



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

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,

Our building project is proceeding well with the relocation date for the completion of the new Kinder classrooms brought forward to Monday 24th June. This is exciting news for our community as it marks the halfway point of the refurbishment of all learning spaces. I am sure our Kindergarten students, parents and teachers will be thrilled to move into these new learning spaces and once again establish the usual routines.

This also means the start of the next stage of the project that will see our Years 3 and 4 classrooms rejuvenated. As a result, the Stage 2 classes will relocate to the new library spaces for the remainder of this term and for part of next term. Both Kindergarten and Stage 2 classes are beginning to pack resources in readiness for the move. Our challenge is to move spaces while still teaching. In response, the school has developed a relocation plan in consultation with the builders to minimise the disruption to learning while relocating rooms.

I am sure our parent community will be keen to see the results of the refurbishment. We will open the new Kindergarten classrooms for parents to view once the Kindergarten classes are established and settled in their new classrooms.

### P&F Meeting

Our next scheduled P&F General Meeting is Wednesday 19 June at 7pm. The meeting will be held online (link to be provided) and in person at the school. At the meeting the school will provide an update on the Life Skills Go program and outlining some important changes to school reports. Following is some information about these themes that will be spoken about in more detail at the P&F Meeting.

### Life Skills Go

The Life Skills Go Program is a school wide program that was purchased by the generous support of the P&F. The program provides opportunities for students to check in with their class teacher on their well-being and provide data and resources to educate and support student well-being.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## Semester 1 Reports

The Semester 1 reports are being written and finalised over the coming weeks. There have been some changes to the format of the reports which coincide with new curriculums being taught in English and Mathematics as well as updated advice from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

In response Catholic Schools Broken Bay have created standardised report formats for all CSBB schools and provided professional learning to all staff on how to apply gradings for each curriculum area.

## Kindergarten Enrolments 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.

Once our new Kindergarten classrooms are completed the school will hold two further open day sessions. We are inviting local preschool educators to come and see the new facilities, see the kindergarten classes in action and hold a Professional Learning session to strengthen the links between pre-kinder and kindergarten educators. We will also invite prospective parents to visit the classrooms and see the wonderful opportunities available at our school.

## Additional Staff Development Days for 2024

Earlier this year, I communicated that the school would have additional staff development days in 2024. These days will primarily focus on Teacher Professional Learning in Curriculum which has been a strong emphasis of new NSW Curriculum for English and Mathematics that have been recently adopted in all NSW schools and developing and implementing the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Towards 2025 Strategy.

The next Staff Development Days for all schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay will be on the last day of Term 2 and the first day of Term 3. The dates for these staff development days are:

- Friday 5th July (the last day of Term 2)
- Monday 22nd July (the first day of Term 3)

I trust that strategically placing these days around holiday breaks is an advantage to our families.

## 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 is organising a Bake Sale on Sunday 23rd June, after 10am Mass, in conjunction with the Choir's anniversary celebrations. All sorts of goodies will be on sale, from cakes and slices to exotic sweets, plus hand-made pottery, plants, books, hand-spun wool and hand-made wooden items. All proceeds go to Vinnies Winter Appeal. Bring your cash and take home some beautiful, unusual and tasty treats. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and practises every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in the church. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember  
**Term 2 - 2024**  
Thursday 4th July - Last day Term 2  
Friday 5th July - SDD

**Term 3 - 2024**  
Monday 22nd July - SDD  
Tuesday 23rd July - First day Term 3

## ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES

SAT	6PM
SUN	8AM
SUN	10AM
SUN	6PM

# Religious Education

## St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal




Thank you for your donations so far 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,



**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.



## Baptism for Older Children

The parish is running the second (and final) opportunity during 2024 to have children older than 7 if either parent is already a Baptised Catholic. 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 (enrolments close today Thursday June 13th).

For more information please contact the parish office.

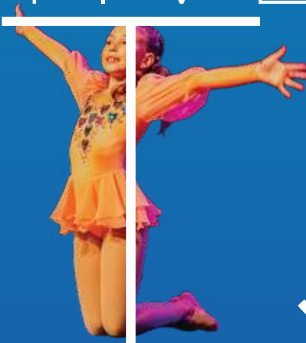
2024



RELIGIOUS  
CREATIVE



ARTS



COMPETITION

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH JOY  
Romans 15:13

## HOW TO ENTER

You're invited to join this celebration of creativity and talent. Open to all CSBB students from Kindergarten to Year 10, this event features five exciting categories:

- visual arts
- dance
- drama
- music
- short film.

These artworks must reflect this year's theme "JOY" (Romans 15:13).

Competition Entries need to be given to Mrs LJ by Term 3 Week 4 Friday 16 August 2024.



PROUDLY SUPPORTING  
**Eileen O'Connor**  
Catholic School

More info  
for staff

Entries closing  
16 August 2024



Living out our  
challenge for  
discipleship



No act of  
kindness, no  
matter how small,  
is ever wasted.

# PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 2 Weeks 7 and 8

We are respectful learners that  
take turns, include others and play  
fairly

## Why is it important to develop this skill?

This week we remind the students of their responsibility in being 'Respectful Learners'. Our school community has confined spaces, but it does not stop us from enjoying the playground to its full potential. The only way this is achievable is through the students being able to play fairly, being inclusive of others and taking turns in activities eg: hand ball. It is an expectation we hold highly at St Patrick's.

Students who speak and play respectfully with each other allows an appreciation for the diversity of our school community. They learn so much from each other, and through play, social skills are nurtured. These skills are invaluable as the students get older such as listening to others, showing empathy and being 'upstanding' in the face of adversity. Showing respect, means showing understanding and all this is slowly filtered into their learning and play.

Be inclusive  
and kind



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

Listening to each other and taking turns  
talking around the dining table

Problem solving at home.

How can you  
help develop  
this at home?

Letting siblings join in their  
games.

Including children in tasks at  
home - cooking, cleaning.

Take care and be kind to yourselves,  
Hannah Fryar  
Wellbeing Coordinator

# STUDENT WELLBEING

We are very excited for our St Patrick's Talent Quest! The final Talent Quest performances will take place in Week 10 this term. Depending on the number of acts we have interested will indicate whether we do a whole school or infants/primary Talent Quest.

Students may enter ONE act, either as an individual or in a group. The act can be anything creative you like e.g. dance, drama, music, performance etc. and go for no longer than 2 minutes.

We look forward to having some fun, showing our talents and looking after our wellbeing.

Wellbeing Week this term is to be held in WEEK 10.

The theme is going to be around 'Faith' as it being the motto of our school and allowing different ways of children connecting with their faith over the week.

**ST PATRICK'S ASQUITH**  
**TALENT QUEST**

**GRADES K-6**

Get ready to let your talent shine!

Individual or group performances  
Show your creativity in dance, drama, singing, music or other performance!

Don't miss the chance to be part of this dazzling showcase of creativity and skill!  
Sign up with your classroom teacher.  
Practice sessions at Lunch times over the next few weeks.

**WEEK 10 TERM 2**

# ST PAT'S SPORTS REPORT



## Athletics Carnival 2024

The Athletics Carnival. The pinnacle of competition in the Australian education system. A day for students to write their own legacies, shatter PBs and showcase their spirit. For years students have competed in hopes to bring glory and honour to their colour house, and this year was no different. Who would be crowned champions?

### Mercy- McAuley- Xavier- Coolock?

Students started arriving as early as 8:15 to compete and set up their house areas. As the day kicked into gear foxglove was filled with a buzzing atmosphere as the students of St Patrick's began their day of competition and fun. Students from 8 years old rotated between track and field events with some impressive results. The long jump pit was a school favourite as the area was filled with cheer and flying sand. As the events came to an end the oval erupted with songs, chants and cheers as each colour house did their best to hype their relay team. The juniors were first, and raced a very tight race. It was anyone's game until... On the final turn Ruwinka 'The Bolt' D was cleanly given the baton and stared down 100 empty metres of Foxglove oval. She took off with a flash and before anyone could do a double take the race was over and Mercy had won!

The seniors were next, this was the big race. Could anyone dethrone Mercy? Could they go for their 5th consecutive relay (and colour house) win? The race started with a bang! The sideline filled with screams, songs, excitement, filling our runners with adrenaline as they galloped down the track. Much like the juniors was neck and neck but with a gutsy run on the third lap Charley B had poked her nose out enough to gain a slight lead and giving Luca C the best gift of all, a head start on Liam D. He sprinted to victory, ensuring that the gap between his best mate never closed. They had dethroned the champs!

The athletics carnival was a great success, a big thank you to all the parents, teachers and helpers who allowed for such a fun and smoothly run day!

Jordan Barlow  
Sports Coordinator.

# Athletics Carnival 2024



House Winner:  
Xavier

Spirit Award:  
McAuley





# Stage 3 Touch Tag Gala Day 2024



On 4 June, Stage 3 represented St Patrick's at a league tag gala day at Koola Park. The event brought schools from all over the diocese to participate and learn the game of league tag. The day saw games between boys, girls and mixed, allowing everyone to compete against people of their own ability. The student's received plenty of positive comments from opposition, teachers and staff from the event. Well done stage 3.



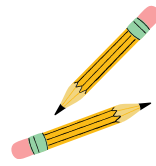
Stage 2 you will have your own league tag gala day towards the end of term so get excited!

Jordan Barlow, Sports Coordinator.



# LIBRARY NEWS

## Term Two



## Premier Reading Challenge

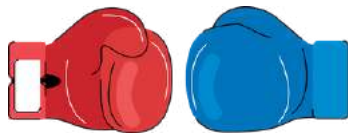
Well done to those who are **READING** and logging their books with the PRC challenge.

★ 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?!



## 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





# PARENT ENGAGEMENT

## **Some resources for parents to access in Term 2:**

Catholic Care, Diocese of Broken Bay, have parenting courses available for free to families living in the Hornsby shire.

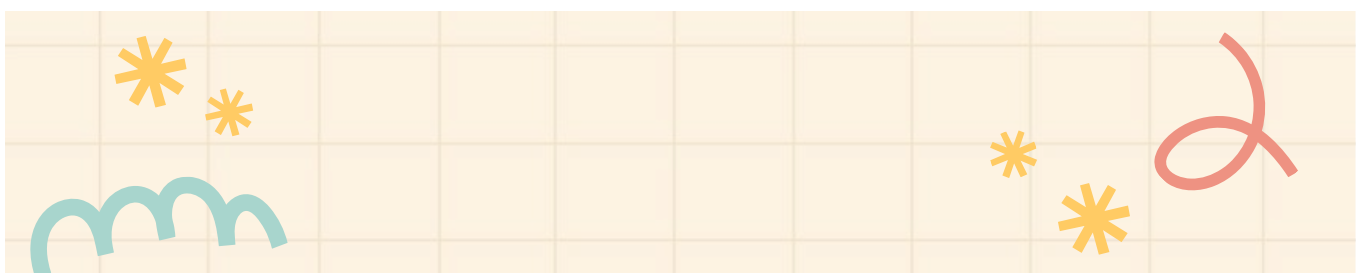
These courses can be accessed from this link: [Parenting Programs - CatholicCare \(catholiccareddb.org.au\)](https://catholiccareddb.org.au/parenting-programs)

- The eSafety Commissioner has opportunities for parents to attend live webinars. These give parents and carers the knowledge, skills, and tools to support their children to have safe online experiences. See the link for specific dates. [Webinars for parents and carers | eSafety Commissioner](#)

Recently students from the Environment committee presented at assembly about the Compost initiative commencing at school. These students spoke to the school about how we can place our food scraps in buckets, to be collected and added to compost by the Environment committee.

All parents are warmly invited to attend morning assemblies. Award assemblies are on Fridays and special presentations and Pastoral Care focuses are presented on Mondays.

Carley - Parent Engagement Coordinator





# 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

## Coins

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:

One éclair and one doughnut = \$2.50

My piggybank was empty but I have just put in 50c.

I only put in 10c coins or 20c coins.

What different combinations of coins might be inside?



**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

**THE MOTIV8 GAMES**

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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](mailto: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](http://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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# EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE FREE FROM ELDER ABUSE

## Some choices you should be free to make



Keep and spend your own money



See family and friends when you want to



Attend appointments alone



Easily access clean clothes, food and medication

# What is abuse?

There are many types of abuse that can be experienced:



**Financial abuse** includes limiting access to a person's bank account, spending their money without permission, or abusing powers of attorney for financial gain.



**Neglect** includes not providing basic items such as food, clothing or a safe place to live, or preventing another person from receiving the medical or social support they need.



**Psychological abuse** includes treating an adult like a child, stopping someone from making their own decisions, threatening or stopping someone from seeing their family and friends, or verbal abuse and bullying.



**Sexual abuse** includes sexual assault, inappropriate washing or handling of a person's body, enforcing nudity, or using sexually explicit language.



**Physical abuse** includes hitting, kicking or using another type of physical force to hurt, intimidate or control another person.

If you have concerns about your own wellbeing or of any older person in their family, home and community:

- Contact the NSW Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline on 1800 628 221.
- Speak with your CatholicCare Worker or contact CatholicCare on 1800 324 924.

You can access information on available help or be supported to make an anonymous report. In an emergency, call 000 or Lifeline 13 11 14 for crisis support.