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Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

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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,

What a day it was! Today's annual primary school athletics carnival was a resounding success. The sun was shining, the cheers resonated throughout the day, and outstanding efforts by all students competing and supporting each other with great team and school spirit resulting in a real triumph for our school community.

From the 100-meter sprint and relay races to the field events and novelty events, the children gave their all and had a ball. A big shout-out to Mr Barlow and our dedicated parent volunteers and school staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Their organisation, enthusiasm, and hard work made this day possible. A big congratulations to our colour house captains who did an outstanding job leading the carnival.

Building Project Update

Even though the Stage 3 children are enjoying being in their new classrooms there have been a few delays with fully completing these rooms. This week the final touches are being made to the Stage 3 classrooms with the installation of internal sliding doors between rooms along with the new track lighting. This will allow students and teachers to fully utilize the spaces as they have been designed.

As happens with building the timeline is often longer than we wish it to be. I have instructed the builders that I prefer that they take time to be thorough to attain a quality result. The completion of the Kindergarten classrooms and staffroom has been pushed back until 28th June. With the completion of this stage of the refurbishment, Years 3 & 4 will relocate from their classrooms with work beginning in Block C.

The completion date for the school office spaces has also been pushed back into next term.



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Afternoon Dismissal

This is a timely reminder for those parents who use Kiss and Drop of an afternoon. This service does not commence until approximately 3:15, when the buses have finished. The teachers are not able to bring your child out to you before Kiss and Drop commences, so if you arrive early you will need to park your car and walk up to the gate to collect your child. Unfortunately, we have had some parents challenge the teachers around this point. Please know that parents can be fined if they park in the Kiss and Drop area before the buses have finished collecting students. We thank you for your support in ensuring all our students leave the school in a safe and orderly manner.

Special Lunch Order Day- Thank you!

Thank you to our Year 5 parents for organising and facilitating a Special Lunch Order Day this week. It was efficiently run and highly successful. The children had a great choice of healthy lunches that was most appreciated.

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. 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 your friends who have children starting school to consider St. Patrick's, as that could boost enrolments and secure a second kindergarten class.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that all students should be in full Winter uniform which includes the school tie. Please refer to the school website to check the requirements for the school uniform. The school uniform policy also has photos to assist parents with knowing school expectations. I thank all parents in advance for supporting the school with this matter.

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](#)

Parish Children's Choir: Parish Children's Choir was delighted to celebrate last Sunday's Mass with Year 1 and 2 children and their families. Children's Choir is not just about music, it's about relationships between people, between the singers themselves, and their families, and the rest of the parish community. As one body in Christ, we support each other, welcome each other, listen and work together, doing all we can to build up positive relationships. We're also excited for our six members who will be receiving 1st Eucharist this weekend! 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. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 2 - 2024

Thursday 30th May - School Athletics Carnival
Sunday 2nd June - First Communion
Tuesday 4th June - Stage 3 Touch Gala Day
Monday 10th June - Pupil Free day Kings B'Day
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

First Communion

Congratulations to all the students who are making their First Communion this Sunday.

May you always know the peace of Jesus.

The light of his love
and the joy of his life.

We will keep you all in our prayers as you celebrate this special sacrament.



Craig
Darius
Hugo
Matthew
Andrea
Sophie
Anamaria
Oliviamarie
Emillie
Oliver
Madeleine

Melissa
Vincent
Phillip
Mina
Natalia
Jessica
Charlotte
Nicola
Olivia
Himaya
Annalise



St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

We are beginning our efforts to support the St Vincent De Paul Winter appeal. This year we are supporting both our local Asquith conference as well as the Woy Woy Night Vans.

Kindy -Year 4: Please bring long life food items such as soup, dry pasta, rice, tea, coffee, tins of food

Years 5 & 6; Small tins tuna, cup of soups, juice poppers, multipacks of chips or biscuits, nut free museli bars, le snack,

Religious Education

Baptism for Older Children

Has your child been Baptised?


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

The parish is running the second (and final) opportunity during 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 **final opportunity for 2024** begins on June 15th at St Bernard's (so you'll need to be quick to enrol as they close on Thursday June 6th) and the second opportunity begins on June 15th at St Bernard's (enrolments close Thursday June 13th).

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



Kindy -Year 4
Will be supporting the Asquith Conference of St Vincent De Paul with donations of

Tins or packets of soup, Tinned fruit, Tinned vegetables
Baked Beans or tins of spaghetti, Tinned Tuna or Ham,
Long life milk, Tea or Coffee

Please make sure the items have a use by date that is a long way away. Remember only donate things that you would like to receive.



Year 5 and 6
Will be supporting the Woy Woy night van by making snack packs to be distributed.



FRUIT SALAD, PUNCH, BISCITS, SNACK MIX, UNCLE TOBYS, ARNOTTS, TUNA

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



One of the most
sincere forms of
respect is actually
listening to what
another has to say.
- Bryant McGill

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 2 Weeks 5 and 6

We are respectful learners who
speak and listen respectfully

Why is it important to develop this skill?

Respectful listening and speaking are powerful tools for building peace and resolving conflicts. This fortnight we want to encourage students to speak and communicate with each other effectively as well as listen to each other in order to resolve conflicts or issues with their peers in the best way.

Last week we celebrated the feast day Mary Help of Christians. Mary was a wonderful role model, she listened and spoke respectfully to all those around her and respected them no matter their background or circumstances. We can also encourage both children and ourselves to be those respectful role models, by always treating and showing others respect in our interactions.

Active listening



Ask your child "What makes you
a good active listener"?

Use eye contact when speaking

Ask your child how they feel
when you have "actively
listened" to them.

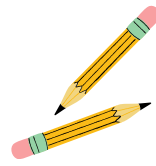
How can you help develop this at home?

Explain what 'active listening' is
to your child, help them to
understand its importance.

Be your child's role model and
use the language of 'active
listening' at home.

LIBRARY NEWS

Term Two



Premier Reading Challenge

Well done to those who are **READING** and logging their books with the PRC challenge.

36 students across the school have completed the challenge so far and we are looking forward to seeing this number continue to grow.

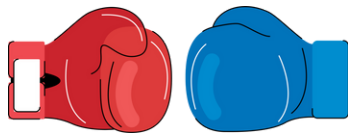
Don't forget to check out the PRC 'leader shelves' in the library to see which class is in the lead.

4 Green and 5 Green are in lead this week.

I wonder who will take the lead?!



2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge
Start reading now!



ELIBRARY & BOOKS

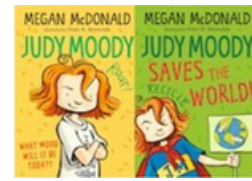
Our top borrowers this month on our E library platform are:

Katherine M

Ruwinka D

Sooji K

The most popular books in our E library are. Jump on and check out what makes these books so popular.



NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

— UBER READS —

"TAKE OUT" a Book!

Stage 2 and 3 can 'read out' this week with a selection of tasty books! I wonder who will be the first to do the dash and Uber read a secret book. You won't know what you have ordered, until you check it out! The cheapest take out you will ever have!



EXCITING NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS

We had many children enter the Bowerbird competitions last week for National Simultaneous Storytime. Well done to all the creative children.

The following children received a special prize for their entries which are displayed in the library for us all to enjoy!

Bookmarks Bower Nest Writing

Theo

Rose M

Michael S

Elise H

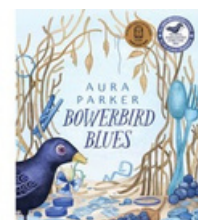
Willow. W

Amy

Darius A

Isabelle. C

Lily W



PADDY'S CARE GROUP

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

We're looking for crafters and knitters!

Last Winter we had an overwhelming response from our school community to the knitted squares project. We had hundreds of knitted squares donated! Last year we donated 8 blankets! A big thank you to everyone involved!

We currently have leftover knitted squares that need joining into blankets which we could donate to the Vinnies Winter Appeal this year.

Paddy's Care Group are looking for volunteers to join squares into blankets. If you are able to help, please email [**paddyscaregroup@gmail.com**](mailto:paddyscaregroup@gmail.com)



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

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.

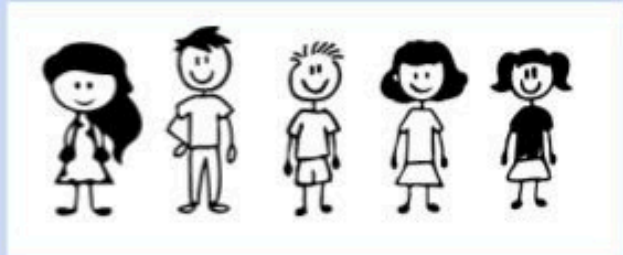
Solution from last newsletter:

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?



Motiv8 Games #1
JULY 11TH - 12TH
Asquith Girls High
8:30am - 3:30am

Motiv8 Games #2
JULY 15TH - 16TH
St Benedict College Beecroft
8:30am - 3:30am

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ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC / BAND PROGRAM

COMMENCING TERM 3



Dear Parents of Students Year 1 – 5

Would your child like to learn a musical instrument, as part of our Instrumental Music and School Band Program.

Instruments taught are:-

Woodwind
Brass
Percussion

Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone
Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, French Horn, Tuba
Snare Drum & Auxiliary Instruments e.g. Triangle, Tambourine

All music lessons are 30 minutes long and held in school hours, on-site at school.

Please email for further information
studio21band@gmail.com

Yours musically
Helen Jacobsen
Instrumental Music / Band Teacher



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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