

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

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Fr Joy Thomas OSH

St Patrick's Asquith

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

Weekend Mass Times

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 9am

We recognise the Traditional Owners of the land of Hornsby Shire, the Darug and Guringai peoples, and pay respect to their Ancestors and Elders past and present.



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all our mums, grandmothers and significant female role models in the lives of the children had a fantastic Mother's Day last Sunday.

A big thank you to staff, P&F members and the dads (Jason, David and Gerald) who volunteered to make last Friday's Mums cuppa and chat a big success. I did see many beautiful photos on our Facebook site that celebrate the wonderful relationship of mums and their children.

I thank the mums, grandmothers and others attending for joining in the fun but also for the great feedback we received.

Everyone was very appreciative of the efforts to create a lovely morning of memories.

I also sincerely thank Mrs Monique Ciampi and her team for organising another spectacular Mother's Day Stall last Friday.

Once again, the children had the chance to spoil their mums with a beautifully presented gift on Mother's Day.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Last week many parents have taken the opportunity to meet with their child/ren's class teacher at the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Together, parents and teachers were able to discuss the children's progress and set goals for the year ahead and form a positive partnership to benefit your child's learning and wellbeing. At the end of the term Semester 1 reports detailing the grade and effort for each area of learning will be made available.

School Open Day

Last Thursday's School Open Day was a great success with around 50 families taking the opportunity to take a tour and find out why St. Patrick's is a great school. I

thank our Stage 3 leaders who conducted the tours with prospective parents and were most impressive in demonstrating in a practical way what it means to be a student here at St. Patrick's. It was wonderful to see these students speak with confidence and with pride about their school.

I also thank our wonderful parent volunteers and staff for their efforts to support the Open Day by volunteering their time on Thursday to meet new parents, express an authentic and positive view of the school, serve tea and coffee and thoroughly welcome our visitors to the school. It is this positive and generous sentiment that always impresses parents seeking a school for their child.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Enrolment for 2025

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. Prospective parents can contact the school to have a private tour and pick up an enrolment pack from the school office or enquire online via a link on our website.

As communicated during the information session, the school initially requires up to 28 enrolments to create one class before a second class will be considered. Enrolments beyond that number will be placed on a waiting list until we have enough applications to make a second class.

We have already received application forms from families and enrolment interviews have already started. If you have a child ready to start school next year I strongly encourage you to complete your enrolment form and return it to the school office as soon as possible, as this will help secure your child's place for kindergarten next year. I also encourage parents to tell you friends who have children starting school to consider St. Patrick's, as that could boost enrolments and secure a second kindergarten class.

Kuringai-Chase Parish

Parents are encouraged to click on the link to connect with all the current information regarding the parish through parish website including the weekly Parish Bulletin.

Link- [Parish Bulletin](#)

Has your child been Baptised?

If either parent is already a Baptised Catholic with a child/ren over 7 years of age who has/have not been Baptised, then now is the time to act.

The parish is running the first of only two opportunities in 2024 to have Older Children Baptised.

The commitment is over 3 consecutive Saturdays with the 3rd Saturday offering Baptism during the parish Vigil Mass.

The first opportunity was on April 6th at St Patrick's but a second opportunity to begin on June 15th at St Bernard's is available with enrolments to close on Thursday June 13th.

For a detailed letter of the programme please email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au and request a copy.

Parish Children's Choir: Psychologists tell us that the more we listen to music, the better we understand it and the more we enjoy it. This leads to a better musical memory, and a heightened emotional response to music. Singing in a choir such as the parish Children's Choir can provide all these benefits and more to our children, such as better attention and strong friendship groups. The Choir is always open to new members from Year 3 and up. We sing at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month and practise every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in the church. For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or come along to our next practice.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 2 - 2024

Tuesday 21st May - Broken Bay Cross Country

Sunday 26th May - Stage 1 Family Mass

Thursday 30th May - School Athletics Carnival

Sunday 2nd June - First Communion

Thursday 4th July - Last day Term 2

Friday 5th July - SDD

ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES

SAT

6PM

SUN

8AM

SUN

10AM

SUN

6PM

Religious Education

The Year of Prayer and the Angelus



Student Artwork - James Shahinian & Salvador Alfaro
St Thomas' Willoughby
Religious Art Prize 2014

Pope Francis has declared 2024 a Year of Prayer in preparation for Jubilee year in 2025. To help celebrate this Year of Prayer Bishop Anthony has requested that all schools join at 12 O Clock everyday in prayer to pray the Angelus.

The Angelus is a traditional prayer of the Church. It is an invitation to briefly stop what we are doing and pause to pray, recalling how Mary said yes to God and how we to can say yes to God in our lives.

From Monday next week all classes will join with the students across the diocese and with the many Catholics how take this pause in their day, to pray the Angelus.



**Year 1
&
Year 2**
PARISH FAMILY MASS

Sunday 26th May 10am
St Patrick's Church

Year 1 & Year 2 students with their families are invited to join the 10am St Patrick's Sunday Mass followed by Morning Tea. Students who attend will be participating in a reflection that they have prepared.

Up Coming Events

Stage 1 Parish Family Mass - Sunday 26th May
First Communion - Sunday 2nd June

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



"Respect yourself
and others will
respect you"

- Confucious

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. Also, it is important to remind students to be wearing their hats in the playground.

3/4 Gold students, next week will talk about why taking pride in appearance is so important. We love our school and wearing our uniform with pride shows how much we respect ourselves and the school.

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 Coordinator

ST PAT'S SPORTS REPORT



Zone Cross Country 2024

The weather did its best to stay dry as 38 of St Patrick's finest runners ventured down to Pennant Hills Park last Thursday to compete in the 2024 Zone Cross Country. Excitement and nerves were at an all time high as our representatives did their introduction walk of the course. This year students would be running on fields, paths and on small bush tracks, creating some challenging areas to overcome in each race. In each race the competition stood between 40-60 students, with the top 20 offered a position to compete at the Diocesan level. Our reps competed with determination, courage and showcased amazing levels of sportsmanship. Showcasing that at the end of the day, the most important thing was that everyone had fun.

We wish James, Sophie, Charley, Daniel, Liam and Rose all the best when they travel to Gosford Race Course for the Diocesan level on Tuesday the 21st of May.

Good luck guys!!



Zone Cross Country 2024



PADDY'S CARE GROUP

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.
- Mother Teresa

Paddy's Care Group was formed in 2011 by a parent who saw a need to help others in the school community. We are a support network within the St Patrick's community and have parents who are willing to lend a helping hand when required.

Here are some ways that Paddy's Care Group have helped families in the past:

- ★ by assisting with meals
- ★ helping children arrive to and/or from school
- ★ praying for people.

People can ask for help for different lengths of time dependent on their need. For example, we have helped families who have had to deal with sudden illnesses, where a meal or two a week for a period of time has just helped them through.

The person/people who require help is kept confidential. The only people who know are the group coordinators. You can contact us directly/via email/via another parent or through the school office.

WHO ARE WE?

Cecilia Rossi & Tiphonie Condon

Coordinators for Paddy's Care Group.

If you'd like to volunteer to be on the contact list to help prepare a meal when needed, please let us know.



PADDYSCAREGROUP@GMAIL.COM



St Pat's Uniform Shop

**Open Mondays
and
Wednesdays
8:30-9am**

The uniform shop will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays 8.30am till 9am for:

- purchasing second hand items
- trying new uniform for sizing
- purchasing new uniform

All in-person purchases new and secondhand will be processed via the Qkr! app. EFTPOS available. Cash for secondhand uniform only.

All new uniform ordered via the Qkr! app will be delivered to your child's classroom. Orders submitted by Sunday 4pm will be delivered on Monday. Orders submitted by 4pm on Tuesday will be delivered on Wednesday.

Please remember to update your child's new class for 2024 on the Qkr! app.

Edlyn L, Michelle B and Suzie W

Uniform shop volunteers
stpatsuniformshop@gmail.com

Uniform Shop Special Order

Winter Jacket



Waterproof Nylon



Consealed Hoodie



Fleece Lined

The uniform shop will be ordering winter jackets to be delivered in Term 2. Please note this is **NOT** compulsory but an option for extra warmth during winter months.

Price: \$40

Sizes available: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, S, M, L

Sample jackets to try will be available at the **school office** in sizes 6, 10 and 12

Orders close on **3rd May at 5pm.**

Order via Qkr! app

Please contact the uniform shop for any queries: stpatsuniformshop@gmail.com

Maths challenge

Tallest

Here's a new puzzle to try this week!

The aim is for the whole family to collaborate on solving it. Encouraging the whole family to share puzzles and talk to each other mathematically is very important to us.

Enjoy!

I'll share the solution in the next newsletter.

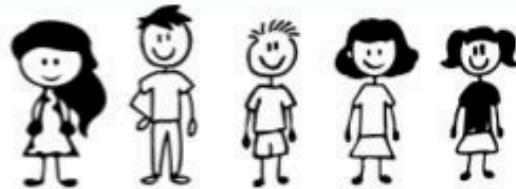
Solution from last newsletter:

13 triangles all together.

Gina is **taller** than Henry but **shorter** than Jennie.

Ivan is **taller** than Katie but **shorter** than Gina.

Who is the tallest of these five people?



Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

Combines learning with fun!



Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

St Patrick's Primary School (Asquith) Chess Classes, 2024 Fridays 1:15PM - 1:55PM

Term 1	Cost: \$132	16th Feb - 12th Apr*
Term 2	Cost: \$165	3rd May - 5th Jul
Term 3	Cost: \$165	26th Jul - 27th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$148.50	18th Oct - 13th Dec

*No chess on 29th March (Public Holiday)

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code **IS2E1A3WI8** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**There are no credits or refunds for missed classes, clashing activities, sickness, school excursions, staff development days, teacher strikes or change of mind. Any missed classes can be made up at one of our online chess classes. Please visit <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/online> for more information. Payment must be made the day before attending the first lesson of the commencing term. The participant will not be allowed to join the class until payment has been received. Joining midway through the term is welcome. Use the payment code above and follow the online instructions.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery)		
To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment		
Workbook 1 – Cost: \$25 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$25 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$40 [SPECIAL OFFER]
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$33 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$25 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock DGT1002 Bonus – Cost: \$55 [Recommended for All Ages]

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a free chess set or workbook 2. Offer expires 31st March, 2024.



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THE JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB



TERM 2, 2024

Presented by the Children's Discovery Museum

A four week program for young scientists aged 6 to 8 years presented by the Children's Discovery Museum. Participants will be able to learn and explore themes from different branches of science through numerous practical experiments.

Session 1: All about plants

Explore the fascinating world of plants as you create a leaf rubbing, press flowers and leaves, and design a growth experiment to continue at home.

When: Monday 27 May, 4.30pm–5.30pm

Session 2: Wind Things

Explore the science of flight through a series of construction activities, including a working model wing, a whirligig and a paper plane to take home.

Monday 3 June, 4.30pm–5.30pm

Where: Hornsby Library, 28-44 George Street, Hornsby

Ages: Strictly 6-8 years

Cost: \$60 for the 4 week program

Bookings: Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

Session 3: Sounds of Silence

Lend your ears to the exploration of sound through a series of hands (and ears) on sound experiments and make your own sound maker (kazoo) to take home.

When: Monday 17 June, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Session 4: Tricks of the eye

Blink and you'll miss this intriguing workshop exploring visual illusions and how we view the world, and make a thaumatrope to take home.

When: Monday 24 June, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Bookings are essential. For booking details and further information on this event and more events in your library visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

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