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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



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday I travelled with our Year 5 group to the Sydney Academy of Sport Narrabeen for their Leadership Camp. The children enjoyed their first session kayaking on the Narrabeen Lagoon. They learnt about how to control their kayak and work as a team to navigate safely around the waterway. The children also had a fun night of active games which also called for cooperative skills to be used. After a good nights sleep they are all looking forward to a fun-filled day working as a team to build, launch and sail a raft and after lunch complete an initiatives activity and an orienteering course. I am sure they will return to school on Friday afternoon tired but also very pleased with their experience.

Next week the Year 5 children will assist with the first of 3 Transition Sessions with our new Kinder students for 2023. Each year we ask our Year 6 children to buddy with our new Kinders to support their transition to big school. Our current Year 5 students will begin supporting the new Kinder 2023 students next week by helping at the first of 3 transition sessions.

Kinder Transition

We are looking forward to seeing nearly 40 new Kinder students for 2023 and their parents back to St. Patrick's to continue the journey towards beginning school next year with the first of 3 transition sessions. During the sessions the children will again meet their new classmates as well as their buddy for next year, complete some activities and become familiar with the classroom and school setting.

A considerable amount of preparation has occurred in recent months to get to this point. The completion and processing of enrolment and other forms from each family, then families coming to school for an enrolment meeting and tour of the school as well each child participating in one of two screener sessions. All these opportunities and the transition sessions go a long way to supporting children making a successful start to school.

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Mural

The newly painted school mural continues to progress with only a few more days work to be carried out until it is completed. The planning of the mural has been a cooperative venture with our Year 6 students collaborating with the artist Matt McLarty. They have created an artwork that highlights the themes of the environment, our multicultural society and inclusiveness.

Our Year 6 students have also contributed key words associated with these themes that will be added to the artwork.

Money raised by our Year 6 students with the support of their parents will assist with the cost along with money raised through the P&F parent body. This is certainly a worthwhile project that brightens our school, represents & raises awareness of current issues and provides a nice legacy for our Year 6 children and parent group to look back on in years to come.

School Uniform

I thank the majority of parents who take the time to make sure their children are correctly dressed in their full school uniform each and every school day.

Recently I have had reason to speak to some students about wearing the uniform correctly. A few students are wearing a mix of Winter and Summer uniform while others I needed to speak are not wearing fully black shoes.

I invite parents to take the time to look at the school uniform policy on our school website. It has a comprehensive outline of the uniform requirements along with supporting photos.

BYODD iPad Program for 2023

In recent weeks I have communicated with our Year 3 parents about the BYODD iPad Program for Year 4 2023. Our current Year 3 parents have been invited to an online meeting with Mr Maher and myself to further explain the benefits of this technology but also outline the necessary measures in place to support the safety of children when using the device. Jim and I look forward to seeing our Year 3 parents online next Tuesday from 5pm.

School Disco

A reminder that our school disco is scheduled for next Wednesday evening the 9th of November. There will be two sessions: Years K-3 5:00pm - 6:30pm - Years 3- 6 7:00pm- 8:30pm.

Year 3 will have a choice of either session time to attend but not both. If you haven't purchased your tickets you can get these through the QKR app. \$2 per ticket as the P&F are subsidising part of the cost.

World teachers Day

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers Day. It is a day to acknowledge and thank teachers for the work they do in partnership with parents to support the mental, physical, social, emotional and spiritual development of the children they teach. We acknowledge and thank the kind gesture of the parent body through the P&F to provide a special lunch for the teachers last Friday. I also acknowledge and thank a few individual families who also acknowledged the day by sending in items for morning tea. It is a measure of the wonderful support and positive partnership our school enjoys with the school community. It was all very well received.

We look forward to seeing many families on Sunday at the Stage 2 Family Mass.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

