



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Royston Parade Asquith 2077

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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 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,

Our Year 6 leaders finally set off on their long-awaited excursion to Canberra on Wednesday morning. The children are very excited to be able to head off to the colder weather in the ACT after the disappointment of last year's cancelled overnight excursions.

This three-day excursion provides wonderful educational highlights including a Parliament House tour, Questacon, the Australian War Memorial and the Institute of Sport 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. On behalf of the parents, I add my thanks to the staff (Cheryl Taylor, Hannah Fryar, Kylie Lloyd-Jones & Isabella Gane), who are giving up time away from families to attend the excursion.

### New Appointment for Fr. Shaju

As many of you already know, at a recent meeting of all priests of Fr. Joy and Fr. Shaju's order, Fr. Shaju was elected as the Vicar General of the Society of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart [OSH]. As a result, Fr. Shaju will only return to our parish and school for a few short weeks before he takes up his new position in India.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

I am sure the entire community will wish Fr. Shaju all the very best in his new position. The school will look to find a time to suitably farewell Fr. Shaju and thank him for his commitment and dedication to supporting the faith of our school and parish community.

## **Australian Government Capital Grants Program (CGP) for Non-government Schools**

As you know, at Catholic Schools Broken Bay we are committed to ensuring we develop and maintain the best possible spaces and facilities to support learning. We have recently been updating long term plans to help guide the next phase on investment and have been working with the Commonwealth Block Grant Authority to determine if our proposals might be eligible for grant funding.

I am delighted to advise that St. Patrick's Asquith is the successful recipient of a significant government grant to support our capital works program.

The delegate for the Minister for Education under the Australian Education Act 2013 has approved an Australian Government Capital Grant of \$950,013 to assist our school with the refurbishment of existing outdated, disconnected and undersized learning spaces. Construction of a veranda extension and installation of a lift. Relocation of staff amenities, sick bay and refurbishment of some administration areas, refurbishment of existing library for multi learning spaces.

The Australian Government's contribution to this project under the CGP is allocated through the New South Wales Catholic Block Grant Authority (CBGA).

We look forward to finalising the planning and construction of these works as we continue to implement improvements to student learning.

## **Covid-19 Update**

Our school is expecting a new supply of RAT kits to send home to families (one box per student) to assist with the current NSW Health requirements regarding close contacts. Further information will be provided when the RAT kits are sent home.

In the meantime, I encourage parents to stay vigilant for any symptoms of the virus during this time and remind parents to make sure they follow the Covid-safe guidelines:

- If a student or staff member receives a positive RAT test, they need to
  - o record the positive RAT result through the [Service NSW website](#) or [Service NSW app](#)
  - o [notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible](#)
  - o follow [NSW Health advice](#) to isolate for 7 days

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## Uniform

A reminder that all students should now be in full Winter uniform. Please [click here](#) to see expectations about uniform. I would especially like to remind the students that black shoes and the correct school socks are required when wearing the Sports uniform. Thanks to the students and parents who adhere to this.

## Kinder Enrolments 2023

We are gearing up for our School Open Day that is scheduled for next week on Thursday 26th May. There are two scheduled times for school tours offered for that day. A morning information session from 9am and a daytime school tour showcasing classrooms in action between 9:30 & 10:30am.

In the evening school tours will be offered from 5:30pm with an information session from 6:00pm. I invite parents of children who will start school next year to come along to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the right place for your children.

Please click [St Patrick's, Asquith Open Day Registration](#) to register

If parents are aware of families that have children ready to start school next year, I encourage you to recommend our school and the offer to come and find out more information from one of our Open Day sessions.

## SDD- Friday 1st July

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 1st July. 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: [roystonkids@hotmail.com](mailto:roystonkids@hotmail.com) or by phone: 0431 383 981.

## MAY

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.

Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal

## Canberra Photos



## Laudato Si' Week

Laudato Si' Week (16-24 May) is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action and reflection with the new resources created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)



## Kindergarten and Year 6 Parish Family Mass

On Sunday 29th May, Kindergarten, Year 6 and their families are invited to attend the 10am Parish Mass at St Patrick's Church. A note to indicate attendance was sent home this week. All families are most welcome to join Kindergarten and Year 6.

## 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

Sunday 29th May: Kindergarten and Year 6 Parish Family Mass

Tuesday 6th June: The Dish

Weekend 18th/19th June: First Communion Celebrations

Thursday 23rd June: Grandparents Day Celebration

Sunday 26th June: Stage 1 Parish Family Mass

Living out our  
challenge for  
discipleship



"Respect yourself  
and others will  
respect you"

- Confucius

## PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 2 Weeks 3 and 4

We are respectful learners who take  
pride in their appearance.

### Why is it important to develop this skill?

As we now head into our winter months, we expect the students to be now wearing their full school winter uniform according to the guidelines outlined on the [school website](#). It is an important reminder for your children to remember to LABEL ALL their clothing so it can be returned to you directly (particularly reused uniforms with previous names of students: please cross out and relabel). We understand the cost and we need to encourage the students to take ownership of the care of such items.

We also have our School Open Day next week. As a school community we need to show those around us the importance of feeling proud of the uniform we wear and the significance of its emblem 'FAITH'.

### Wearing our uniform with pride



Label all your uniform items.

Set up good hygiene and  
grooming practices

Encourage to put jackets and  
jumpers in their school bags  
when they are hot.

### How can you help develop this at home?

Have students take  
responsibility for their clothing  
at home - tidying, washing etc

Encouraging your child to bring  
their hat and wear their hat at  
school each day.

Take care and be kind to yourselves,  
Hannah Fryar  
Wellbeing and Sports Coordinator



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Asquith



# OPEN DAY <sup>2022</sup>

**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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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN G&T...

### WHAT MATTERS- WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students from Year 5 and Year 6 who have been working hard to submit a piece of writing in the 'What Matters' Writing Competition, run by the Whitlam Institute.

**Year 5** - Raoul C, Noah D, Oliver J, Elena K, Archie M, Tyler S, Michael S, Abigail S and Daniela T.

**Year 6** - Andrew D, Abigail F, Sophie R, Anastasia S and Marieta T.

The students had to submit an original piece of written work of up to 600 words in prose or poetry, either fiction or non-fiction. They first had to come up with an issue of significance to them and they then worked on expressing their views with conviction while ensuring they used correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Some of the topics included;

- Kids should have the same rights as parents.
- Hearing impaired people have rights
- I come from lands near and far- I am Aboriginal.
- Looks don't matter.
- Cyberbullying.

It has been fantastic to see the children writing about topics of interest to them. We are super proud of all their efforts.

### ***Excellence in Art Awards***



Two students who received an Excellence in Art award in Term 1. We are looking forward to announcing our award winners for Term 2!

## Upcoming events

### Maths Olympiad/Maths Games upcoming tests

- Thursday 16th June
- Thursday 28th July
- Thursday 8th September

### ICAS Assessments

- Friday 18 July 2022.- Last day for parents to pay online
- 8th August- 2nd September - Test Sitting Dates (specific dates and times TBA)

### Spelling Bee

Weeks, 6, 8 and 10 (Whole School)  
More information to come!

### Public Speaking

Term 3 (Whole School)

### Art Excellence Awards

For each class at the end of each term.

## Maths Games and Maths Olympiad 2022

Congratulations to our Maths Olympiad (Years 5-6) and Maths Games (Years 3-4) students who have completed two challenging tests so far this year.

The competitions are designed to provide an opportunity for the children to learn and develop valuable maths problem solving skills.

Maths Olympiad and Maths Games encourage the children to challenge themselves and develop their own abilities, whilst working to enhance their skills in this area.



## From the P&F

POP SATURDAY **OCTOBER 22nd** on your calendars

WE NEED YOU! COME AND JOIN THE FETE TEAM!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS - HAVE YOU GOT A SPECIAL SKILL OR TALENT?  
DO YOU LOVE BEING APART OF SOMETHING GREAT? NOW IS YOUR TIME  
TO HELP OUT, STEP UP AND SHINE AT THE ST PAT'S FETE

We need your help to bring the community and kids together with some fete fun.

[Click here to volunteer](#)



**ST PATRICK'S  
2022 FETE  
SAT 22nd OCT**

It's on this year!

**HOW CAN YOU HELP??**

- Join our fete committee
- Donate or Sponsor
- Organise a stall

FAITH  
ST PATRICK'S ASQUITH

## From the Parish

The parish Children's Choir is a wonderful way to make connections with other families and young people in the parish. It's also a great way of participating in Sunday liturgies in a meaningful way, while giving back to the community through music. Any young person from Year 3 up to the end of high school can join the Choir, no qualifications necessary - just turn up at one of our practices. We practise every week during school terms on Fridays at 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and we sing at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Bring a friend, and come and make new friends! Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

