



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I had an enjoyable time while on leave for the first 2 weeks of term in rural and central Australia. I thank and acknowledge Mrs Huggins and Mrs Lloyd-Jones for ably filling the roles of Acting Principal and Assistant Principal while I was on leave. On my return it was nice to see the happy children's faces and that they were settled back into routine and working hard.

Many parents took the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher last week to discuss their progress this year. Having these meetings earlier in the year provides a chance to talk about and plan for academic success while also maintaining social and emotional wellbeing and spiritual growth. I encourage parents and carers to contact their child's teacher via the school office if they are needing an update on their child's progress or have concerns.

## Mother's Day

Last Friday, there was a wonderful Mother's Day Celebration at school with many of our mums and grandmothers attending. This year's celebration had a Mothers, Muffins and Maths focus, with breakfast, a Mother's Day Liturgy and some Maths activities with the children in the playground and classrooms.

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Many parents have shared with me their delight in taking part in the celebration and I acknowledge and thank the staff for their efforts. I also thank Monique Ciampi and her crew of helpers who made the Mother's Day Stall an overwhelming success. The gifts were presented beautifully and I am sure all families appreciate the time and care that was given by them.

## **Uniform**

A reminder with the changeable weather we are experiencing at this time of year we are now into the 'phase in' period towards Winter uniform. Students may wear either full Summer or full Winter uniform (but not a combination) for the first four weeks to begin the term. Students should be in full Winter uniform by Monday 16 May. 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.

## **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 this 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.

## **Canberra**

Final preparations for our Year 6 students are taking place for their long-awaited excursion to Canberra next week. 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. It is great that this overnight excursion can take place this year after the disappointment of last year's cancellation of the Bathurst and Leadership excursions. I thank our Year 6 teachers and Mrs Taylor in advance for the commitment they give to organising and the time they spend away from their families while attending the 3-day excursion.

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## **Behaviour Focus**

Our school behaviour focus for Week's 3 & 4 is on taking turns, including others and playing fairly. During this time the children will learn about being respectful by using our manners when joining in or inviting others to play. Including others in our games and being respectful by listening when we speak to each other. 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 the newsletter.

## **Kinder Enrolments 2023**

We are gearing up for our School Open Day that is now scheduled for 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. 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.

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

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal



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# 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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