St Patrick's School Allora — Newsletter



"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

Book Club Orders
To school office or
online No later than
Monday 12th
November

Year 5/6 School
Camp for Glengallan
students Wednesday
14th to Friday 16th
November

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 Families,

Supporting Reading Development – Christmas decorations and displays have started popping up in shopping centers which means that the end of year school holidays are not too far away. With this in mind, it is important to start thinking of ways that we can continue to reinforce and develop the reading skills and strategies that your child has learnt over the course of the

year. Seven weeks without reading can lead your child to regress therefore requiring them to relearn skills as they begin their new year of school.

Research tells us that reading to your child and listening to your child read, from an early age and well into their high school years, is hugely important to the development of this core, lifelong skill.

Did You Know? In some countries, the term "summer slide" has become a well-used phrase. Research in the United States, and more recently in New Zealand, has shown students' academic achievements reportedly slipping up to six months over summer holidays.

These reading occasions do not have to be programmed or timetabled. These moments should be part of your everyday interactions. These could include:

- Having your child read a recipe while you cook;
- Talking to them about the book that they are reading and getting their thoughts on the book;
- Reading the signs on a long road trip;
- Reading age appropriate stories from the newspaper;
- Sharing in a laugh over the comics section from the newspaper;
- Joining your local library.

Importantly, your child should see you read. In this way they see how reading is important and how reading is for a range of reasons such as entertainment or gathering information. Please see our teachers for any further advice regarding reading development.

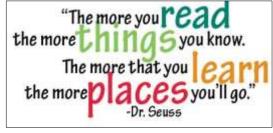


Having a Blast!

Thank you to Fire Officers
Jeff and Ross for bringing
the local fire truck in a
follow up visit to our
Prep/1 students. The
students learnt some more
about fire safety and also
got to use the hose. What
fun!

God Bless

Tyronne Maher Principal



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ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL ALLORA

Assembly Term 4 Friday 8.50am

Week 5: Remembrance
Day Liturgy
Week 6: No Assembly
Week 7: Leaders
Week 8: No Assembly
Week 9: Christmas
Liturgy and music
concert



Happy Birthday this week to: Alicia Deehan Tanali Neubauer

Student of the Week Awards

TALGAI — Carla Lambert for striving to improve her learning.

CUNNINGHAM -

Piper Gilmour for great focus and effort in her learning.

DALRYMPLE —

Paige Cummins for showing resilience when solving problems.

GLENGALLAN -

Sarah Brown for her thoughtful and responsible leadership.

Mary MacKillop Award Trustworthy

Talgai—

Beau Henry

Cunningham-

Jake Burns

Dalrymple—

Hugh Denny

Glengallan-

Jason Deehan

School News

Staff and Class Structures 2019

Next year brings with it some changes to our class structures.

Decisions related to class structure are carefully considered in regard to student numbers and the learning needs of the students. We are very confident that the school team of 2019 will continue our ambitious goals and in doing so, continue the improvement in student learning that we are seeing across the entire school.

Prep / 1 - Mrs Lyn Geyle

Year 2/3 - Miss Karine Preston APRE/ Mrs Kathryn Lucas (Tue)

Year 4 - Miss Holly Gilbar

Year 5/6 – Miss Mary Donnelly

Mr Tyronne Maher – Principal, Physical Education Teacher/ Middle Leader/Curriculum (1day)

Mrs Debbie Groombridge - Learning Support Teacher

Mr Stephen Clarke—Science Teacher

Mrs Jan Watkins - Teacher Librarian

Mrs Julie -Anne Flynn - Library Assistant Officer

Mrs Andrea Lewis -Learning Officer and OH&S Officer

Mrs Helen Pitstock - Learning Officer (Prep/1)

Mrs Emma Heit – Learning Officer

Mrs Elizabeth Partington - Administration and Finance Officer

Mrs Lesley Telford - Music Tutor

Miss Judy Allen - Cleaner

Glengallan News

Learning Fun Over the last couple of weeks we have been completing some

summative assessments and it has been wonderful to see the growth in skills, application and confidence of the Glengallan class. Children are able to articulate what they have done well and where they need to concentrate their efforts.

This Thursday we are having a visit from Jim Midgely (Director of Teaching and Learning with Toowoomba Catholic Education) who has kindly provided a prize for the children who have written the book that is most like Colin Thompson's book. There are some beauties!



<u>You Can Do It!</u> It's taken a lot of persistence when work has been hard for children to achieve as well as they have. Some of the standardized tests we have completed have been long and intense, but children were determined.

<u>Did You Know!</u> We are great at bringing our own learning along, by following the criteria set, by conferencing with our peers and working on the areas that are difficult for us. We must have the mindset that sometimes learning is hard but that the rewards can be great for perseverance.

Homework! We've had a more intense approach to homework recently and the result has been that our tables have improved dramatically. Why not challenge your child to a tables race? They might surprise you!

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Parish News

LITURGY TIMES

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH – MASS 9AM

2ND, 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH
- MASS 6pm

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

Next P & F Meeting Wednesday 21 November 7pm in the Library. All welcome.

<u>TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED</u>—Fete – Review and feedback
Thank you to all Families for their contributions to a successful 2018 Fete.

SCHOOL BELL TIMES

8.40am Start of School

10.50am Break start

- 11.30am Break finish
- 1.30pm Snack start
- 1.50pm Onack 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**



Soft Drinks @ Cost Price

Leftover from parish fete are Pepsi, Coke and small amount of Kirk lemon. Selling at cost price. 375ml cans Pepsi 50c, Coke (normal, no sugar and zero) 50c, Kirk Lemon 50c. Please contact Catherine 0424605219, Kerry 0419020690.



Book Club was sent home today with the children.

LOOP is the easiest way for parents to order and pay for Book Club. Just click submit – that's it. If you're not in LOOP, now is the perfect time to opt-in via the Book Club platform. For more information on LOOP, visit: scholastic.com.au/loopinfo.

These orders must be placed before the end of the day on <u>Monday</u>, 12th <u>November</u>. Alternatively, please hand in your orders to the school office by the above date.

Don't let St Patrick's miss out on any rewards.

Thanks for ordering from Book Club.

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What's Happening?



<u>PLEASE SEE OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OUR</u> 2018 ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE CLAIMERS- 2018

14 -16 Nov - Year 5/6 Camp—Tallebudgera

26,27,28 Nov-School Swimming Lessons

30 Nov School Swimming Carnival

4 Dec Reconciliation Service 9.30am

4 Dec 5.30pm Graduation Ceremony

7 Dec 10am—Christmas Liturgy and

Music Concert

12pm—School Year Ends

2019 Term dates

Term 1 Tuesday 29 January to Friday 5 April

Term 2 Tuesday 23 April to Friday 28 June

Term 3 Monday 15 July to Friday 20 September

Term 4 Tuesday 8 October to Friday 6 December

Date Claimer - 2019

5 Feb Opening School Mass 9.30am





Congratulations to our sight word champions who have managed to reach new goals in their sight word and high frequency word knowledge!

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