

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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,

We begin the term with much excitement with the completion of the first stage of the building project. Our Stage 3 classes have moved into their new learning spaces that includes newly furnished rooms including cabinetry, furniture and technology. It is certainly a significant milestone in our school's journey to have the transformation of tired classrooms into now new contemporary learning spaces.

Each space is modern, bright and inviting with each pair of classrooms sharing a breakout space. These connected spaces will allow greater opportunities for collaboration and encourage teamwork and connection.

For our next stage of construction, the kindergarten classes have relocated to the new library and have already nicely settled into these spaces. Our staff have relocated their staffroom to the school hall. This space remains flexible enough to accommodate class lessons and assemblies as required.

Our school office has shifted into the meeting room and my office for the next stage of the build and can still be accessed via the usual front entry. I extend our gratitude to our students, families and staff for their patience during the construction process of this first stage and to each stage to come.

Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion

Last term our Year 5 and 6 students embarked on a three-day excursion to explore the rich history of the Hill End, the Bathurst Goldfields and traverse and experience the wonder of the natural scenery of the Blue Mountains.

Our students were outstanding during the entire 3 days of the excursion demonstrating great maturity and interest in all the activities they experienced.

I again thank the staff travelling with the children for giving their time to be away from their family to facilitate the excursion. I am sure the children had a wonderful time with their peers and made lifelong memories.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

School Open Day

We are gearing up to showcase our school at our School Open Day next term. This is an important event on the school calendar where we invite prospective parents wishing to enrol their child for 2025 to come and see why St. Patrick's would be a great choice.

I am encouraged by the high interest in our Open Day with nearly 60 families registering their interest to attend one of the two sessions on offer. Parents who have children ready to begin school next year can still register for our school Open Day on next week Thursday 9th May by using the following link: [School Open Day 2024](#)

I am also 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 2025 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them. Please encourage them to attend one of our School Open Day sessions on Thursday 9th May to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for their child.

If you have a child starting next year please pop into the office and pick up an enrolment form at any time.

Mother's Day Celebrations

We are looking forward to our Mother's Day Celebration at school next week. We warmly encourage mothers, mother figures and women role models in the lives of our children to come along next week on Friday 10th May from 8.00am for a cuppa, something sweet and tasty and connect with other mums from our school.

This will be followed by some time with mums and children in classrooms and then our Mother's Day Liturgy. Please stay for as long as you can on the morning. For catering purposes, parents attending the Mother's Day celebration are encouraged to register using the following link: [Mother's Day Celebration](#).

Thanks again to Monique Ciampi and other parent volunteers for running the Mother's Day stall set for Friday 10th May.

Parents can also complete an individual order for each child in the family, through the QKR App. All gifts are \$7:50 each and are to be purchased through the QKR app before 5pm Wed 8th of May. The stall will be held at school on Friday 10th May.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for next week (May 6th-9th) with an evening session scheduled for Wednesday 8th May. The interviews provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss their progress and set goals for the year ahead. Parents can book a face-to-face interview time with their child/ren's teacher via Compass.

School Uniform

I am thankful for the overwhelming support by our parent community to send their child/ren each day dressed in their correct school uniform. In the last few weeks, we have had only a handful of students needing reminders about wearing the correct shoes or refraining from wearing additional items that are not part of the school uniform.

A reminder to parents that the beginning of next term, we will have a 'phase in' period towards Winter uniform. Students may wear either full Summer or full Winter uniform for the first three weeks of Term 2. Students should be in full Winter uniform by Monday 20th May. Please [click here](#) to see expectations about uniform with particular reference to school shoes.

QuizzaMe- Trivia Night

The P&F Trivia Night was a great success with 8 teams battling it out to be crowned the trivia champs for 2024. There was a mix of current and former school parents along with two teams from the staff who had a fun filled night testing their knowledge and sometimes skills (including singing) to gain points for their team. Congratulations to the winning team ?? Who beat out the staff teams into second and third place.

I thank social club committee, lead by Wendy Brown, for organising the evening. It certainly was a fun night for all involved.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

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 resumes its regular practices for Term 2 this week, on Friday 3rd May. Children's Choir practises every Friday during school terms, from 4 to 5pm in the church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Our next Mass will be on Sunday 12th May: Mother's Day! Mark it in your calendars now! Children's Choir welcomes new members from Year 3 and up at any time. For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Maths challenge

Triangles

Here's a new puzzle to try this week!

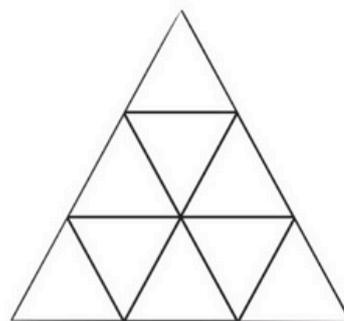
The aim is for the whole family to collaborate on solving it. Encouraging the whole family to share puzzles and talk to each other mathematically is very important to us. Enjoy!

I'll share the solution in next week's newsletter.

Solution from last term:

Pattern 1 = Orange bear, Pattern 2 = Green bear, Pattern 3 = Green bear.

How many triangles are there?



Dates to Remember

Term 2 - 2024

Thursday 9th May - Open Day

Friday 10th May - Mothers Day Morning Tea & Liturgy

Tuesday 14th May - NRMA Roadside Safety Program

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

**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

Mother's Day Liturgy - Friday 10th May
Stage 1 Parish Family Mass - Sunday 26th May
First Communion - Sunday 2nd June

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



Life is a matter
of choices and
every choice you
make makes you.
- John C Maxwell

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 2 Weeks 1 and 2

We are responsible learners who
make good choices.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

Coming back from holidays, sometimes we need some reminders to make good choices in order to be responsible learners in our school community. Over the next two weeks, we will talk to children about what is a good choice, how to make a good choice to help their own and others' learning, and a good choice for being safe and caring.

Things we can encourage our students to do:

- Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task
- Choosing to be safe and caring in your actions
- Make a good choice that benefits everyone around them and not just themselves
- Make good learning choices to allow them to do their best
- Be the best that they can be

Make good choices



Making sure they are including
all their friends in online games.

How can you help develop this at home?

Playing safely and looking after
their toys in a responsible way.

Making responsible choices for
completing homework on time
and helping out at home.

Thinking out strategies to making a calm
decision - traffic lights, breathing, counting
to three.

Problem solving at home.

Take care and be kind to yourselves,
Hannah Fryar

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



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Patrick's Primary School (Asquith) is held on Fridays from 1:15pm to 1:55pm, starting on 3 May 2024.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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

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

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

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