



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.

Dear Families,
Welcome to the 'Learning Pit' - Welcome back to term 2; a start to a term like no other. James Nottingham is an educator and the brains behind the creation of the 'Learning Pit'. The 'Learning Pit' supports a culture of challenge, curiosity, reflection and resilience in our children.

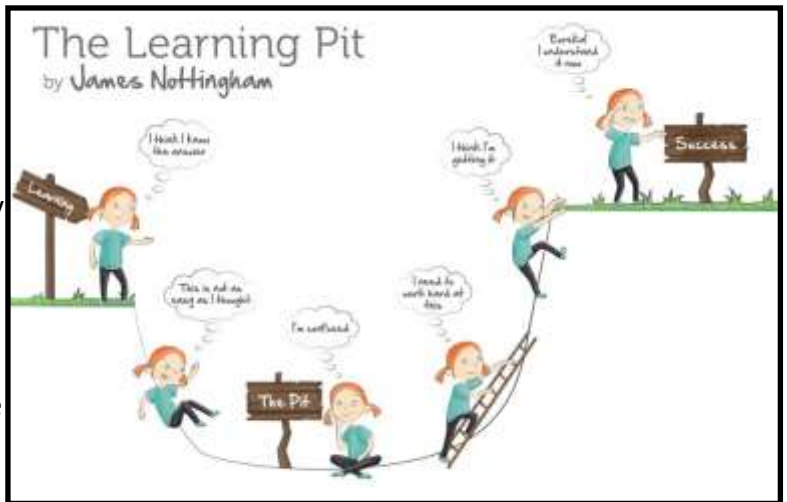
The 'Learning Pit' is often referred to in our classrooms. It is a place that teachers and parents intentionally place their learners so that they can learn. We have all been in 'the pit' in the last couple of weeks at one stage or another. Think of the strategies you have used to solve a problem to do with accessing the online learning. They have probably included:

- Searching for a solution online;
- Contacting a fellow parent;
- Contacting the school; or;
- Simply 'guessing and checking' - another perfectly suitable strategy for solving a problem.

How do you feel when you've persevered and managed to solve the problem? Relieved? Triumphant? Do you think you could solve this problem on your own next time? If the only strategy we had was 'get someone else to do it', we wouldn't be challenged and wouldn't learn anything.

As teachers, we were thrown head first into 'the pit' at the end of last term. Few of us had worked with the software or the applications we are currently using. After some professional learning and MANY mistakes, we are now discussing how this technology can be used better in our day to day teaching to further advance the learning of your children—success! What a dedicated and resilient group of teachers we have here at St Patrick's.

The bottom line is that challenge is good for learning. These few weeks at home are a great opportunity to challenge our children with different learning experiences. Give your child a recipe and let them go! By nature, they will start asking you questions because they won't want to make a mistake. Tell them that you'll be back in the kitchen in 20minutes and they can ask the questions that need answering then. They'll make mistakes and will have to persevere but ultimately they will learn things that they did not know before. I've heard of one student learning to weld and another moving hay bales in the tractor; much can be learned from challenging our children.



Note that the 'pit' is higher on the other side. This reflects our new learning.

Feeling Safe
Our School Student Protection Contacts are:
Miss Donnelly, Mr Maher and Jayne (school counsellor)


Reminders and To Do List

Sign up to/ update your FlexiBuzz to your child's year level for 2020.

Please read the recent FlexiBuzz, Email or Facebook correspondence concerning the Schools response and actions to the Coronavirus outbreak.

All parents/carers will be informed of any changes to school activities via FlexiBuzz and Email.


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.

God Bless

Tyronne Maher
Principal

“There is nothing as powerful as a mother’s love, and nothing as healing as a child’s soul.” – Unknown

St Patrick's School Allora— Newsletter

School News



When Will School Return? - Queensland's Premier indicated that the current school closures would be reassessed in mid May. If you must attend work away from home and are unable to supervise your child's learning then you can send them to school. Please inform the school via email or phone us if your circumstances change in the coming weeks.

Online Difficulties—We've spoken to many families in the last week in helping their children access the learning that has been made available online. Please know that we are only a phone call away and are always happy to help.

Another option is to access the 'Offline Learning' page on our school's website. The page offers plenty of learning tasks that can be accessed with household materials.

Congratulations - Congratulations to the Cassie and Ross Williams Family on the safe arrival of their new baby girl—Kodi. I'm sure Kodi's brothers and sisters are being a great help.

Mother's Day Liturgy and Activities — Learning from home is a great opportunity for children to add some new recipes to their repertoire. How about learning to make pancakes prior to Mother's Day and then spoiling Mum with your efforts? Please find on our 'Newsletters' page a small liturgy and some activities for Mother's Day.

ANZAC Commemorations - Thank you to all families that were able to send in their photos of their family commemorating this special day in our country's history. The ANZAC spirit was definitely kept alive last Saturday. Lest we forget.

DATE CLAIMERS- 2020
1st May—Online Assembly: 8:30am
 Link 'to join' emailed last week.
5th May—Winter uniform begins
11th May—NAPLAN cancelled

2020 Term Dates
 Term 2- Mon 20 April–Friday 26 June
 Term 3- Mon 13 July–Friday 18 September
 Term 4 -Tues 6 October–Friday 4 December

