



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 9am



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for a very settled start to the term. I have had the opportunity to visit many of the classes and see the children engage positively with their learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for the support I have received in my 'brief' role as Acting Principal. Next Tuesday we welcome Mr VT back and hope he has enjoyed his leave. I'm sure he will enjoy sharing his adventures with the children.

Parent Teacher Meetings

This week parents have had the chance to check in with teachers through the Parent/Teacher Meetings and teachers have also had the benefit of parents providing important information about their child/ren to the teachers. It is a significant time where we can positively develop this valuable and powerful relationship between parents and school for the benefit of the children's well-being and learning.

I extend my thanks to both parents and teachers for working closely together to support the children in their learning. Of course, parents do not have to wait until times such as this week to meet with teachers. Both parents and teachers are encouraged to keep the communication channels open as needed and meet as needed. Anytime this is required, please contact the school office and a meeting time can be arranged.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Mother's Day Celebrations

Tomorrow, Friday 6th May, we will welcome mums and other significant women in our lives to a Mother's Day celebration. We will start the day with breakfast at 8am with food and beverages being served out of the canteen. At 8:45 we will meet for a brief assembly before moving to the church for our liturgy. Instructions will be provided at the assembly explaining how the children will move to and from the church. Children will be seated with their mums for the duration of the liturgy. Our final event for the morning will be some maths activities in the classrooms.

School Promotion and School Open Day

I am calling on all parents to assist in promoting our school as the perfect place for new students to attend. If you know of parents who have preschool children ready to start school in 2023 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them. Parent recommendation is usually at the top of the list of reasons why new parents seek to have their children attend a school. Please encourage them to attend one of our School Open Day sessions on Thursday 26th May to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for their child. Parents can register by contacting the school (9477 3800) or click the following link: [St Patrick's, Asquith Open Day Registration](#). Application packages can be picked up from the office, or download [here](#) to receive one.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy)

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students complete the NAPLAN Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy. Although these assessments are only one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process, they do provide valuable data to parents and our school that assists when making decisions about the students' learning. We wish all the students well with these assessments.

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.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Canberra Excursion

Our Year 6 students are gearing up for their excursion to Canberra in Week 4. The children have been learning about democracy as part of their history unit and this excursion will give them first-hand experience at the federal government level. I thank our Year 6 teachers in advance for the commitment they give to organising and the time they spend away from their families while attending the 3-day excursion.

Uniform

A reminder with the changeable weather we are experiencing at this time of year we are now in a 'phase in' period for Winter uniform. Students may wear either full Summer or full Winter uniform (but not a combination) for the first few weeks to begin the term. Students should be in full Winter uniform by Monday 16 May. Please click [here](#) to see expectations about uniform. Thanks to the students and parents who adhere to this.

North Shore Cluster Cross-country

On Tuesday our students proudly represented our school at the North Shore Cluster Cross-country. The children competed against about 80 other students in their age group from 13 other Catholic Primary schools at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah. We congratulate the children who are going through to the Broken Bay Diocesan Cross-country Carnival:

These children will be competing against the best of the best across our diocese at the more challenging course at Fagan Park Galston on Tuesday 24th May.

Term 2 Dates for your calendar

Further information will be provided regarding events closer to the date

MAY

Tuesday 10th-Friday 13th May NAPLAN (Week 3)

Wednesday 18th-Friday 20th May Year 6 Canberra Camp (Week 4)

Thursday 26th May Open Day (Week 5)

Sunday 29th May Kindergarten and Year 6 Family Parish Mass (Week 5)

Monday 30th May-Tuesday 31st May Year 5 Bathurst Camp (Week 6)

JUNE

Friday 3rd June Year 6 Assembly 2pm (Week 6)
Friday 3rd June Stage 2 Cockatoo Island Excursion (Week 6)
Friday 10th June Men in the morning (Week 7)
Friday 10th June Year 5 Assembly 2pm (Week 7)
Thursday 16th June Pretty in Pink (Week 8)
Friday 17th June Stage 2 assembly 2pm (Week 8)
Thursday 23rd June Grandparent's Day celebration (Week 9)
Sunday 26th June Stage 1 Family Parish Mass (Week 9)

JULY

Friday 1st July Pupil Free Day (Diocesan Staff Development Day) (Week 10)

God bless you and your families.

Kylie Huggins
Acting Principal

Student Achievement



In the holidays Archer and Jake played in the Baseball NSW State Championships over the course of 4 days representing their Ryde Hawk Reps team. The boys played in 6 games against teams from across NSW. It was an amazing experience and a wonderful achievement to be selected for the tournament. A tiring 4 days but lots of fun was had. .

Andrew (6 Gold) took and passed his Grade 4 AMEB Musicianship with a mark of 85%. He started working on Grade 1 during the first lockdown two years ago and he has worked steadily since then to reach Grade 4.



We are looking forward to sharing a special Mother's Day liturgy with you tomorrow. The liturgy will start at 9:15am and Mothers are invited to sit with their children. Thank you to Mrs Russell, Mr Maher, Miss McArthur, Mrs Drake and Miss Gibson and the children of Stage 1 and Year 5 for their hard work to prepare the liturgy.

The Dish

This term, we will take part in 'The Dish' program on Tuesday 6th June (Week 7). A roster of volunteers will be sent out in the coming weeks. Thanks once again for your constant offer of assistance and support.

If you haven't had a chance to return the form, it's not too late to volunteer some of your time for Term 2, 3 or 4. Please complete the Google Form by clicking [this link](#)

Calendar Dates

Friday 6th May: Mother's Day Celebrations

Tuesday 6th June: The Dish

Weekend 18th/19th June: First Communion Celebrations

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



"Never stop
learning because
life never stops
teaching"
-Unknown

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 2 Weeks 1-2

We are respectful learners who
learn and let others learn.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

After completing Term 1, teachers have developed relationships and expectations with the students in their classes. Highlighting the expectations required to achieve quality learning in their classroom environment.

After coming back from the holidays and being excited to see friends and socialising in the classroom, it is important to remember to not allow this to distract them from the importance of allowing others to learn. All students have the right to an education. Students also have a responsibility to both their own learning and to allow the learning of others through their actions.

Learn your best!



Establish some good homework
routines for independent
learning.

Read at home with a parent each night or
when possible.

Get older siblings to teach
younger siblings new concepts.

How can you help develop this at home?

Tell your child something new
about your life they might not
know or teach them about a new
concept they are interested in.

Develop time management skills to
complete tasks around the house in
accordance with other commitments.



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Asquith



OPEN DAY ²⁰²²

***Inspiring a passion for learning
and fostering a sense of self,
community, faith and love.***

St Patrick's ensures a welcoming and loving community that underpins each family's presence here. Each child is known, valued and cared for by our teachers and the school community. Our dedicated and professional team proudly focus on academic success but more than that, we develop the whole child, their social and emotional well-being, spiritual needs as well as their physical development through sport and movement.

Thursday 26th May

Join us

**School tour from 9am & 5.30pm.
Principal's address from 9am
& 5.30pm.**

- Meet with our Principal
- Take a first hand look at our learning environment
- Discover how each and every child has a unique learning experience

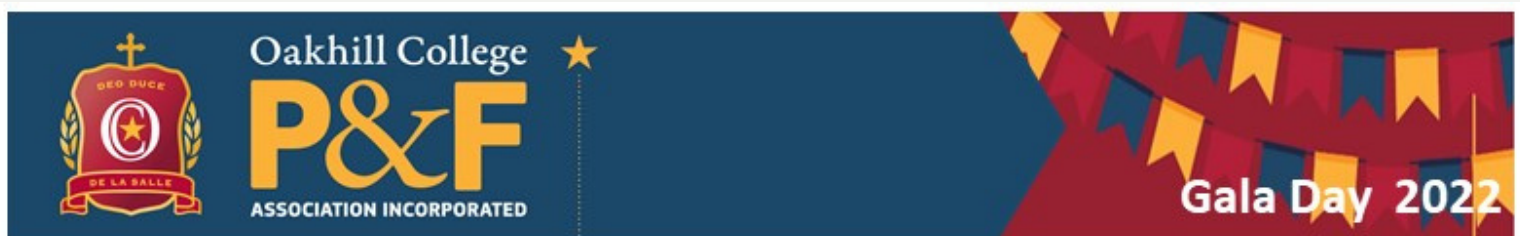
For More Information

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From the Parish



Parish Children's Choir is finally up and running again! The Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass at St Patrick's church on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, except January. Children from Year 3 and up can join at no cost whatsoever, and attend regular weekly rehearsals and sing at Masses. Singing and aural training as well as basic choral training are provided, and children also learn about the Gospel, and the liturgy. They make friends and work together in a multi-age, faith-filled, service-oriented small community, which is part of the wider Kuringgai Chase parish community. If you think your child could find a home in this community, then bring them to our next rehearsal or contact Choir director, Patricia Smith 9482 7935. We rehearse every Friday after school from 4 to 5pm in the church. All welcome - come and join us! NB: Children's Choir will be singing THIS SUNDAY 8th May for Mother's Day!



Oakhill College is having our annual Gala Day on Saturday 14th May

Join us for rides, sports, stalls and so much more

Tickets are on sale for our Raffle with \$30,000 worth of prizes
including a brand new Hyundai i30.

Visit: www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/community/parents-and-friends

Tickets \$10 each
scan QR code to
purchase

