



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Royston Parade Asquith 2077

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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,

We anticipate making the Semester 1 reports accessible via COMPASS by the end of this week. Following the parent/teacher interviews earlier in the term, now is a good time for parents to speak with their children about the learning as outlined in their Semester 1 report.

Parents who wish to schedule an appointment with their child's teacher after reviewing the reports are warmly invited to do so. Please initiate the interview process by contacting the school office via email. [spa@dbb.org.au](mailto:spa@dbb.org.au)

At the recent P&F Meeting, Mrs. Huggins outlined some of the changes that have occurred with school reporting. Mrs. Huggins will be providing a summary of what was presented to all parents soon. We hope that this additional information assists parents when they are reading their child/ren's report.

### Enrolments 2025

We are holding two further open day sessions to support our drive for a second class for Kinder 2025. 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.

We are continuing to hold interviews with parents and their children who have applied for an enrolment at St. Patrick's for Kinder 2025 and also have places available in other grades for older students.

### Building Update

This week we successfully moved our Kindergarten classes into their new rooms and relocated our Year 3 and Year 4 class groups into the library spaces. The internal structures of the Year 3 and 4 classrooms are now being demolished in readiness for the next stage of the refurbishment. In the coming weeks, the grass area will be fenced off so that a new lift and resurfacing of this area with new synthetic grass can begin.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## Afternoon Dismissal

As communicated last week, the bottom gate will not be accessible and as a result our afternoon dismissal will be impacted with all buses and drive-through pick up needing to leave via the double gates at the front of the school. This week, I communicated an updated afternoon dismissal plan via Compass which outlines the procedures for After School Care, children walking home, parents walking into school to pick up, buses and drive through. Students and staff rehearsed the plan on Monday afternoon before it was put into action.

To assist with the smooth operation of afternoon dismissal, I ask that parents:

- Move in and out of the school in a timely manner to allow easy access through the double gates.
- If picking up via Drive Through from 3:15pm, please display your family name card. This will allow the teachers on duty to call your child/ren to move your car immediately.

I thank parents for your cooperation and patience during this time.

## Additional Staff Development Days for 2024

A reminder to all parents that 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.

## 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 and the sacramental program.

Parish Children's Choir celebrated a fantastic anniversary last weekend, with a beautiful blessing and commissioning, followed by a legendary Bake Sale! Many thanks to everyone who helped make it such a warm, successful parish event while raising money for Vinnies Winter Appeal.

NB Choir will rehearse as usual this Friday, 28th June, from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and that will be our final rehearsal for Term 2.

The Choir will sing at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays as usual during the school holidays. The Choir has now entered its 20th year - would you like to be part of this celebration year? Anyone from Year 3 and up can join at any time. Contact 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



You're invited to

# Open Classrooms

Join us for a tour of our new Kindergarten Classrooms, Stage 3 Classrooms and our Library.

**Wednesday 31 July, 9-10am**

We invite you to our **Open Classroom session** to experience our newly renovated learning spaces including the Kindergarten classrooms, Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms and our new Library.

**Join a student led tour and chat with our principal, Todd Vane-Tempest.** Feel free to ask questions in a relaxed setting and find out more about the St Patrick's K-6 learning journey, school readiness, transition to kindergarten and enrolment.

**Come and see for yourself our classroom facilities, witness teaching in action and gain a real sense of the St Patrick's School community.**



◀ **Scan to register or visit:  
[bit.ly/StPatsClassrooms](https://bit.ly/StPatsClassrooms)**

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# Religious Education



## St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

A huge thank you for the incredibly generous donations that we have received for our Vinnies Winter Appeal. The Mercy Action Group spent today packing these items ready for Mr Worthington from the Asquith Conference of St Vincent De Paul to collect tomorrow morning. These donations will be added to the community pantry run by St Vincent De Paul and will be used to support families in the local area who are experiencing financial hardship.

Stage 3 meanwhile was very enthusiastic with their donations which they packed to create 140 snack packs to be delivered to the Woy Woy Vinnies night van to be distributed to clients who access these services.

Thank you for all the donations, and for helping those in our community who need a helping hand.

## Confirmation -For Year 3 or Older Students

Parent Information Evening and Enrolment for Confirmation will be

**Tuesday 6th August 7:30pm at St Patrick's Church**

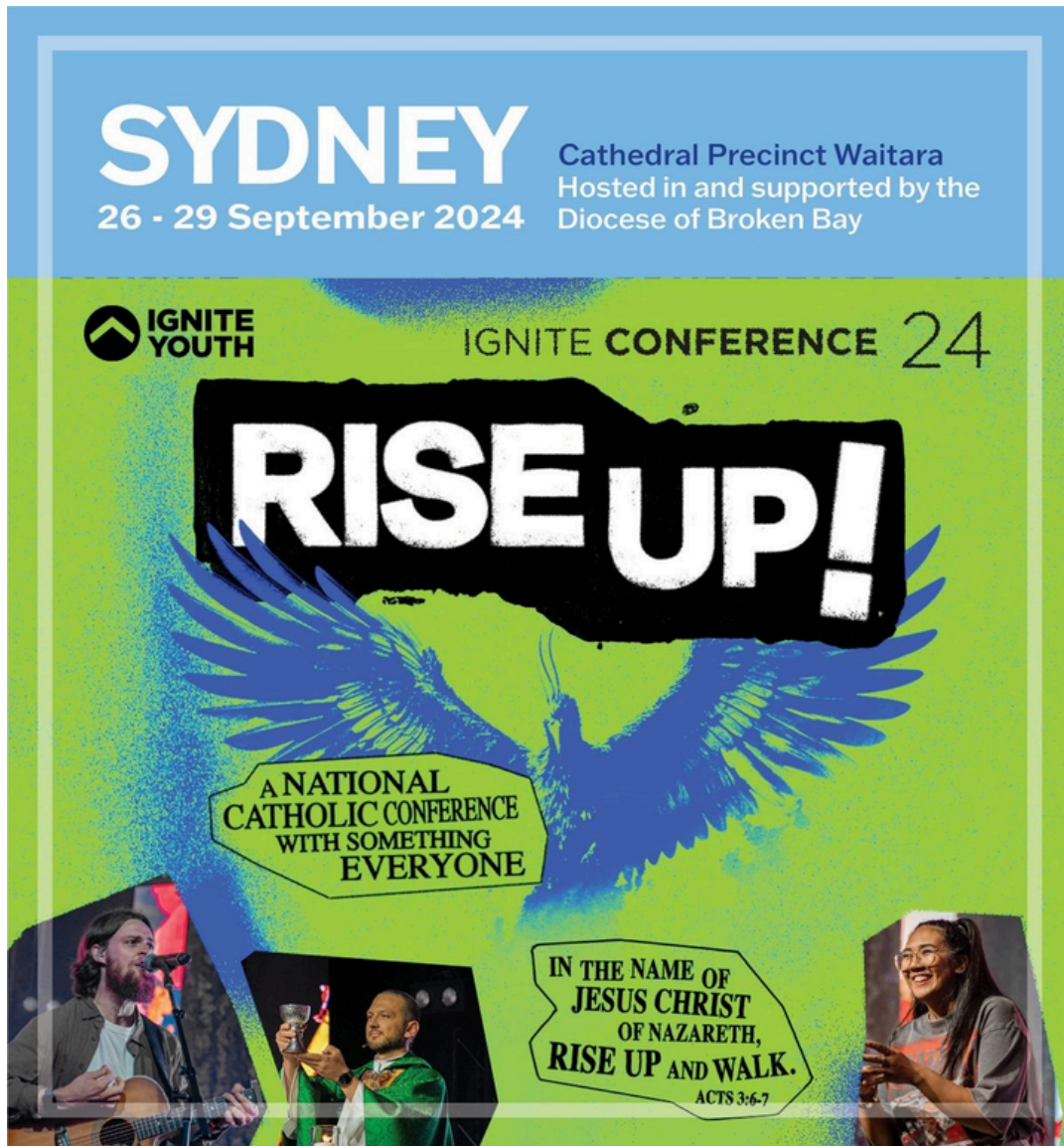
If you do not attend this meeting, you will need to make an appointment to see Father Biju if you wish for your child to be confirmed this year.

Children need to be in Year 3 or older and have already received the sacrament of Baptism to be eligible for Confirmation.

Confirmation this year will be held on Sunday 15th September.

# Religious Education

## Ignite Festival



Broken Bay Diocese is again hosting the Ignite Festival in September this year. The Sydney Ignite Conference is your time. You are invited to join in four days of unforgettable Catholic speakers, music, dance, sacraments, workshops and worship.

This year there will be a Ignite Kids a special two days of activities especially for Year 5 and 6 students on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September.

There is a 50% discount for students of Broken Bay Schools to attend. Contact Mrs Lloyd-Jones for the discount code.

<https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>

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



We believe  
in keeping  
you safe!

# PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 2 Weeks 9-10

We are safe learners who are at  
the right place, at the right time,  
doing the right task.

## Why is it important to develop this skill?

We are encouraging all students, now that we are heading towards the term to think about their responsibility to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right task.

Some of the focuses we have had particularly this week are:

- Being settled at assembly, on lines and moving off to class, so that students are prepared for learning and transition in these parts of our day can be done more safely.
- Afternoon dismissal - be out before 2.55pm and children moving to their right areas. We ask students to make sure they are being safe and waiting for parents to come to them before running out the gate.
- In class - am I on task? Focused on learning and doing what I need to do?

## Am I on task?



Being responsible for their own schedule of  
getting ready in the morning.

How can I be safe at home,  
school, on transport etc?

Helping to make dinner or other  
chores at home.

## How can you help develop this at home?

Have a checklist or calendar at  
home so they feel a sense of  
responsibility of the tasks that  
need accomplishing through the  
week.

Playing safely with toys and in  
different spaces at home or in public.

# STUDENT WELLBEING

## Talent Quest

We are very excited about our St Patrick's Talent Quest next week! Children have been rehearsing and practicing their performances during lunch times over the past few weeks and are very excited to showcase their talents to the school on Wednesday next week during school time.

## Wellbeing Week - Week 10

Next week is Wellbeing Week and our theme for the week is around our school motto "Faith". The week focuses on finding time for children to connect with their faith and find ways of communicating with God in other ways outside the Mass to enrich our lives.

Children will be given opportunities across the week to engage in different ways of praying and connecting to scripture, as well as, connecting to faith through music. We are lucky to have Simon Hyland (Worksteam Lead in Evangelisation at CSBB) coming out to our school on Tuesday, with Mrs Pugsley, to engage students in a music and worship workshop.

## Life Skills Go

Next term we are looking forward to having some of the Life Skills Go coaches coming in for 5 weeks to run workshops with the children to foster their LSG values and skills. More information to come.



# PARENT WELLBEING



As part of our Wellbeing Week theme around 'Faith', children will be exploring different ways of connecting to their faith and how that it can help their well-being. We would also like to offer the opportunity for our parents to connect to their faith through a morning prayer session.

Come for a short prayer/meditation session followed by tea and coffee afterwards.

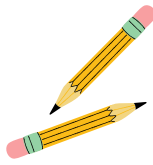
When: Wednesday 3rd July

Time: 8.25 am - 8.45 am

We hope you can join us!



# LIBRARY NEWS



## ★ Premier Reading Challenge

We are thrilled to announce that 82 children have already completed the challenge showcasing a love of reading!

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO **5 Green** who are the first class to complete the challenge and will receive a class prize to celebrate.

School holidays are the perfect time to dive into new adventures and expand your reading horizons. Take advantage of the break to add more books to your Premier Reading Challenge list.

If you need log in details for your child, please send me an email via the office.



## EXCITING NEWS

Book Week is just around the corner, and that means it is time to unleash our inner book characters.

On **Monday 29th July (Term 3, Week 2)** we will hold our annual dress up parade. It is a day where children are invited to get creative and come dressed as their favourite **book character** or embrace this year's theme - **Reading is Magic!**

Let's make this year's costumes not only imaginative but sustainable too! Spend some time in the holidays raiding the cupboards and getting crafty ready to bring your characters to life.

More information about the exciting day will follow.

## ELIBRARY & BOOKS

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

Katherine M  
Gauri T  
Patty P

The most popular book in our E library this month is:



Jump on and check out what makes this book so popular.





# 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.

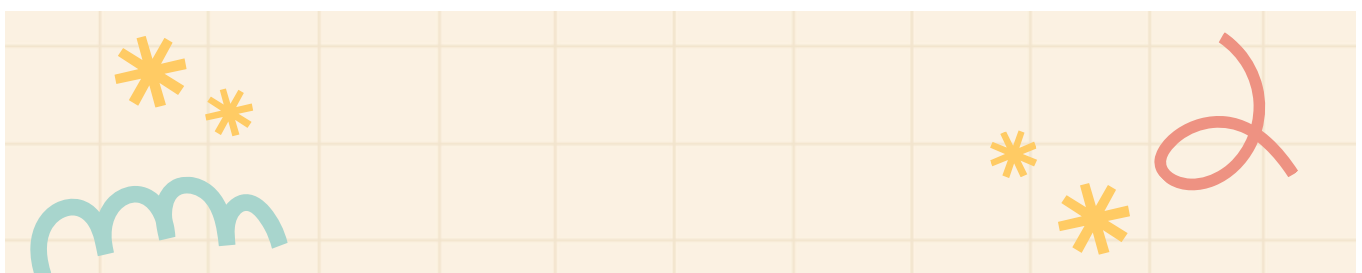
These courses can be accessed from this link: [Parenting Programs - CatholicCare \(catholiccaredbb.org.au\)](https://catholiccaredbb.org.au/parenting-programs)

- 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



# Uniform Shop Updates

Mondays and Wednesdays  
8:30am -9am

## Changes to uniform collection

Qkr! orders collected at the uniform shop will need to be signed off by collecting family member.

If your child is absent during uniform delivery days on Monday or Wednesday, your order will be in the school office for collection. Uniforms will need to be signed off by collecting family member.

## Winter Jackets

Size 8 winter jackets have arrived from the supplier. Jackets will be delivered by Monday 24th June.

## Volunteers

If you are able to volunteer at the uniform shop on Wednesdays or during the first 2-3 weeks of term, we would like your help!

[stpatuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:stpatuniformshop@gmail.com)

# Maths challenge

## Tower challenge

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.

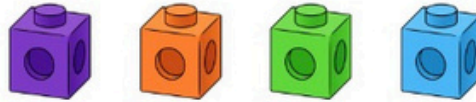
Enjoy!

I'll share the solution in the next newsletter.

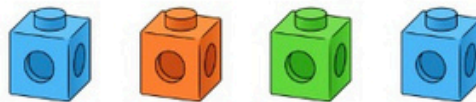
### Solution from last newsletter:

3 Solutions: 1- five 10 cent coins, 2- one 20c and three 10c, 3- two 20c and one 10c

How many different towers can I make with blue on the bottom?



How many different towers can I make where blue and green don't touch?



**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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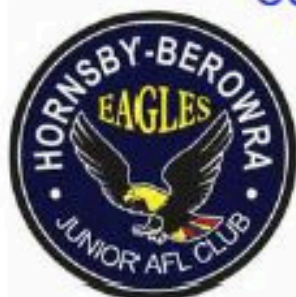
# midseason entry

It's not too late to join NAB AFL Auskick.  
Try it out - 5 weeks and exclusive goodies for \$55!

## **HORNSBY-BEROWRA EAGLES AUSKICK**

Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights

Sundays 8:30am - 9:30am



SCAN ME

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



# HORNSBY RSL GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED DAY OF GYMNASTICS ACTIVITIES THAT IS SURE TO KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED ALL DAY LONG.



## WHAT DOES THE DAY INVOLVE?

- A full day program for children aged 5-12 years, members and non members, no experience necessary, all welcome!
- There are two programs types available where we fit the very best things into one fun filled, action packed day:
- COMBO DAY: Combining the very best of GymSKILLS, FreeG + Tumble, Tricks and Flips! Learn new skills and try a wide range of different drills and activities! HOLIDAY FUN
- DAY: Sessions loaded with lots of gymnastics activities, circuits, games and other FUN activities including craft, free play and lots lots more! Morning tea and lunch break
- (bring your own food)



**HORNSBY RSL GYMNASTICS**  
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## PROGRAM DETAILS

### JULY 2024 PROGRAM:

MONDAY 8TH JULY (COMBO DAY)  
WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY (HOLIDAY FUN)  
FRIDAY 12TH JULY (COMBO DAY)  
MONDAY 15TH JULY (COMBO DAY)  
WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY (HOLIDAY FUN)  
FRIDAY 19TH JULY (COMBO DAY)

9AM - 3PM

\$65 PER CHILD PER DAY

AGES 5-12 YEARS

BRING MORNING TEA, LUNCH,  
DRINK BOTTLE, HAT, SUNSCREEN

# JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

## 5 FUN ACTIVITIES

### 1. DIVER DAVE'S OCEAN ADVENTURES

Bringing the ocean to you! Come and see what live creatures are in Diver Dave's splash tank while you learn about protecting and preserving our awesome beaches. You will see shark jaws and teeth, a massive shell collection, check out different types of coral and fossils from millions of years ago.

**Where:** Hornsby Library

**When:** Tuesday 16 July, 10.30am–11.45am

**Where:** Berowra Library

**When:** Tuesday 16 July, 1.30pm–2.45pm

**Where:** Pennant Hills Library

**When:** Wednesday 17 July, 10.30am–11.45am

**Age:** 5-12 years

**Cost:** \$5

**Bookings:** Bookings essential. Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library) or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



### 2. ANIMATION WORKSHOP WITH TOONWORLD

Fire up those imaginative minds and let's make movies! These workshops are designed to improve communication and literacy while channelling creativity and imagination. Discover the exciting world of Stop Motion Animation and experience the magic of film production.

**Where:** Hornsby library

**When:** Thursday 18 July, 10.30am–12pm

**Where:** Pennant Hills Library

**When:** Thursday 18 July, 2.30pm–4pm

**Age:** 6–12 years

**Cost:** \$10

**Bookings:** Bookings essential. Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library) or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



For booking details and further information on these events and more events in your library visit

[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)

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**HORNSBY SHIRE LIBRARIES**



## 3. HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for a fun, interactive session filled with stories and songs.

**Where:** Berowra Library

**When:** Friday 19 July

10.30am

**Age:** 0–7 years

**Cost:** Free

**Bookings:** Bookings not required. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



## 4. DROP IN AND DISCOVER AT GALSTON

Drop in and see us at Galston Community Centre where we will have a range of activities. Show off your construction skills with Lego and Magformers, have fun in STEM with our Osmo genius kits and Quiver colouring in, explore your creativity with craft and more!

**Where:** Galston Community Centre

**When:** Tuesday 9 July

2pm-4pm

**Age:** 5–12 years

**Cost:** Free

**Bookings:** Bookings not required. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



## 5. MEGA DROP IN AND DISCOVER AT HORNSBY LIBRARY

Join us for a mega discovery session! Have fun as you visit different zones exploring your creativity and skills in craft, construction, technology and more!

**Where:** Hornsby Library

**When:** Wednesday 10 July

10am-12pm

**Age:** 5–12 years

**Cost:** Free

**Bookings:** Bookings not required. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

