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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,

Our Kinder students had a great day celebrating the first 100 Days of Kindergarten on Wednesday. During the day the curriculum was focused on fun, engaging activities that revolve around the number 100.

It is also a day to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing progress in learning and personal development. This year it has been wonderful to witness the children building their confidence in their academic abilities but also in their social and emotional skills. I again thank our hard-working Kindergarten teachers, Mrs Russell, Miss Fryar, Mrs Barker and supporting staff for all their efforts during the first 100 days of learning. We are looking forward to the remainder of the school year wondering how much further all the children can go.

Small Steps Seminar for Parents

On evening of August 20th, we will host another parent engagement session for parents of pre schoolers, Kindergarten and Stage 1 parents & carers - on How to Support Children through their Worries. This includes preparing for and coping with change like starting Big School, separation anxiety, and other childhood worries for preschool parents. The seminar provides information and strategies about managing anxiety and worries.

Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

Our Stage 3 students should be proud of the way they represented the school at the Soccer Gala Day this week. The children were organised into teams and demonstrated great teamwork, effort and positive sporting behaviour throughout the day. I thank the parents and teachers who supported each team and made the event run so smoothly.

Public Speaking

During the first few weeks of this term all classes have been focusing on public speaking. Mastering the art of verbal persuasion while also mastering the nerves of speaking in front of an audience is a worthwhile endeavour. I have been pleased to witness some of the efforts our students have done in this year's competition. While public speaking is not every student's favourite thing to do, it always amazes me how confident and talented many of our students are with this task. I thank parents for their support with this competition as I know that many parents spend considerable time supporting their children to ready themselves each year.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

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 Celebrating the life of St Mary MacKillop this week, we remember that children and teaching were at the centre of her life, and reflect on how important spiritual education is for our children. Our parish is blessed with a wonderful children's choir, where our young people are welcomed into the heart of the spiritual life of the parish, and learn and grow in their faith in a very active way. As St Mary MacKillop says, we have much to be thankful for. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass twice a month on 2nd and 4th Sundays, and practises on Fridays after school from 4 to 5pm in the church. All welcome. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Maths challenge

Run, Run, Run

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:

6 players on the team.

There are more than 20 solutions for this cryptarithm.

Can you find the SMALLEST possible solution?

Remember:

In a cryptarithm every letter **must** represent a different digit.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{R U N} \\ \text{R U N} \\ + \text{R U N} \\ \hline \text{G O A L} \end{array}$$

Dates to Remember

Term 3 - 2024

Tuesday 13th August - Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Thursday 15th August - Pizza Lunch Day

Friday 16th August - Public Speaking Grand Final Years 3-6

Friday 30th August - Fathers Day Liturgy & Stall

Friday 27th September - Last Day Term 3

ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES

SAT

6PM

SUN

8AM

SUN

10AM

SUN

6PM

Religious Education

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

Thank you to Stage 2 and Stage 1 for doing such a wonderful job preparing mass for this morning. It was a joyful celebration of Australia's Saint Mary MacKillop. A big thank you to the teachers who have prepared you so well to lead us in prayer.



Also a huge thank you to the whole school community for supporting the Diocesan wide fundraiser, raising money to support Catholic Care's Mary Mac's Place. An initiative on the Central Coast which offers meals and support for the homeless and disadvantaged. Mary Mac's Place is supported by donations from the community and our donation today will help enable them to continue to live our Mary MacKillop's motto of "Never See a need without doing something about it."



Religious Creative Art Prize

A reminder that your entries into the Religious Creative Art Prize must be handed into Mrs Lloyd-Jones by Friday 16th August (Next Week). We are able to submit one entry per stage in each category of visual arts, dance, drama, film and music.

Term 3 Liturgical Events

- Feast of the Assumption: Thursday 15th August 9am
- Stage 2 Parish Family Mass: Sunday 25th August 10am
- Father's Day: Friday 30th August
- Confirmation: Sunday 15th September
- Parent Prayer: Wednesday 25th September 8:15am

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>

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



BULLYING NO
WAY!!

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 3 Weeks 3 and 4

We are safe learners who use safe
and caring actions.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

This week we are thinking about ways that we can be safe learners around the school, as well as what it looks like to be caring with our actions. This ties in with how we make people feel respected, included and fairly treated. Next week, is National Week of Awareness Against Bullying and as a school we will be having daily focuses around ways we can stop bullying from happening. Bullying No Way Week is all about the important roles school, family and community play in helping young people feel accepted, respected and that they have a place where they belong. Our theme for 2024 is Everyone Belongs. At St Patrick's, belonging is like a superpower against bullying. It's what brings us together, makes us stronger, and helps us understand and support each other.

Caring Actions



Choose to do small acts of
kindness at home

Help out at home or take on a
new responsibility

Reinforcing safe play and use of
spaces at home.

How can you help develop this at home?

Participate in the bread
tags/bags initiatives and waste
free lunches.

Using safe and caring actions
with siblings - encourage and
include one another.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Term Three



★ Book Week Celebrations

Our book week celebration was a day filled with creativity and fun as the school was flooded with colour and laughter as we showcased our beloved book characters.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the parade and picnic bringing their energy and excitement for what was a fun filled day. It was a special day and a testament to the joy and unity that comes from celebrating literature together.

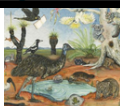
Thank you to the amazing staff who embraced the day with such enthusiasm and excitement making the day extra magical. A favourite for many was the whole school masked reader!

Everyone displayed such a love of reading and learning and we hope that continues to shine bright for many years to come.



Premier Reading Challenge

We are thrilled to announce that 100 students have already completed the Premier Reading Challenge (PRC), showcasing their love for reading! The competition will close on the 23rd, August so if you have misplaced your log in details, don't worry please contact me through the office or students can see me at Let's Do Lunch (Mon - Wed) and I can assist them with logging their books. Keep reading and turning those pages exploring new worlds.



2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge
Start reading, read!

Kate & Jol Temple

Kate and Jol helped us celebrate book week by captivating us with their story telling and love of books. They brought characters to life and transported us through many of their stories leaving us all inspired and sparking a love for storytelling.

It was also extra special to be able to purchase and have books signed by the authors! We are sure the children will remember their visit for some time.



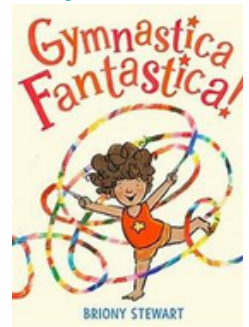
LIBRARY NEWS

What's happening in the Library.



Stage One

We have continued our love of stories by exploring the book *Gymnastica Fantastica* by Briony Stewart. We explored the twisting and turning of the Olympic gymnasts, our class lessons with *Moving Bodies* and created 3D sculptures celebrating the twist and turns of a gymnastic ribbon. They look AMAZING and the children were so proud of their work.



Stage Three



EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

This term Stage 3 have been busy continuing their learning around the Olympics and taken on a STEM challenge to create a mini Olympic arena. We have skateboarding, sailing, golf and archery. We are looking forward to completing our builds and seeing which class will win GOLD.



This year we have been writing letters to our author pen pal Susea Spray. We have enjoyed sharing in her writing adventures and exploring her writing processes. Susea was inspired by Stage One's responses in our letters, so much so she **WROTE** a book inspired by our ideas and **ASKED** us to be a part of it. We will be taking on the role as **ILLUSTRATORS** and assist with some editing. We can't wait to embrace this process and watch the book come to life and be **PUBLISHED** for everyone to enjoy. It isn't everyday an author wants to collaborate with a school, so we are **BEYOND** thrilled for this amazing opportunity. We look forward to sharing this incredible writing journey with you.

Watch this space!



WRITE ON COMPETITION



During Term 2 the students in Year's 1 to 6, created writing pieces for the NSW Government's Write On competition. The goal was to use the stimulus picture of Redfern train station to create a short, imaginative piece of up to 500 words.

The students wrote a range of different styles of creative pieces and it was interesting to see the different parts of the picture they focused on.

1 student from each stage was selected to be entered into the competition. The top 3 writers were James B (Stage 1), Mina M (Stage 2) and Lucy H.V (Stage 3).

We also had a school competition, where the top 6 students from each stage were awarded with a certificate.

WRITE ON COMPETITION

James B's entry

It was a cold, rainy day at Redfern train station, Patrick the horse was a busy, working horse. One day, Patrick had a dream about him escaping his pen and finding a new place to live. Patrick then escaped from his pen and galloped to a big field with lush, green grass. He was the happiest horse to ever live.



Mina's entry

The train steaming for a break
The sky gloomy about to rain
The village sad and lonely
Kids all alone in the street don't know where they're going
Carriages with fancy people
While poor people on the street begging for food or money.
People pick pocketing for some money
People rushing home, it is about to rain
Quickly catch the train
Everyone gone, no one left in the street
Two minutes later, again lonely sad and lost
Faces of robbers people yelling to get their money back
People gathering around "what happened?" we need to protest no more stealing
and make things fare
It didn't work
We were put in a pitch black room alone.
I failed.

WRITE ON COMPETITION

Lucy's entry

The purple grass brushed against my legs while I stared at swirls of grey and blue on the ground. I looked at my watch and the little 3D clock that hovered above it. "It's time," I murmured. I adjusted my hat as butterflies in my stomach danced the can-can. "I'm ready to leave this lousy world, and colour" I scoffed, "who needs it?" I jumped into the portal and everything went black.

I woke up to the sound of a loud train whistle blaring in my ear. I appeared to be at a train station, but... something was off. I quickly scanned the scene making a small list in my head:

1. Everything was in stop motion
2. Everything looked like it had been painted
3. Everything was colourless.

After a while, I decided to take a walk and just explore this land a bit. I mean, this is what I wanted... right?

I walked across the town square noticing how gloomy the world looked without colour. The hotdog vendor yelled out the latest prices while I waited for horses to gallop by, their hooves making a 'clip clop' sound as they passed. I decided that I'd explored enough and tried to find my way back but, in a new, colourless place it was hard to find my way around and it was easy to get lost. Unfortunately, I had found myself wandering in an abandoned alleyway. "Help" I called out to absolutely nothing. Suddenly, loud footsteps broke the silence and then I saw them coming at me in slow motion. A gang!

My feet were frozen to the floor as five, tough looking people stomped towards me. Suddenly, I found myself nailed up against the wall.

A small girl snarled at me "Umm excuse me?" I stammered, the small girl just rolled her eyes. "Why are you in my territory!" the small girl barked at me "Talk! Talk!" She screeched. I was being shouted at by a small girl and, frankly, I didn't like it. "Stop it!" I shot back. The small girl looked stunned. Her eyes started to water and her small face scrunched up. "No, don't cry!" I pleaded. "Ever since the painting lost its colour everything's been so different." the small girl whimpered. I stood there, dumbfounded. She lifted up a big box to reveal a small makeshift window and inside were people, real people! As I looked at this odd scene I realised we were in a gallery. Then it clicked, we were in an artwork! I took my head out of the small makeshift window and went to face the girl. "I'm sorry about this, I know how it feels to be stuck in one world" I said. The girl looked up at me and smiled a watery smile.

Suddenly, I felt a tingling sensation and the small girl and I were suspended in mid air unable to move and then we fell on the hard alley floor. I picked myself up but when I turned to the little girl. I gasped. "Look at your clothes!" And sure enough, when she looked down her clothes were bursting with colour! "That's all you needed!" I shouted "kindness is the key!" I turned around to see the small girl, but she and the gang were frozen. Looking back I also saw that the portal had returned, but instead of a swirling grey and blue portal it was a vibrant pink and yellow.

I felt I was ready to spread kindness in my world. I was ready to make a change! And with that thought I stepped into the portal.

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

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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