



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

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## Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

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.*



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers, Girls and Boys,

Currently, our teachers are working extra hours to complete the Semester 1 reports while also working hard to prepare and teach daily lessons. The children are continuing their classroom learning and participating in events including the athletics carnival, National Simultaneous Reading Day, Sports Gala Day, Mother's Day and more, with less playground space and building works happening around them.

Between all of this our parents are keeping the daily routines going with making lunches each morning, daily school drop off and pick up, homework, sports training and game day, supporting school events and all that life has to offer.

As principal I receive more emails, phone calls and have more meetings and conversations at the school gate or in the playground about children's upsets and behaviours.

It is not unusual at this time of the term and at this time of year for students, teachers and parents to feel a little stretched, less energetic and possibly a little less patient. The weather is getting colder and the days feel shorter with less daylight hours. Routines become less tight as time feels short.

This week parents received a Life Skills Go update that showed school data indicating that our children are most often ready to learn. However, the second highest emotion was feeling tired. I encourage parents to take the time to check in with themselves, other parents and their children about how they are feeling. It would be timely for everyone in our school community to implement some of the well-being strategies outlined in the Life Skills Go update by our school counsellor, Laura Edmonds.

Laura provided great tips in this week's Life Skills Go update about supporting the children's well being through sleep, exercise, environment, routine, technology and self-settling as well as links to resources to support parents.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## P&F Meeting

Our next scheduled P&F General Meeting is Wednesday 19 June 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

As described above, parents received a Life Skills Go update this week. 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.

## 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

After only a few weeks on from our School Open Day we have confirmation of one Kinder class for 2025. We are now seeking further enrolments to make a second kindergarten class for next year.

Currently we have a number of families on a waiting list very much hoping to enrol their child at St. Patrick's. 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 to support our drive for a second class. 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.

## Parish News

Parents are encouraged to click on the following link to access the weekly [Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish Bulletin](#). Parents will find information for St. Patrick's Church including opportunities for families to support parish events including charitable works initiatives, joining the children's choir, the sacramental program and so much more.

God bless,  
Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal

### Dates to Remember

#### Term 2 - 2024

Monday 10th June - Pupil Free day Kings B'Day  
Wednesday 19th June - P&F meeting  
Tuesday 2nd July - Stage 2 Touch Tag Gala Day  
Thursday 4th July - Last day Term 2  
Friday 5th July - SDD