



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## PARISH CLERGY

Father Shaju John OSH  
Parish Priest of Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Parish  
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Assistant Priest of the Parish

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Patrick's Asquith  
Saturday Vigil – 6.00 pm  
Sunday – 8 am, 10 am, 6 pm

St Bernard's Berowra Heights  
Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm  
Sunday - 9.00am

## NEWSLETTER Term 4, Week 10, 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, Girls and Boys,

We are rapidly approaching the end of another school year and 2021 will soon be a memory. I recall thinking at the end of last year to bring on a better 2021. Now at the end of this year I am still hopeful for a fantastic 2022.

Even Bishop Anthony expressed at a mass I attended last week that he was exhausted from the extra demands and challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic has put upon us. And I am sure many of you are feeling the same.

We are at the end of the school year and we have much to celebrate. We are safe and well and as a school community we can be very proud of the outstanding way the children, parents and staff have responded to the ongoing challenges.

I would also like to acknowledge the great support we continue to receive from the parent community and your ongoing commitment to seeking a Catholic education for your children.

### Christmas Mufti and BBQ

Yesterday the children dressed in Christmas Mufti and had Free Sausage Sizzle to celebrate the end of the school year. I would like to acknowledge and thank the wonderful group of parent volunteers who supported the event by assisting to prepare, cook and serve. This support made the whole event run so smoothly. It was also great to see the appreciation from the children displayed their with beaming smiles and excellent manners, saying please and thank you, as they received a sausage on a fresh bun and an ice block afterwards.

## Year 6 Graduation

Last night we had a beautiful celebration of the achievements of our Year 6 graduating students at the Graduation Mass and Dinner. It was so nice to celebrate mass together with Fr. Shaju, the Year 6 children along with the parents and staff. Following the mass, the Year 6 children received their graduation certificate and candle, and we acknowledged some students for their outstanding personal achievements including:

Matt Kean Award for Citizenship - Sophie W and Tara C

Academic Excellence Award - Matthew Tan

Creative Arts Award - James Accola

Vanessa Anderson (Sporting Achievement) Award - Matthew Tan

Matthew Tan also received the Diocese of Broken Bay Primary Schools Sports Council Outstanding Sports Achievement Award.

Following many speeches and a wonderful video reflection of the children's journey over the years, Year 6 finished the evening with a Graduation Dinner in the school hall.

I acknowledge and thank the band of Year 5 parent volunteers who decorated the hall for the Graduation Dinner. They did a superb job of creating a lovely space for the Year 6 children to complete their celebratory evening. I also thank out staff particularly out Year 6 teachers Mrs Rebecca Daly, Mrs Kate Ward and Miss Hannah Fryar along with Mrs Cheryl Taylor and Mrs Liz Chan for all the preparation and effort to make the graduation an outstanding success.

## Staffing and Classes for 2022

Today our Kinder to Year 5 students had the opportunity to step up into their 2022 classes for a short time and meet their teacher for next year. The teacher allocated to each class for 2022 are:

Class	Teacher(s)
Kinder Gold	Mrs Melissa Barker & Mrs Kylie Huggins
Year 1 Green	Mr Jim Maher
Year 1/2 Gold	Mrs Doris Russell
Year 2 Green	Mis Caitlin McArthur
Year 3 Green	Mrs Loretta Rapa
Year 4 Green	Miss Louise Penny
Year 4 Gold	Mrs Kate Ward & Mrs Rebecca Daly
Year 5 Green	Mrs Dianne Drake
Year 5 Gold	Miss Laura Gibson
Year 6 Green	Mrs Kylie Lloyd-Jones
Year 6 Gold	Miss Hannah Fryar

Please continue to 'talk up' your child's teacher for 2022. It is the best way to ensure a positive build-up to next year.

## Liturgy and Kinder Blessing of Year 6 Buddies

Next Tuesday morning the school will celebrate the end of the school year with a liturgy beginning at 11:30am. During the liturgy we will give thanks for the gifts that each one of us brings to our school community. We will also acknowledge and thank those in our community who are leaving us. During the liturgy the Kindergarten children will give a special blessing to their Year 6 buddy.

This liturgy will be live streamed so that parents can attend the liturgy online using the following link and access codes:

<https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/67694484971?pwd=M010UHhhVTZoNDAvVC9XR3JseE1zQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 676 9448 4971

**Password:** 572624

## Guard of Honour and Dismissal

Another tradition involving our Year 6 and leaving students and staff is the Guard of Honour provided by the entire school to farewell those leaving our school community. This will also take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

This year to adhere to current Covid-safe requirements, we need to be particularly careful and maintain the children in their designated cohorts and keep the required social distances. The students from Kinder to Year 5 will start gathering in grade groups in designated places from 2:15pm, to begin the guard of honour at approximately 2:25pm to allow for the normal K-2 dismissal from 2:30pm.

Year 6 parents wishing to witness the Guard of Honour before their child finishes their schooling at St. Patrick's are welcome to attend at school from designated areas (basketball court or area between the office and hall). Doing this will reduce the risk of parents mingling in a smaller space outside the school while parents of K-2 are waiting for end of day dismissal. I ask that only parents of Year 6 students attend, remain socially distant in one of the designated areas and follow the usual Covid-safe requirements. After the Guard of Honour, I also ask that Year 6 parents avoid mingling, wait for their child to come to them after the Guard of Honour has finished and then leave the school site in a timely way.

## Dates for 2022

Friday 28 January is allocated for Staff Development Day with Monday 31<sup>st</sup> assigned as a day for MAI assessments for Years 3-6. The booking process for MAIs (Mathematics Assessment Interviews) through COMPASS will be provided soon. Please keep a look out for this information.

The first day for **Years 1-6 is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. Kinder commence on **Wednesday 2 February** following the allocated days (31st January and 1<sup>st</sup> February) for Best Start Assessments.

*God bless you and your families*

*Todd Vane-Tempest*

## End of Year Dates

**Year 6 - last day Tuesday 14th December**

**Years K - 5 - last day Wednesday 15th December.**

## OFFICE News

### Family Registration Form

*Please return all Family registration forms by Monday 13th December for your sibling discounts to be applied. Sibling discounts will not be applied for 2022 if we do not receive them this year.*

### School Fees

School fees are now overdue . If you are having any difficulties paying please contact Cheryl in the office to discuss

## STUDENT AWARDS

[Academic Achievement Awards](#) - At St Patrick's we greatly value teaching and learning. Last Friday we were able to acknowledge those students who have achieved academic growth across four different learning areas. We congratulate all award recipients for their efforts throughout the year.

Class	Religious Education	English	Mathematics	One other KLA
K Gold	Michael S	Meadow E	Samuel Z	English: Katherine M
K Green	Daisy. M	Arudra.L	Sahaj. W	Reading Halle. B
1 Gold	Darius A	Emillie G	Ira A	Mathematics Craig A
1 Green	Anamaria D	Ruwinka D	Messic M	Visual Art: Ellyza E
2 Gold	Zahra F	Holly M	Elizaveta K	Mathematics: Ethan C
3 Gold	Francheska P	Anya G	Siya W	Creative Arts: Nathan W
3 Green	Gabriel D	Liam D	Gauri T	English: Willow E
4 Gold	Archie McC	Charlize L	Anthony G	Creative Arts Isabelle H
4 Green	Zola B	Ava V	Raoul C	English: Polly F
5 Green	Gemma T	Abbie F	Matthew C	Science and Technology: Bethan M
5/6 Gold	Sophie W	Aerin D	Andrew D	Geography Sophie R
6 Green	Natasha H	Juliette S	Eudora T	Geography Jack B

## REC—Tahnee Reynolds

### Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone in our community as you have once again shown the multitude of ways that we support and care for families within our local community, living by the values Jesus demonstrated. All of our hampers were overflowing meaning many families will have a Christmas filled with joy and celebration!







## The Dish 2022

St Patrick's has once again offered to assist with The Dish in 2022. We would love to have as many families that we can offer to help serve our local community throughout the year. Please [click on the link](#) to register for The Dish in 2022.

Term 1 - Tuesday 22nd March

Term 2 - Tuesday 7th June

Term 3 - Tuesday 19th July

Term 4 - Tuesday 1st November

Wishing you blessings and joy,

Tahnee Reynolds

Acting Religious Education Coordinator