



“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

Swimming Lessons (whole school) on Mon 26th, Tue 27th and Wed 28th—Permission Note with details and costs sent home today.

Head Lice have been reported please check your children daily and treat if necessary.

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,

Building Responsibility - Last week, the year five and six students attended a three day camp on the Gold Coast. While most children did not struggle with organisation in regard to this experience, there were children that found the day to day preparation of themselves for various activities difficult.

As parents we sometimes become frustrated with our children's levels of organisation. Lower levels of organisation impact our children's ability to coordinate homework and other school projects leading them to become worried about the consequences of their actions (or lack there of).

The writers from the www.ahaparenting.com offer a number of suggestions for building a sense of responsibility including the writing of a schedule.



Camp Fun— Our year 5/6 students at camp last week

“It may seem like overkill, but in our busy 21st century lives, all children need to master this skill by high school, or they simply won't get everything done. Begin on weekends during primary school, or earlier, if their schedule is busy.” Sitting with your child and organising a schedule that includes (for example) piano practice, the birthday party and all the steps of the science project – shop for materials, build the volcano, write and print out the description. Add some 'downtime' into the schedule as well. “Just take a piece of paper, list the hours of the day on the left, and ask your child what he/she needs to get done this weekend. “ Most importantly, organising their time in this way teaches them to manage their time and be responsible about how they use it.

While it is tempting (and at times easier) to do the communicating for your child, encouraging your child to speak directly with their teacher builds confidence and responsibility. Role playing with your child about how this would look is a great way to model how they should go about it. These practices place them at the forefront of directing their own learning and builds important communication techniques.

School Renewal Improvement Process - As a school we are always looking for ways to improve what we do. The main focus for any improvement is about improving outcomes for our learners. Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office knows how important this is. The 'School Renewal Improvement Process', or SRIP, is timetabled for each of our schools every four years by a panel that conducts numerous meetings with members of a school community. This community consultation aims to gain an understanding of what is working well and perhaps what may be a focus for the future.

St Patrick's Allora will be a part of this process in term two of 2019. If you would like to be a part of this meeting schedule, please contact the school. This week I'm off to Cunnamulla as the peer Principal in their SRIP.

God Bless


Tyrone Maher
Principal

"The art of communication is the language of leadership."

James Humes

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/james_humes_154730

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Assembly Term 4

Friday 8.50am

Week 7: Leaders

Week 8: No Assembly

Week 9: Christmas

Liturgy and music concert



Happy Birthday this week to:

Ivy Coker
Zara Sullivan



HEAD LICE ALERT

With the warmer weather, head lice are more active. Please check your child/ children's hair daily and treat as required.

Our school does not support the borrowing of hats.

School Attendance- School absenteeism impacts significantly on student learning and wellbeing. Queensland research shows that high rates of student attendance attributes to, on average, higher student achievement. Additionally, this research also indicates that attending school every day helps children to build important social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Queensland law dictates that you must make sure your child is enrolled and attending school on all school days unless there is a valid reason. In accordance with this law, along with all schools, St Patrick's must monitor the attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers on any unexplained absences. If your child does not want to go to school, contact the school immediately for assistance and support. The above information has been sourced from <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/parents-community/index.html>

Swimming Lessons— Swimming lessons will begin in week 8. These lessons focus on water safety, awareness and swimming fundamentals for our younger students; water safety and stroke correction for our older students. There is a strong focus on participation and all children will be instructed in regard to their needs. Please ensure that your child has suitable swimming togs and goggles and that these are all labelled. A one-piece for girls and swim-shirt for both boys and girls as the lessons take part in the middle of the day. Please ensure that if worn, board shorts should be no longer than the knee. Longer than this makes swimming difficult for learning swimmers.

Talgai News

Learning Fun

As with all the classes, there has been lots of assessment being finalized during the last few weeks.

In addition, students have been participating in activities involving movement and location as part of Digital Technology, Geography and Mathematics. Group work using Barrier Games, developing positional and concise language, have been enjoyed by all.

This also assists in developing sequential awareness which supported Procedural text activities. Students particularly enjoyed making a dance book of sequential dance moves in Media. (To be viewed next assembly and available to download on a supplied USB)



Did you know?

Sequential Awareness is being alert to the presence of and identifying an incoming sequence or array. Children with strong function recognise multi step instructions and explanations as sequences. They notice the rhythm in a song or poem while those with a weaker function often miss steps of sequential instructions and only pick up one or two parts.



We can do it

The first step is for children to begin to arrange events in their daily life in order of time. Reading and talking about story books encourages the concept as children need to sequence the events of a story. Gradually enlarging the number of steps in a sequence of instructions helps develop awareness as well as doing activities that rely on previous steps to work e.g. model building, cooking and goal setting.

Use it or Lose It

Everyone has worked really hard to improve their learning this year but holidays are approaching and 7 weeks is a long time for children. In that time, learning will be lost if not revisited so I encourage families to participate in learning activities, especially practicing sight words and participating in regular reading, to start the next year well.

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

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



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.



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.**

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Cricket Net Decision
CARE group
P and F 'Couldn't Do It Without You' Award
Cross Country 2019 – Joint Fundraising Ideas
Fete Report

Advent Reconciliation Service

As Catholics we are asked to confess our sins at least once a year and whenever we are conscious of having committed serious sin. Therefore, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an integral and non-negotiable part of our overall faith formation.

The school and Parish communities will join together on December 4th at 9:30am to participate in the Advent Reconciliation service.

All parents and carers are welcome to join us for this liturgy.



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What's Happening?



SAVE THE UNIVERSE!

(A HOLIDAY PROGRAM of some importance)

Featuring: MAD Science, slime, SPLASHY ART & CODING!

DECEMBER 10-12, 2018 @ SCOTS PGC
(start 8:45am – finish 3:00pm each day)

Limited to only 12 students from Years 3-6
\$55 per day, per participant

For more info & to register:
email Ted Carter – edwoodeducation@gmail.com
or Facebook: [@edwoodeducation](https://www.facebook.com/edwoodeducation)

Participants will engage in a range of STEAM activities to inspire critical and creative thinking.

Intergalactic heroes are needed to save the lives of helpless, adorable creatures, to capture the evil masterminds who wish to cause mass destruction and design a utopia where all may live in peace and harmony.

This heroic venture is proudly supported by...



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

DATE CLAIMERS- 2018

- 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



Triple P

Positive Parenting Program

Discussion Groups

Solving common parenting problems.

What	When	Where
Developing good bedtime routines	Thursday 22 Nov 2018 9 – 11am	BUSHkids Centre 191 Wood St
Managing fighting and aggression	Thursday 29 Nov 2018 9 – 11am	BUSHkids Centre 191 Wood St
Dealing with disobedience	Thursday 13 Dec 2018 9 – 11am	BUSHkids Centre 191 Wood St
	<small>Please note: no children available</small>	

To Register go to: www.triplep-parenting.net
BUSHkids ph 46671200



SUMMER READING CLUB

1 December 2018 – 31 January 2019

Sign up at your local library to receive your passport and start reading

Get an entry into the prize draw for every 3 hours of reading

Grab a Mystery Read, join in the Treasure Hunts and try out the Holiday Activities at your local Library Branch

Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL

the Summer Reading Club is led by State Library of Queensland in partnership with the Australian Library and Information Association and Australian Public Library Alliance

summerreadingclub.org.au

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