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PARISH CLERGY Father Shaju John OSH Parish Priest of Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Parish Fr Joy Thomas OSH Assistant Priest of the Parish WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Patrick's AsquithSt Bernard's Berowra HeightsDue to social distancing, please call the Parish Office9456 2450 to reserve a seat at Mass.

NEWSLETTER Term 2, Week 7, 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,

In recent weeks I have had the pleasure of meeting new and current families seeking enrolment for their first or subsequent child/ren at our school. From our new families I am hearing a consistent message that our current families also proudly express.

Parents are seeking enrolment at St. Patrick's because they see the significant value of our wonderful school community where their children are known, valued and cared for in a Christian environment. They also value the highly committed staff who support the children in their faith, well-being and academic success.

Kinder Enrolments 2022

The school continues to seek enrolments and I continue to 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 our parents.

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 <u>download here</u> to receive one.

Mums in the Morning

We are gearing up for the Mums in the Morning event in Week 9. A reminder that all our mums are invited to come along on the morning of Friday 18th June from 8am for a cuppa and chat along with a muffin or banana bread before school. You are welcome to stay for our regular Friday Awards Assembly (from 8:45am) which will include a special performance from our School Band and following that a chance for mums to visit classrooms and do some Maths activities with their child/ren. To assist with catering and Covid-safe planning I ask parents to register by clicking the link and completing the form provided. I look forward to a big roll up of our mums to come and enjoy a belated celebration at school. Please note the uniform shop will not be open that morning.

Winter Appeal

The Mums in the Morning event will coincide with our St Vincent De Paul's Winter Appeal. Over the next month we are asking students to start collecting non-perishable food items, blankets and warm clothes for this appeal. On Friday 18th June we will have a Pyjama and Popcorn Day to remind students to bring in their items. Our mums are welcome to get involved by wearing their pyjamas too!

Cookbook

We encourage families to get involved by SUBMITTING YOUR DELICIOUS RECIPES in our <u>NEW EASY Google</u> <u>Form</u>. Each fortnight, 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. Parents can view all the **PRIZES** on offer for the next 6 weeks <u>HERE</u>:

Paddy's Playgroup

We have had a good starting response to our Paddy's Kids Playgroup returning this Friday (4th June). Paddy's Playgroup is for preschool aged children and their parents to get together for some fun structured and unstructured play. Interested parents can register clicking <u>HERE</u>.

The morning usually includes story time, structured activities, craft, music and time for unstructured play where the children can socialise and use their imagination while they play with their new friends. We ask that you bring some morning tea, usually piece of fruit for your child to have during the morning.

The playgroup, run by our school and parent community with support from the Kuring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish, will be held in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Patrick's School each Friday morning from 9am. Come along and try it out this term for FREE, with subsequent costs of \$15 per term or \$3 per casual play.

Basketball Skills Program

I acknowledge and thank our wonderful PE teacher Lucinda MacMahon for organising another sporting group for this term to support the skill development of the children. This term the children will be participating in a basketball skills program which is being provided by the Hornsby Spiders Basketball Coaches through a government grant. Each Wednesday the children are required to wear their sports uniform to assist the children participating at their best.

Music Equipment

We have a wonderful and supportive P & F at our school! Last week we received a welcome donation of new music equipment provided by the fund from the P&F. You may have seen some images and video on the <u>St. Pat's Facebook</u> <u>Page</u> of our Year 3 students being first to try out our newly donated musical percussion instruments and glocken-spiels. They were very excited and showed their musicality!

Gifted and Talented

Attached to this newsletter is an update of some of the opportunities being provided to the children to show their gifts and talents and reach their true potential in various areas of learning at our school. Some of the opportunities include Maths Olympiad (Stage 2 & 3), Art Excellence Awards (K-6), Spelling Bee (K-6), Public Speaking (K-6), Waka-kirri- Performing Arts (Yrs 4-6), collaborative learning activities involving Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Technology (STEAM) by Stage 3 students.

Our school has also entered Tournament of the Minds and will soon be engaging in a robotics program for our Stage 3 students. Please refer to the attached Gifted & Talented News for information for parents wanting their child to participate in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

P&F Meeting- Next Week

Next Monday 7th June is our next scheduled P&F Meeting. The parents who volunteer to support the school in this way are the backbone to the community events that we all share in and cherish. All parents are invited to show their support and interest in the various P&F Committees by attending meetings throughout the year. Interested parents can tune in via Zoom (details to follow) or attend the P&F Meeting in person in the CLiC (Library) at school.

Before the meeting begins, we will have a guest presentation from 7pm on the school's Gifted & Talented Program by our Gifted and talented Coordinator Miss Hannah Fryar. At the meeting Hannah will outline some of the initiatives that have been started this year and the initiatives still to come.

SDD- Friday 25th June

A reminder that our staff along with the staffs 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. Parents can contact the service via email: <u>roystonkids@hotmail.com</u> or by phone: 0431 383 981.

Morning Supervision

In recent weeks we have had several children arriving at school well before the start of morning supervision at 8:15am. I understand that from time to time parents are under pressure to begin their day a little earlier than normal. However, I ask parents to adhere to the arrival times so that their children remain safe in the care of an adult. The school does have an excellent Before and After School service that is in place for these times. Parents can contact the service via email: roystonkids@hotmail.com or by phone: 0431 383 981.

Sushi Special Lunch Order

A big thank you goes out to the Year 4 parents who are assisting with the organisation, delivery and distribution for the Sushi Special Lunch Order next week. Orders for the Sushi Special Lunch Order need to be made online through the School QKR App before 12:00n00n Wednesday 9th June.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal



Condolences to the Clarke Family on the recent passing of Phill's mother. Our thoughts and prayers got with Phill, Susan, Rebecca and Thomas, May she rest in Peace.

STUDENT AWARDS

	Week 5			Week 6	
Class	Pastoral Care	Other	Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Korbin E	Kiera S	K Gold	Koby R	Michael S
K Green	Nivid G	Daisy M	K Green	Daisy M	Navid G
1 Gold	Nicola S	Natalia P	1 Gold	Himaya V	Sparsh S
1 Green	Oliver H	William C	1 Green	Andrea C	Prince M
2 Gold	Elizaveta K	Lachlan C	2 Gold	Evie W	Esha D
3 Gold	Grant D	Jaime W	3 Gold	Luca C	Francheska P
3 Green	Oscar T	Oliver C	3 Green	Emma C	Chelsea S
4 Gold	Mitchell M	Noah H	4 Gold	Elena K	Fynn E
4 Green	Michael S	Jacob H	4 Green	Raoul C	Jacob E
5 Green	Helena SS	Blake A	5 Green	Lachlan H	Stephanie F
5/6 Gold	Noah E	Sophie R	5/6 Gold	Gracy B	Stella H
6 Green	Kurt W	Nicho WS	6 Green	Lili R	Mathias AR

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Last Wednesday Year 6 departed for a three day excursion to Canberra with Miss Fryar, Mrs Daly, Mrs Ward, Mrs Taylor and Mr VT. It was a very exciting and busy three days. Students experienced a variety of sights, activities and experiences at places including the Australian War Memorial, the Australian Institute of Sport, Parliament House, Regatta Point, Old Parliament House, Telstra Tower, the National Electoral Education Centre and a long-time favourite, Questacon.

As we travelled around students asked lots of insightful questions and learnt many new things. Did you know that the dinner plates in the Governor General's house are edged in 22 carat gold? Or that new Parliament House cost 1.1 billion dollars to build? And that there are more than 6 million individual tiles making up the beautiful mosaic depictions in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Australian War Memorial?

Everyone had a fantastic time over the three busy, jam packed days and nights!

We look forward to bringing our new knowledge and ideas back into the classroom as we look more closely at the roles of our government.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship Education. The Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion to assist you our parents to meet the travel costs of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program as it is an extremely valuable component of our learning across many Key Learning Areas.

Canberra Excursion- Student Review

Year 6 Canberra Camp by Sophie Ward, Altaf Adie and Daniel Dy

Canberra was so much fun and we would love to tell you about our whole experience. We had to wake up at around 6:00 in the morning to get prepared to go to school, because the bus was leaving at around 6:30. When we got on the bus, we chose our seats and said goodbye to our parents. While we drove to Canberra we watched "Cool Runnings" and "Paper Planes".

In Canberra our first stop was Government House where we learnt about our Governor General, and we were lucky enough to see his "Ceremonial Rolls Royce" which everyone loved. Did you know that the Governor General's dinner plates have 22 carat gold rims? Next we went to the Australian War Memorial where we saw Micky Muc's name on the Roll of Honour, who was an Australian soldier who served in Vietnam with Dave (a volunteer at our school).

We went to many places in Canberra including National Australian Museum, Parliament House, Government House, the AIS, Telstra Tower, National Dinosaur Museum, our accommodation which was called 'Sundown Villas', National Museum and Australian War Memorial, National Exhibition, Questacon, Old Parliament House, and our awesome bus driver Wayne drove us past the embassies. In the Old Parliament House we learnt about voting. Did you know that our grade thinks apples are the best fruit, according to our vote at the Electorate Centre? Did you know, that Asquith isn't in the Berowra Electorate, it is actually in Bradfield? We had lots of fun and laughs at Canberra and I wish we could do it again.

Have you ever wanted to see Parliament House or The National Dinosaur Museum or maybe Questacon? I can't talk about all of them so I'm just going to talk about the Dinosaur Museum. At the dinosaur museum there are so many fossils and replicas of dinosaurs, they also have a gift shop. At the dinosaur museum they tell you stories about how the dinosaurs lived when they were around and they have displays that show the dinosaurs. But most of the dinosaurs aren't the real size because they wouldn't fit into the museum! I really enjoyed visiting and learning about the dinosaurs.

Jack 6 Green

Canberra was so fun and I learnt so much there. My favourite things were Questacon, The Dinosaur Museum and Parliament House. It was so fun being at different places and so fun learning different things. We got to do hands-on activities to learn new things and learnt about the old Canberra and today's Canberra. I would love to go back and visit all those places again.

Emily B 6 Green

I really enjoyed Questacon, the AIS & lots of other places we visited.

At the AIS I had a lot of fun, we played European Handball & Ultimate Frisbee. At Questacon I enjoyed learning about Space, Natural Disasters & much more. At Parliament house I discovered that all the concrete that made Parliament House could make 25 full Opera Houses! I also enjoyed where we stayed because the rooms were really cool. I also loved climbing up to the top of Telstra Tower and seeing clouds all around me. I also saw a rainbow in the clouds. I had a fantastic time in Canberra!

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PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS (Doris Russell)



PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS -

TERM 2- WEEKS 7 and 8



During Weeks 7 & 8 we will be focusing on being a Respectful Learner.

At St Patrick's we are Respectful Learners.

We speak and listen respectfully when we:

- Communicate politely (please, thank you, may I)
- Look at the person who is speaking
- Listen to others and respond appropriately



We speak and listen respectfully when we:

Actively listen:

•We are able to gather information •Show respect • Share our understanding of what has been said.

It is also important that students are aware that their **body language** is a part of how they demonstrate **active listening**.



Speaking and **listening respectfully** should be not only be a focus within our playground and classroom learning environments but also a part of our mindset in engaging with all those around us at home, work and play.

Reflection:

What makes you a good "active listener"?

• List five words to describe how you feel when you've actively listened or when someone has listened to you.

We will be looking at the classroom and playground for examples of 'respectful' behaviour which exemplify our focus for the next two weeks.

How can you be a better 'active listener'?

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

God Bless and travel gently,

Doris Russell

(Pastoral Care Coordinator)



St Patrick's Asguith GIFTED & TALENTED NEWS

ICAS TESTING 2021



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to inform you that will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments again this year.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment, that has been running for 40 years. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to online assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas

2021 Participation

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS) for (English, Mathematics, Writing, Spelling, Science and Digital Technologies). Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school.

Please use the following details to register your child no later than Friday 23rd July. Also, complete and return the accompanying permission slip to school no later than Friday 30th July.

School access code is: LML339 Parent page link is: <u>https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps</u>

Please complete your payments online and return the permission form below by Friday, 23 July 2021.

Regards,

Hannah Fryar Gifted and Talented/School Promotion Coordinator



ICAS Assessments 2021 Permission Form

Please return this form to your school no later than Friday 23rd July 2021.

I give permission for my child ______ in class _____

to participate in the 2021 ICAS Assessments listed below.

Subject	School Years	Official Sitting Dates	Participation Price	Will be participating (tick)
Science		Monday, 23 August 2021 to Friday, 27 August 2021	\$17.05	
Digital Technologies		Monday, 9 August 2021 to Friday, 13 August 2021	\$17.05	
English		Monday, 16 August 2021 to Friday, 20 August 2021	\$17.05	
Mathematics		Monday, 30 August 2021 to Friday, 3 September 2021	\$17.05	
Spelling Bee		Monday, 23 August 2021 to Friday, 27 August 2021	\$17.05	
Writing		Monday, 9 August 2021 to Friday, 13 August 2021	\$21.45	
			Total Fee (option	onal)

Name of parent/guardian

Date

Signature

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN G&T...

STEAM TEAM EXPO 2021

Recently, our Stage 3 STEAM Team presented and taught their scientific phenomenon research to Year 1 and Year 2.

Their challenge was to research a scientific phenonmenon that they wanted to know more about and then teach the concept to a younger audience. This allows our students to develop their higher order thinking skills and engage further with their understanding of the concept.

They taught concepts from launchers and pulley systems to apple oxidation, prosthetic limbs, tsunamis and dark matter even! They did an amazing job and our younger students gained some wonderful science knowledge.









ART Excellence Awards Term 1



Upcoming events

Tournament of the minds - Stage 3 team

- Week 1 Term 3: Challenges released - Week 3 Term 3: Workshop with other
- schools at St Patrick's
- 21st 22nd August: Regional Final

Maths Olympiad/Maths Games

- Week 9 Term 2: Test 3
- Week 3 Term 3: Test 4
- Week 9 Term 3: Test 5

ICAS Assessments

- Friday 23rd July Last day for parents to pay online
- 9th August 3rd September Test Sitting dates (specific dates and times TBA)

Public Speaking Term 3 (Whole School)

Art Excellence Awards For each class at the end of Term 2

Wakakirri - Dress Rehearsal and Performance Date Friday 20th August

what is Tournament of the Minds?

Tournament of the Minds is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. Tournament's aim is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

They are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the following disciplines:

- The Arts
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- Language Literature
- Social Sciences

The Sacrament of Confirmation



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH Diocese of Broken Bay

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Heights and St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith on Sunday 5 September 2021. Enrolment is open to any child who is over the age of 8 (Yr 3 & up) and has been baptised in the Catholic Church. If your child was not baptised in the Catholic Church but you are interested in finding out more about the Sacraments, please contact the Pastoral Centre on 9456 2450. A schedule of dates and enrolment form is available on the Parish website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp or at the back of either church. For further information please contact the sacramental coordinators at <u>kccpsacraments@gmail.com</u>. Enrolments for Confirmation will take place at both churches on 19-20 June.

Congratulations and well done to Angela Resnekov Angela plays in the Hornsby Heights Boys (Mixed) U9 SAP Squad which competed in the Kano cup on Sunday 16th March. They competed against 16 other teams and after 5 matches they made the Grand Final which they won 3-2 and took home the Cup. Angela was also chosen as the All-Star player from her team On 22nd of May Angela played in the Girls only Kano cup at Abbostleigh against 4 other representative development teams from this area. They played West Pennant Hills in the Grand Final and won 4-1, winning the whole cup In the girls Kano cup she represented Kano Football and again won the All-Star player of the tournament for her team. I will attach some pictures from both events. Feel free to use whichever you want Charlise Letters was also in Angelas Girls Team on Sunday at Abbotsleigh





Congratulations to Sienna Franic Smith Sienna competed at the Polding trials in Port Macquarie. Well done Sienna !

A Quick reminder that Book Club closes for Issue for on the 11th June.





50km in May for MS

This May I walked 50 km to raise money for MS. MS is a disease that affects the central nervous system.

People who suffer from MS have trouble doing simple things like getting dressed or making a sandwich.

MS can affect both adults and children. Most commonly in ages 20-40.

I have raised almost \$500. The money will go to research, treatment and to help people live with MS.

If you would like to support me, please click the link <u>https://www.themay50k.org/</u> <u>fundraisers/charmayneconduit</u>

Emily Conduit 5 Green

We are looking for a new CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR

If you like being part of the school community and enjoy contributing to our children's wellbeing, then this role may be for you!

Basic duties required are:

✓ Ordering and stocktaking of items
✓ Communicating with school and support staff
✓ Coordinating volunteers
✓ Maintaining the canteen area

You can partner with another school parent or coordinate on your own. It is up to you!

Without a Canteen Coordinator the canteen cannot open. Please consider putting your name forward!

Any questions about the role, please feel free to call or email Ebony on 0419013752 or <u>ebony.ohagan@gmail.com</u>

P & F News

CALLING ALL THE COOKS AT ST PAT'S!

St Patrick's P & F are publishing a school cookbook in Term 3 filled to the brim with recipes from the St Pat's Community. We're seeking savoury, sweets, snacks, delicious cutural food from around the world, kid's cooking and MORE!!

WIN!

This week's WINNERS of a \$40 SushiMee Voucher are brothers Mathias and Samuel A., with their recipe for Saplicon, a tropical refeshing drink from Colombia!



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(See the cookbook in Term 3 for the recipe!)

WEEK 9 PRIZE - "NAME our Cook Book"

Win a \$114 Ulitmate Ears 2 Wonderboom Portable Speaker, thanks to Officeworks - Hornsby -

Simply enter a recipe & suggest a Cook Book name!

Enter your recipes at:	bit.ly/googleformrecipes	Nothing brings people
See the PRIZE list:	bit.ly/patsprizes	Nothing brings people together like good food!

Our Cookbook

The next newsletter will announce the NAME OF OUR COOKBOOK!!

Recipes are coming in and we are pleased to see that we nearly have every continent represented so far. We have received about an equal amount of recipes that are savoury and sweet.

However, we need to see MORE recipes of our students' creations in the kitchen. We know there are young bakers and smoothie makers out there!!

- Here is the link to SUBMIT YOUR DELICIOUS RECIPES in our <u>NEW EASY Google Form.</u>
- See all the **PRIZES** on offer for the next 6 weeks **HERE**:

Prizes will be announced in every newsletter until mid Term 3.

P & F Meeting Next week

The Parents and Friends meeting for Term 3 will be held on Monday 7th June at 7:30pm in the CLIC at School. This meeting will also be zoomed. Details to follow.

If you have any questions or ideas for the P & F, please send them to pandfstpats@gmail.com

-ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING -

COMMUNITY news

'CAMP ROCK – The Musical' Special Offer for St Patrick's Families

You are invited to the St Leo's production of 'CAMP Rock - The Musical' at a special discounted price.

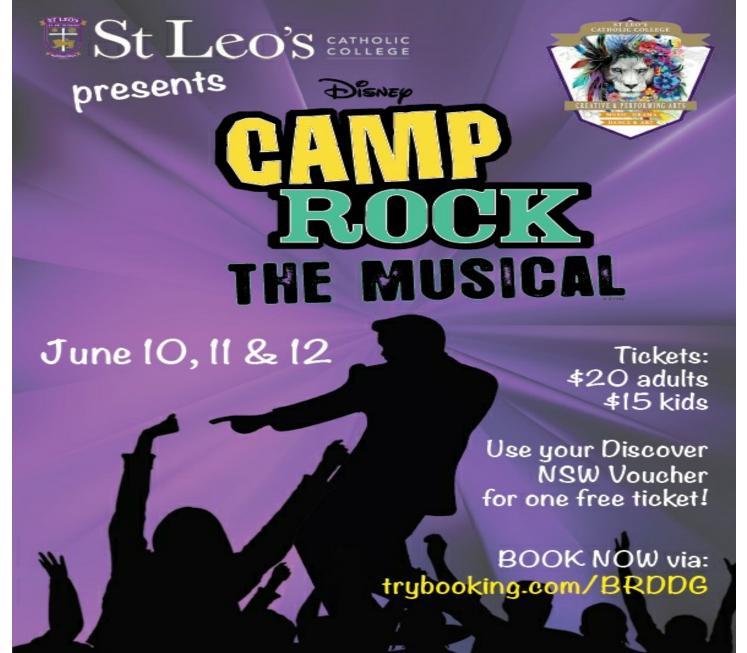
Join us at one of four AMAZING performances on June 10-12. You will not be disappointed by this show! Tickets are now on sale.

You can even use your **Discover NSW Voucher** to receive a free ticket <u>or</u>, as a Priority Feeder School, you can enter the code **STPATS to receive 10% off the total**!

To use your Discover NSW Voucher, select the Discover NSW ticket and add your valid voucher code. Note only one voucher can be used per order, and you <u>cannot use both</u> a voucher and discount code or the discount will be invalidated.

We hope to see you there!!

Seats are selling fast, so BOOK ONLINE NOW at: trybooking.com/BRDDG



Book by Robert L Freedman & Faye Greenberg

30 Stokes Ave Asquith NSW 21st October 2020

To the Asquith St Patricks School,

Just a note to sincerely thank you for helping supply clothing and school uniforms for the Solomon Islands. There is a great need for clothing there, and it is not uncommon to see children running around naked because they are unable to afford clothing. We usually pack the clothing in white bags and put these into a container to ship to the Solomons. The bags are easily transported when they arrive because they then have to be taken by boat to the outer islands to be given out to the people living in the many villages. I have included some photos of clothing being distributed in a previous shipment and you can see the white bags being carried.

Thanks you once again for your generosity in helping those in need who are unable to help themselves because of economic hardship.

Yours sincerely Geoff and Jo Hansen

On behalf of the Wahroonga Community Services.









~Enrolling for 2022 soon~

Short tours are available if you are interested in a position for next year.

Call us to make an appointment: 02 9477 2258

Or email: admin@norwoodcommunitypreschool.org.au



Oakhill College is proud to present our Junior Musical for 2021 - School of Rock. This comical musical extravaganza is rocking our stage for seven shows on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th, Saturday 5th, Thursday 10th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th June at 7.30pm and Saturday 12th June at 2.00pm. Tickets are available via: www.trybooking.com/BQWDW.

We hope you can join us.



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BQWDW

Performance Dates:

- Thursday 3rd June, - Friday 4th June,

- Saturday 5th June, - Thursday 10th June,

- Friday 11th June - Saturday 12th June

~ BENILDUS HALL 7.30pm ~