



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:

PE Lessons—Week 1

PE will be held on Thursday this week. Students are to wear their formal uniform on Wednesday and sports uniform on Thursday.

CD Athletics—Week 2

Permission forms to be returned to school ASAP

Bishop's Inservice Day

School Closed Friday August 3rd.

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,

Parent Engagement - Report cards were sent out at the end of last term. These reports provide you and your child with an overview of what has been covered and what your child has managed to grasp. Being an overview of 21 weeks of work, it is difficult to give specific detail on what it is your child needs to focus on in order to consolidate learning or catch up to his or her peers.

Research shows that children whose parents are actively involved in their learning, that have a partnership with their child's teacher, progress faster than those children whose parents take more of a client/service relationship with their child's school. The client/ service relationship is 'I bring them to school and you (teachers) teach them— I don't need to take an interest.'

Engaging in your child's learning and therefore enhancing their learning is not as difficult as you might think. Parents engaged in their child's learning:

- Talk to their children about what they are learning. E.g. "What did you learn today?"
- They ask teachers questions about their child's progress.
- They place a value on education. E.g. "School is important!" "You have to go to school!"
- Place importance on routine and structure.
- Make teachers aware of things happening outside of school that could be impacting on learning.

Why don't more parents engage in learning?

- Time - some parents feel like their day gets away from them. A simple conversation over dinner in regard to how school is going is not difficult (it is with the television going). An email to your child's teacher doesn't take long also has a similar effect.
- Personal experiences— parents want the best for their children, but find through their own experiences, schools to be unwelcoming places.
- Out of their depth - some parents don't feel that they are qualified to have conversations about education with teachers. As your child's first teacher— you do!

At St Patrick's School, we encourage all conversations and questions that progress the learning of children. No question is a silly one when it comes to learning.

If you have questions about how your child is progressing and how you can support them, make an appointment to see your child's teacher and ask! Your question may be one that prompts us to support parents and learners in different ways.

Children learn (and fall behind) at a rapid rate—there is no time to waste.

God Bless



Working Hard—Congratulations to our sight word champions who received some well deserved certificates during our last assembly last term.

"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together."

James Cash Penney

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/james_cash_penney_226503?src=t_working_together



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School News

Assembly Roster

Term 3 Friday 8.50am

Week 1: Leaders

Week 2: No Assembly

Week 3: No Assembly

Week 4: Leaders

Week 5: Leaders

Week 6: Leaders

Week 7: Talgai

Week 8: Leaders

Week 9: Leaders

Week 10: Leaders



Week 1

George Philp
Kaleb Millard

Athletics Nominations—

Yesterday, some students brought home nomination forms for the Central Downs Athletics Carnival to be held next week at Allora State School.

Students that placed top 4 for the sprints or top 3 in any other event at our carnival were nominated through. Nominated students are to wear their sports uniform on both days.

Welcome— We welcome year 3 student Paige and her family to our community this week. The students of Dalrymple have been very helpful in showing Paige around our school and making her feel welcome.

SHELL Science Questacon—Next Wednesday, our students will join students at Allora State School for a series of fun and engaging science activities. We look forward to hearing about what they learn during this workshop.



What a Show!— Parents and students were thoroughly entertained by the year 3 and 4 students at the end of last term with their versions of classics such as 'Red Riding Hood and 'Billy Goats Gruff'.

Learning Support News

By Debbie Groombridge

Learning Support Teacher

Around the Classrooms

Welcome back to term 3! During last term all classrooms conducted reading assessments with every student—PROBE or PM. Each of these assessments are being analysed by us to determine the particular needs of each of our students and to enable us to identify how we

can we best cater to these needs and enhance the learning opportunities for all students especially those who are experiencing difficulties. As part of this analysis it is important that we determine which of the key elements of reading particular students are missing or experiencing difficulties with.

The five essential skills necessary in learning to read are: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

Phonemic Awareness is the ability to identify and manipulate individual sounds in spoken words. There are 44 sounds in the English language made up of the 26 letters. Activities to promote phonological awareness are— rhyming activities, breaking sentences into words and words into syllables.

Phonics The ability to decode words using children's knowledge of letter and sound relationships.

Fluency Reading with speed and accuracy. Allows students to focus more on the comprehension of what they are reading and leads to reading becoming a more natural, enjoyable and meaningful experience.

Vocabulary The knowledge of a wide variety of words and their meanings as well as the structure of the written language. Beyond its significance for reading, word knowledge influences thinking, speaking, and writing throughout life.

Comprehension The major determining factor in comprehension success is a student's basic reading skills as outlined above. Problems in any of these areas can lead to difficulties in the students ability to comprehend what they are reading.



Helping your Child

As always the best way you can help your children is by helping them to foster a love of reading and books. Encourage them to read to you and read to them as much as you can.

Discuss the books that you are reading together, talk about the vocabulary and any rhyming or interesting features in the book. Encourage your child to make connections and to re-tell important details from the books. Re-read favourite parts to practice fluency and model good reading strategies to your children.



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**

Fete

This year's Fete will be held on Friday 19 October. The 2018 executive is Roy Nott, President; Paul Morris and Paul Bradfield, Vice-Presidents; Lisa Hansford, Secretary and Kerry Haigh, Treasurer. We welcome Lisa to the committee and thank her for being a School P & F representative. New faces and ideas are welcome.



St Patrick's School
Parents & Friends Association

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



**Next P & F Meeting Wednesday 18 July
7pm in the Library. All welcome.**

School Improvement Survey

This year our school will be participating in a School Review and Improvement Survey managed by Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII). As well as school staff and students from Years 5 -6, all parents are strongly encouraged to participate in the survey.

The survey provides valuable feedback for the future directions of our school. It would be appreciated if parents could update their contact details. This will ensure delivery to the correct parent email addresses are available. Contact details have been sent home today for adjustment if required.

On Monday, 23 July 2018, RADII will send all parents a personalized invitation to complete the survey online. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

You can complete the survey from anywhere you have access to the internet. The survey will close on Sunday, 12 August 2018. We encourage you to be very honest in your responses to the surveys. All responses go directly to RADII so they are confidential and anonymous. When the surveys are completed, the overall responses will be shared with our school community

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

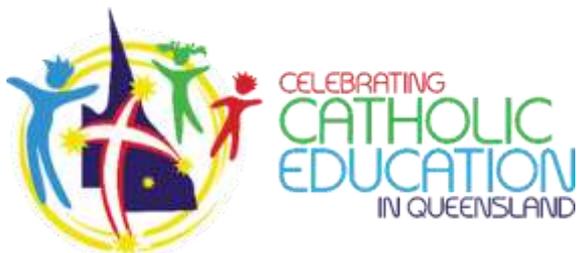
Monday — Formal
Tuesday — Formal
Wednesday – Sports
Thursday – Formal
Friday – Sports



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What's Happening?

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Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 29 July – 4 August this year.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year's celebrations is: **Discovering New Horizons**. You may have seen the fence banner out the front of the school.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

During Catholic Education Week 2018, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate how they are discovering new horizons.

There are 304 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 147,000 students and employ more than 19,000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

Our school is planning a number of activities during the week and we hope you are able to join in the celebrations with us. We look forward to seeing you during Catholic Education Week 2018.

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

DATE CLAIMERS- 2018

- 23 July CD Athletics—Day 1—nominated 9-12yrs only
- 27 July CD Athletics—Day 2—all nominated students
- 29 July Catholic Education Week
- 30 July School Improvement Surveys emailed to parents.
- 31 July 9:30am Mass—Church—All welcome
10:30am —Open Day—students of all ages welcome
- 3 Aug Bishop's Professional Development Day (School Closed)
- 8 Aug Mass—Mary MacKillop 9:30a.m.
- 6 Aug 2019 Prep Interviews Begin
- 10 Aug SD Athletics
- 15 Aug SD Cricket Trials
- 20 Aug Book Week—'Book Fair' book shop
Monday morning -8:40am- book week parade followed by 'Reader's Cup'
Monday -Story telling—2:30—2:55pm
- 31 Aug Diocesan Mass Toowoomba—Glengallan Students
- 2 Sept Family Mass
- 4 Sept Tuesday—Show—'Treasure Hunt'
- 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