Yr 1 students have earned numerous reward marks in recent weeks as they have used their initiative to see and do helpful things. This included voluntarily asking someone to join in their play, picking up and putting materials away, and helping children who need help. I appreciate the role model they present to the other students. Well Done!



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Parish News



LITURGY TIMES

**1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH –
MASS 9AM**

**2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF
MONTH – MASS 5pm**

**From Sunday 13th May for
Winter**

**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

Trivia 2018 Success

Thank you for everyone's support of this year's Trivia night, it was a big success with 150 people attending.

Particular mention of my biggest helpers Glenn and Karen Brown, Tabitha Peters, Terri Esson and Karli Ekerick. I would also like to thank Kylie Brasch, Cathy Shaw, Elizabeth Partington, Shane and Anita Wright, Trevor Philp and Shane Peters.

To everyone else who either baked, donated chocolates, sponsored, organised a team or helped out on the night a big thank you to you too!!

Alana Deehan

Trivia coordinator



Next P & F Meeting Wednesday 20 June

7pm in the Library. All welcome.

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



Tuck Shop Friday 8th June

Order in the classroom baskets by
Tuesday 5th June

Sweet Treat— Apple Turnover \$1.00

Please ensure an order form is completed for each student and the correct money is placed in the bag

Last Tuck Shop for Term 2 on Friday 22nd June



Thank you
to Ray Strachotta for
repairing and re-netting
our soccer goals.



2018 'Rattle of the Brains' Trivia Night Success— our Year 6 students (pictured above) once again did our school community proud in serving the patrons at our annual P&F trivia night. Students took on additional roles this year and rose to the occasion—well done!



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What's Happening? *Providing quality education since 1916*

Wanted!!

Preloved sandpit toys; Buckets, shovels, and trucks.

Please bring all items to the office.

Save the Date

19th October—St Patrick's Parish and School Fete



Thank you to the Allora community for once again supporting another successful 'Rattle of the Brains' Trivia Night. Money raised will be used to enhance our school.

PLEASE SEE OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OUR 2018 ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE CLAIMERS- 2018

- 7 June School tour & information night—5pm
- 8 June Broncos Cup— Soccer, Hockey, Netball and League—10-12 Years for all sports except league (2006 and 2007 only) .
- 19 June Day 1 School Athletics
- 22 June Day 2 School Athletics
- 28 June Semester Reports Sent Home
- 29 June Term 2 Ends

- 17 July Term 3 Starts
- 23 July CD athletics—Day 1
- 27 July CD athletics—Day 2
- 29 July Catholic Education Week
- 30 July School Improvement Surveys emailed to parents.
- 3 Aug Bishop's Professional Development Day (School Closed)
- 6 Aug 2019 Prep Interviews Begin
- 10 Aug SD Athletics
- 21 Sept Term 3 Ends

- 8 Oct Term 4 Starts
- 19 Oct St Patrick's Parish and School Fete
- 22 Oct Staff PD day—Student Free Day
- 7 Dec Term 4 and School Year Ends

Prep 2019 – taking enquiries now

29th May Early Years Expo 9-11:30am

7th June - School tour and information night

5pm : Open to families of all school aged children

6th August – Prep interviews Contact the school

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