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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Patrick's Asquith

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

*Due to social distancing, please call the Parish Office
9456 2450 to reserve a seat at Mass.*

NEWSLETTER Term 2, Week 5, 2021

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Guringai and Dharug people, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



PRINCIPAL news

Dear Parents and Carers,

There was an excited cheer as our Year 6 leaders finally set off on their long-awaited excursion to Canberra on Wednesday morning. It has lifted the spirits of the children after the disappointment of last year's cancelled overnight excursions as we headed for the colder weather in the ACT.

This three-day excursion provides wonderful educational highlights including a Parliament House tour, Questacon, National Museum, Australian War Memorial, Telstra Tower, and the Dinosaur Museum to name a few. It is also a special opportunity for the students to spend time with one another away from school creating life long memories with their classmates in their final year of primary school. From a personal point of view, this is something I strongly value as a principal. On behalf of parents I add my thanks to the staff (Cheryl Taylor, Hannah Fryar, Rebecca Daly and Kate Ward), who are giving up time away from families to attend the excursion.

Parents are all welcome to follow us on our blog which can be found at:

<https://yr6canberra2021.edublogs.org>

Kinder Enrolments 2022

We are building our Kinder enrolment numbers for 2022 with already enough applications for one class with an expected second class to follow. The school continues to seek enrolments and I ask for our current families' support. Our data shows that the most likely way new families come to enrol in our school is via a recommendation from current families.

I warmly encourage parents who are seeking enrolment, or families you know who are seeking enrolment for Kindergarten 2022 and haven't yet applied, to do so in the next few weeks. Please pick up an application package from the office or [download here](#) to receive one.

Prime Minister's Spelling Bee- State Finalists

Congratulations to Charlotte K and Anthony G. who represented our school at the State Finals for the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee 🐝. We are very proud of their amazing effort and of them and encourage them to keep up their passion for spelling!

Soccer Champions

Congratulations to Luke T. Keith and Colin C. and Antonio M who won the Kano Cup soccer gala day, last weekend. Their Hornsby Heights team won the whole competition for the U 10's after winning 5 games and drawing one. The team is off to Melbourne later in the year to continue the competition at the next level.



School Uniform

As the cold weather arrived this week, it was appropriate to begin the first week of full Winter uniform. I thank all parents who make the effort to send their child/ren off to school dressed neatly in the correct uniform each day. I appreciate that it is at times difficult to have all the uniforms washed and ironed but as a community we benefit these collective actions and can be rightly proud of our school. Thanks to the students and parents who adhere to this.

Cookbook

We are still looking for the wonderful family recipes to share. We encourage all families to get involved by downloading our recipe maker at www.bit.ly/recipe-maker-stpats to enter your favourite recipes. Up to five (5) recipes per family can be submitted which will give you more chances to win one of our lucky prizes from local businesses. Our first winners can be found listed later in this newsletter.

Sushi Special Lunch Order

A big thank you goes out to the Year 5 parents who assisted with the organisation, delivery and distribution for the Sushi Special Lunch Order last Friday. There was a huge response with many families taking the opportunity to treat their children with a special lunch order. The next Special Lunch Order Day is scheduled for Friday Week 8 where we will call on our Year 4 parents to assist.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy)

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who successfully completed the NAPLAN Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy last week. The teachers reported that the assessments went smoothly which I acknowledge is through the support of parents and teachers keeping the week as normal as possible.

SDD- Friday 25th June

As part of the Towards 2025 strategy in the Diocese of Broken Bay to ensure authentic, professional, Catholic education is delivered with care and compassion to all students enrolled in the Diocese's Catholic schools, the staff of all diocesan Catholic schools will be attending a professional learning day on the last day of Term 2, Friday 25th June. As a result, this day will be a student free day. Our excellent before and after school care provider, Royston Kids will provide supervision for a limited number of children on that day. You will need to book them in. Parents can contact the service via email: roystonkids@hotmail.com or by phone: 0431 383 981.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with a Disability (NCCD) Year K-6

The NCCD takes place in August each year. Please refer to link for information on what, why, how and most importantly the benefits of NCCD for students, *‘The information collected by the NCCD helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability at school.’*

<https://www.nccd.edu.au/tools/fact-sheet-parents-guardians-and-carers>

Should you have any queries please direct them to the school office.

Behaviour Focus

Our school behaviour focus for Week’s 5 & 6 is on, right place, right time & right task. During this time the children will learn about what it means to be in the right place at the right time doing the right task at different times of the school day. This could be in class while the teacher is teaching a lesson, during independent work times, while at PE, Music or Library lessons, at play time or even at the morning assembly.

I encourage parents and carers to support this initiative in your conversations at home. For more information please refer to the Pastoral Care Whole School Focus in this newsletter.

Proposed Road Upgrade by Hornsby Council

Hornsby Council have put forward a proposed upgrade of the intersection directly outside St. Patrick’s involving Royston Pde, Baldwin Ave and Sherbrook Rd. The proposal is seeking to better manage the traffic and pedestrian flow and improve safety. Those interested can find more information via the council website including how you can have your say about the proposal. [Click here](#) to access the council website.

Sacrament of Confirmation

A reminder that the Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 will be celebrated within Masses on Sunday 5th September 2021 at 11.30am at St Bernard’s ~ 2pm at St Patrick’s ~ 4pm at St Patrick’s. Under current Covid-safe restrictions these Masses are for candidates and incorporate ~ 1 child + 1 sponsor + 2 parents/caregivers only. Save the date!

During 2020, Bishop Anthony took the opportunity to make an adjustment to the age at which children in the Diocese of Broken Bay are eligible to make Confirmation. The Bishop advised that from 2021 Confirmation will be... *“celebrated with those who have reached the age of 8, and who are typically in Year 3.”* and that *“ Reconciliation and Eucharist will ... be celebrated with those who are 9 and in Year 4.”*

God bless,

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal



May: The Month of Mary

During the month of May the month of Mary, we are going to be thinking about Mary and her love for all of us and her love for God. She was so unapologetic in Her Yes to God and we remind ourselves of this Yes that she so willingly said and knew that Gods plan for her was steadfast and true.

We take a moment to pause for prayer and reflection to our mother Mary today



200 Years Catholic Education - National Mass

On Monday 24th May we will be celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia. Students from Year 3 - 6 will celebrate Mass together, here at St Patrick's Church at 10:30am. Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will take part in the live stream for the celebration of the Mass by Bishop Anthony Randazzo at OLOR Cathedral at Waitara. If you would like to join in the celebration, please use this link for the Live Stream.

Year 1 Parish Mass

On Sunday 20th June Year 1 families are invited to attend the 10am Mass at St. Patrick's Church. A note to indicate attendance was sent home last week. Families from all grades are most welcome to join Year 1.

Class Weekday Parish Mass

Year 3 will attend Mass on Thursday 27th May at 9am (Week 6). Kindergarten will attend the Parish Mass on Tuesday 8th June (Week 8).

All families are welcome to join their classes at the weekday Parish Mass.

From the Parish – Confirmation 2021

Confirmation 2021 will be celebrated within Masses on Sunday 5th September 2021 at 2pm and 4pm at St Patrick's. Please save the date. More information will follow.



Winter Appeal

Over the next month we are asking students to start collecting non-perishable food items, blankets and warm clothes for St Vincent De Paul's Winter Appeal. On Friday 18th June we will have a Pyjama and Popcorn Day to remind students to bring in their items. The MAG students will be coming around to each class to remind them of items to bring. Examples would be socks, scarves, warm socks, blankets, non-perishable food items etc.

This Sunday 23rd May, we celebrate Pentecost. This day is where we focus on and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. This day is considered the 'birthday' of our Church and the start of the Church's mission to the world. Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.



Important dates for Term 2:

Monday 24th May - National Mass for 200 years of Catholic Education - Year 3- 6 attending Mass

Thursday 27th May - Year 3 Weekday Parish Mass 9am

Tuesday 8th June - Kindergarten Weekday Parish Mass 9am

Friday 11th June - School Mass - Feast of the Sacred Heart 11:20am

Tuesday 15th June - Year 5 Weekday Parish Mass 9am

Thursday 17th June - Year 4 Weekday Parish Mass 9am

Friday 18th June - Pyjama and Popcorn Day - Vinnies Winter Appeal Fundraiser

Sunday 20th June - Year 1 Parish Mass 10am

Tuesday 22nd June - The Dish

Wishing you blessings and joy,

Tahnee Reynolds

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

STUDENT AWARDS

Week 3

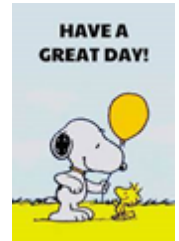
Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Katherine M	Soraya De A
K Green	Halle B	Arudra L
1 Gold	Nicola S	Ira A
1 Green	Jessica P	Ruwinka D
2 Gold	Sienna F	Alfred Y
3 Gold	Elissa M	Aaron Z
3 Green	Jacob U	Melissa H
4 Gold	Natalia S	Edward W
4 Green	Christian I	Sophia HB
5 Green	Luke T	Isla B
5/6 Gold	Keith P	Sophie W
6 Green	Samantha K	Jake F

Week 4

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Daniel W	Max C
K Green	Leo B	Eva B
1 Gold	Sophie C	Matthew B
1 Green	Mina M	Charlotte R
2 Gold	Elise H	Anthony P
3 Gold	Tom H	Sachi D
3 Green	Annabel A	Thomas S
4 Gold	Charlize L	Zeyu L
4 Green	Angela R	Archer W
5 Green	Sienna FS	Joshua W
5/6 Gold	Gracy B	Aston G
6 Green	Marcus B	Deslie P


PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS

Term 2 Weeks 5 & 6



At St Patrick's we are Safe Learners.
We are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task when we:

- follow instructions carefully.
- respond to bells promptly!
- are on time!
- play in the right areas!
- stay in bounds!
- follow correct dismissal routines - meet at Royston Kids, be seated for Kiss and Drop, parent pick up, bus or walking lines



During Weeks 5 & 6 we will be focusing on being a **Safe Learner!**

We are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task!

What does this look like?

Following - correct arrival and dismissal routines

Respond – to bells promptly

Correct behaviours in designated areas –

- On the playground (netball court, quiet area, playground equipment, shade cloth area and top playground)
- Let's Do Lunch (Library)
- In the classrooms, visiting the office, toilets and 'Before and After' school care

On time – Stay focused on **where** you need to be and **when**

Parents –

This term we have managed to coordinate our arrival and dismissal procedures in an organised and welcoming manner. We thank the parent community for their cooperation, respect and understanding in maintaining a 'socially safe' environment for our school.

Reminder – If there are any changes to routine regarding your child's dismissal from school or if you are running late, please contact the office so we can ensure your child is waiting in a designated area and / or school office.

As written in the last year's newsletter

We have definitely worked as a team with our children, teachers, carers, educators from 'Before and After school care, administration staff, and parents coordinating a remarkable effort of unity during very uncertain times.

'Our students are all on their own journey, our Pastoral Care expectations will guide them in making choices that will assist in every area of their learning and in every area of their life!'

God Bless and travel gently,

Doris Russell

(Pastoral Care Coordinator)



Important Note: If COVID restrictions are in force or introduced, the program will be postponed. At this point it is an **expression of interest** and it is important to realise that our plans may be disrupted due to outside influences.

What is Seasons for Growth?

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Patrick's School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are, therefore, offering a very successful education program called "**Seasons for Growth**". This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as **self-esteem, managing feelings, problem - solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks**.

Seasons for Growth runs for **eight weeks** during school hours and each weekly session is 40 – 50 minutes. The program concludes with a "Celebration" session. Later in the year each group will have the opportunity to meet for two further sessions to build on their earlier learning.

The program should commence (depending on any future COVID restrictions) in Term 3. It will be facilitated by trained staff who have completed the Seasons training course. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you primarily to talk to him / her about this. Should they choose to participate in the program please fill in the [linked Google form](#).

Please respond by Friday 4th June (Week 7)

Returning this expression of interest is not a commitment to the program, it is simply an **expression of interest**. Someone from the school will contact those families who are interested and discuss in detail any queries they may have concerning the program.

St Patrick's is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.



P & F News

[Traffic changes submission](#)

The P & F are submitting their ideas to Hornsby Council after participating in the community meeting about proposed traffic changes next to St Patrick's.

Anyone in the community can add comments due by 24 May for the proposal to upgrade to Existing Traffic Signals, Intersection Sherbrook Road and, Baldwin Ave and Royston Pde see <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/noticeboard/your-say/current-exhibitions/>

[Term 2 Parents and Friends meeting](#)

The next P & F meeting will be on Monday 7th June, 7:30pm at the School. This will be in person and also via zoom. All are very welcome!

If you wish anything to be included for discussion please send a message to pandfstpats@gmail.com or speak to any P & F representative at school.



calling all cooks at St Patrick's

we need your recipes!

St Patrick's Parents & Friends are publishing a school cookbook in Term 3 filled to the brim with the recipes from the St Pat's Community. We'd love you to share some special recipes with us. We're seeking main meals, deserts, snacks, delicious cultural food from around the world, kids party food, kid's cooking and more.

Download our recipe maker at www.bit.ly/recipe-maker-stpats to enter your favourite recipes or return your recipes to the School office.

PRIZES FOR CREATING THIS COOK BOOK INCLUDE:

- 'Name our Cook Book' - Submit a recipe & suggest a NAME for our CookBook! The winner will receive an Ultimate Ears Wonderboom 2 Bluetooth Speaker - waterproof, sandproof & drop-proof. Compliments Officeworks, Hornsby
- 'Blokes Cooking' - Coffee vouchers thanks to Savvy Coffee & a 20 ticket swim pass - Hornsby Aquatic Centre
- 'Green & Gold Children's Recipes' - Cake & Milkshake prize for 7 children's recipes donated by Bite Me Bakehouse
- '5 Star Staff' - Prize to be announced!
- 'Principal's Draw' - All recipes are in the lucky draw in July for a \$100 Blue Gum Hotel meal voucher
- 'Cover the book' - New competition for cover design by kids - details soon

[Recipes received so far include: coffee walnut cake, ricotta pancakes, meatballs for fussy kids!]

THIS week's lucky recipe WINNER of a \$30 voucher from BREW HA HA cafe is Dimuthu De Alwis who submitted 'WATALAPPAN', coconut custard pudding, a delicious Sri Lankan dessert. Thanks for your recipe Dimuthu!



The next prize for recipe entries is a \$40 voucher from SusheeMee Japanese Restaurant. Winner announced in the next newsletter
Prize donated by [SushiMee](#)

more recipes entered = more chances of winning!
Prizes awarded every fortnight !!



SPORT News

Broken Bay Diocese Cross Country

We wish all our St Patricks Team of 13 students all the best for the Broken Bay Cross Country being held next Tuesday 25th May at Fagan Park Galston.

2km Event

Liam D	Natalia S
Catherine M	Stella H
Emma D	Noah D
Colin P	

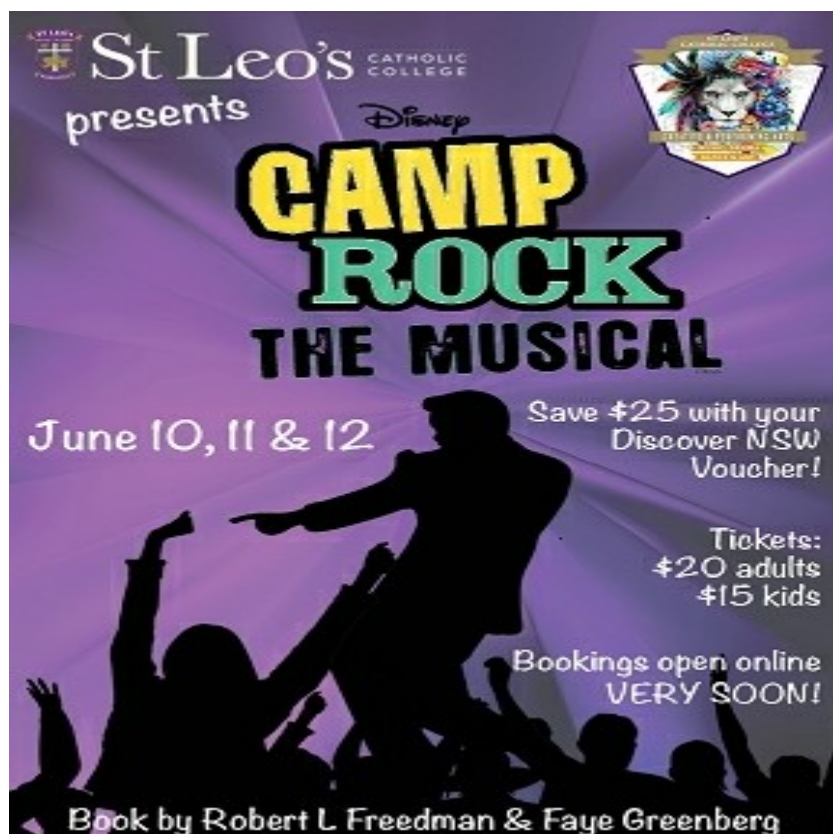
3 Km Event

Gemma T	Helena S S
Lachlan H	Joshua W
Tara C	Jake F

Touch Football Polding Trials

We wish Sienna Franic-Smith in year 5 Green all the best at the Polding Trials being held in Port Macquarie on Friday 28th May. We are very proud of you Sienna.

COMMUNITY News





GALA DAY 2021

Oakhill College Gala Day is on

Saturday 29th May

Join us for rides, sport, stalls and more.

Tickets are on sale for our Raffle with \$30,000 worth of prizes on Trybooking

For more information visit: www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/community/parents-and-friends

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