



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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,

It was fantastic to see over 30 parents attend the P&F Meeting last night. I thank parents who were able to attend for showing their strong interest and support for the school through the P&F. When we are able, we seek to provide some parent education opportunities at these meetings so that parents are up to date with new initiatives including changes in education. Last night 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 before the Semester 1 Reports are made available at the end of the term.

As you are aware, our teachers are currently busy writing reports for each child for Semester 1. We hope to have these available through COMPASS by the end of Week 9. I strongly urge all parents to have a conversation with their children about the report, both the 'achievement' but importantly also their 'effort'. I thank our teachers who have worked long hours to prepare the reports for parents. Parents who would like to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher following the reports, are most welcome to do so. Please contact the school office by email to initiate the interview.

Enrolments 2025

I am continuing to hold interviews with parents and their children who have applied for an enrolment at St. Patrick's for Kinder 2025. We have a good number of applicants with enough numbers to have one class and well on the way to a second Kinder class for next year. I encourage existing parents who know of families with children ready to begin school next year, to recommend our school as the place to be. We also have places available in other grades for older students.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Building Update

Next week we will be moving our Kindergarten classes into their new rooms. We will also be relocating our Year 3 and Year 4 class groups into the library spaces so that the next stage of the refurbishment can begin. The teachers have been packing up resources ready for the big move and over the coming days resources and furniture will be taken to these spaces.

The next stage of the building project will include the building of a new lift for Block C and resurfacing this area with new synthetic grass. While this work is carried out the grass area between the School Hall and Block C will be fenced off and the bottom gate will not be accessible. 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.

In the coming days, I will communicate an updated afternoon dismissal plan which we will put into action before the end of the term. I thank parents in advance for your patience, understanding and cooperation with this matter.

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:

- o Friday 5th July (the last day of Term 2)
- o 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, the sacramental program and so much more.

Parish Children's Choir is celebrating its 19th anniversary this weekend at 10am Mass with a special blessing and presentation of certificates.

After Mass we're holding a Bake Sale, with fabulous baked goodies from all around the world, plus handmade craft items for sale, pottery, wool and wood, plus near-new books! All money raised goes to Vinnies Winter Appeal. Don't miss this chance to take home delicious cakes and slices, and unique gift items. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, and practises every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in the church. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 2 - 2024

Tuesday 2nd July - Stage 2 Touch Tag Gala Day

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