

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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,

We are halfway through a busy Term 3 with additional opportunities available on top of the regular classroom learning. The children have had the chance to experience a number of events in recent weeks inside and outside of the school with more opportunities on the way.

All children participated in the recent Public Speaking Competition with our Year 6 winners Elissa M and Charley B representing our school this week at the Upper North Shore Public Speaking Finals. Both girls participated against the best of the best from 7 schools presenting prepared speeches and then an impromptu speech with only 10 minutes preparation time.

Elissa and Charley represented their families and the school proudly showing great confidence and style and they should be very proud of their efforts.

All children are experiencing the Life Skills Go sessions which teaches personal skills to stay calm, regulate emotions and improve mental health and well-being. The younger grades have attended weekly gymnastics sessions with Moving Bodies and over 40 students from grades 3-6 represented our school at the North Shore Athletics Carnival. We have also started the School Spelling Bee Competition while our older grades also participated in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee.

Stage 2 Family Mass

All families are invited to join with our Stage 2 families and the school at the parish family mass this weekend on Sunday 25th August at 10am. Our Stage 2 children will lead the way by reading, singing and processing during the mass. It is a wonderful opportunity for our families to celebrate together and connect with the parishioners. The mass will be followed by a morning tea. I hope to see many families there in attendance.

Father's Day Celebration and Attendance Link

We invite all fathers, father figures and male role models in our children's lives to our special Father's Day celebrations, to be held on Friday 30th August from 8.00am at school. I do understand and respect that in a number of our families we have a range of people who might be "father figures" to our children. This might include grandfathers, step-dads, family friends and relatives. I hope to see all my fellow dads and father figures here on the morning.

- From 8:00am- catch up with each other with cuppa and a muffin, join in a game.
- From 8:30am- drop in and see classrooms where the children can showcase some of their learning.
- From 9:00am- School Assembly with the presentation of Public Speaking Medals.

From 9:30am- Father's Day Liturgy in the church.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

I ask that adults attending the Father's Day celebration to register your attendance via the [Father's Day form](#) to support our preparations especially with catering.

Father's Day Stall

The P&F have kindly organised a Father's Day gift stall Friday 30 August. The children will be able to choose the gift they would like to give to Dad or a significant other person for Father's Day. Cost \$7.50ea.

Please place an individual order for each child and ensure you have the correct class listed. Orders will be accepted up until Tuesday 27 August 2024 at 5.00pm using the QKR app. This will allow for gifts to be wrapped etc. QKR is the only payment option available - we cannot accept cash or late orders.

Thank you to the P&F for making this available to our students and families.

'Small Steps' Parent Seminar- strategies for Supporting Children through their Worries

On Tuesday this week the school hosted a parent engagement session for parents of pre schoolers on How to Support Children through their Worries. We had a small group of parents attending the session who were very enthusiastic about the knowledge and tips that were provided by the presenter. The school will look to hold a second seminar later in the year to support parent knowledge about generalised anxiety and supporting older students manage the transition to high school.

Building Update

It is exciting to see the third stage of the building program nearing completion. The new furniture has arrived and the finishing touches are being made in readiness for the Year 3 and 4 classes to relocate back to their newly refurbished classrooms. Over the coming days the classroom resources will be unpacked and the furniture organised so that classes can begin in these spaces by next week.

The fourth and final stage of the building program will begin next week with the Years 1 and 2 classrooms being refurbished. As a result, the Year 1 and 2 classes will also relocate to the library spaces early next week. If all goes well, all classrooms will be completed by the end of the next holidays.

School Uniform

As the weather is beginning to warm up with sunny days starting to reach into the mid-twenties, students will have the option to start wearing their Summer or Winter uniform over the coming weeks. Please refer to the school website for uniform requirements- Link: [St. Patrick's School Uniform Policy](#).

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 is delighted to welcome Stage 2 families to the school/parish Family Mass at 10am this Sunday. You know, this is the perfect age to start singing with the parish Children's Choir. The Choir is open to young people from Year 3 and up, all the way to the end of high school, so you would be starting at exactly the right time. When you see the Choir in action, imagine yourself there among them, having a fantastic time, making new friends and doing something that the whole parish community really values. Bring a friend or two and come along to one of our regular Friday afternoon practices from 4 to 5pm in the church and find out how much fun it is. The Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays every month except January. You don't need to be a great singer, just ready to have a go. For further information call Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or just come along.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 3 - 2024

Sunday 25th August - Stage 2 Family Mass
Friday 30th August - Fathers Day Liturgy & Stall
Friday 6th September - Mercy Outreach Day
Thursday 12th September - Stage 1 Excursion
Thursday 26th September - Early stage 1 Excursion
Friday 27th September - Last Day Term 3

STAGE 2 PARISH FAMILY MASS

**SUNDAY
25TH AUGUST
10AM**



Stage 2 students with their families are invited to join the 10am St Patrick's Sunday Mass. Followed by morning tea

Religious Education

Ignite Festival

Ignite Conference Kids Program.

Located amidst the heart of our diocese at the Cathedral Precinct in Waitara, the Ignite

Conference will be held from the 26-29 September 2024.



Primary school registration for Ignite Kids is open to students from:

- 9am-3.30pm on Sat the 28th of Sept and;
- 10.45-1.30pm (with mass at 9am) on Sun the 29th of Sept

Students can use the code **CSBBPrimary** when registering for a 50% discount on the ticket which brings the cost down to **\$52.50**.

Register via the Ignite website

<https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC24SYD>

The Dish

Our next rostered session for The Dish will be **Tuesday 17th September Week 9**

The Dish is serving more people than ever, including some parents bringing their young children for a meal or collecting a meal to take home to their children. Popular meals are anything served with rice (e.g a mild curry)

. If you are able to assist with preparing a meal to be shared at The Dish please complete [this form](#) or email Mrs Lloyd-Jones.

Term 3 Liturgical Events

- 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

Religious Creative Art Prize



I was very impressed with the entries for this years Religious Art Prize. Congratulations to the following students who have won the school competition and will have their artworks entered into the Diocesan Competition.



Early Stage 1 - Leo K Green
My artwork is of the world God created, I love God for giving me such a wonderful world to live in.



Stage 1 - Illyana 1/2 Gold
I drew Jesus jumping for joy. he is jumping for joy because he is happy when we follow him.



Stage 2 - Darius 3/4 Gold
I drew a picture of Mary, and the joy that Mary had in following God's call.



Stage 3 - Joanna 5/6 Gold
My artwork shows joy through whimsical reminders of childhood. Within the lantern you will see Baby Jesus, reminding us of the light that he shines in the world and the joy that he brought into the world with him.

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



“Try to leave the
world a better place
than when you found
it.”
-Sidney Sheldon

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6

We are responsible learners who care
for ourselves and the environment.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

Over the course of this term we have been looking at how we can all do our little bit to help out the world and environment, through our bread bags and bread tags initiatives, composting and return and earn. Thank you to all our families who have got “on the bandwagon” and have been collecting these at home and sending through.

With “Keep Australia Beautiful Week” this month, we will aim to engage and challenge our community to learn something new about the environment, litter and waste behaviour and make long term changes. Whilst also encouraging others to DO THE RIGHT THING & KEEP AUSTRALIA CLEAN!

Next week (Week 6) the teachers will be undertaking a waste free challenge and we encourage our families to try the same.

Caring Actions



WASTE-FREE LUNCHBOXES

The benefits of packing a rubbish free lunch are wide-ranging:

- Reducing your environmental footprint
- Teaching you about the need to reduce, re-use and recycle
- Having fun creating delicious lunches and snacks
- Looking after your health
- Providing you and your parents with an easy lunch packing solution.



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

ST PATRICK'S SPELLING BEE CONTEST

Buzz your way to the victory!



Grades K-6

3 ROUNDS

- Week 6 - 1st round in class, paper based. Top 10 will progress to Round 2.
- Week 8 - Round 2 - Top 15 in the Grade compete in verbal spelling.
- Week 10 - Round 3 - Grandfinal! Top 8 in each grade will compete in verbal spelling.

WORDS

- Kindergarten will spell 10 words.
- Year 1 and 2 will spell 20 words.
- Years 3 and 4 - will spell 25 words.
- Years 5 and 6 - will spell 30 words.

GRAND FINAL

Term 3 Week 10 TBA

GOODLUCK AND HAPPY SPELLING

Maths challenge Find my numbers

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:
R = 3, U = 5, N = 4
GOAL = 1062

I've chosen 3 of these numbers. See if you can find them.

My numbers add up to 7.

One of my numbers is 4.

Which 3 numbers did I choose?



JOIN THE FUN

A NEW OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM OF CRICKET AUSTRALIA LAUNCHES THIS YEAR!



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS

- Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- Make new friends or organise a group to learn together
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in a personalised t-shirt
- All equipment supplied, parents join in the fun

SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR JUNIOR BLASTERS PACK!

Includes t-shirt with your name on it and bucket hat in your choice of Big Bash team colour; bat & ball, personalised bat sticker sheet & progression tracker.



Asquith Rugby League Cricket Club

11-37 Alexandria Parade, Waitara NSW 2077



Junior Cricket

Saturday Morning
For kids aged between
U8's to U16's



Stage 1 Girls

Friday Night Competition
Fun all girls competitions
for ages 11-17



Senior Cricket

A-Grade to D-Grade
(11 x Premierships in 12 years)

The **All Girls Blasters Hubs** will be run in 2 sections this year:

Skills Based Blasters
Activities run for
9 x weekly sessions

Competition Games
In Teams for
6 x weekly sessions



Register Now

asquith.cricket@gmail.com
www.asquithcricket.org

Contact: Stephen Loccisano
arlccpresident@gmail.com
0409 813 860



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 Mercy Catholic College Chatswood is part of the Catholic Schools Broken Bay system. It is built on the rich tradition of the Sisters of Mercy. We are an inclusive community that offers girls from Year 7 – 12 an authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion.

 Located in the heart of Chatswood the College is a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses, trains and the Metro.

 The College is committed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and families. We have integrated and structured Pastoral Care and Wellbeing programmes overseen by specialised staff who all work closely with students and families to support learning and flourishing.

 Student needs are diverse, therefore curriculum and pedagogy is dynamic and responsive to accommodate different learning styles.

 Research shows that girls in an all-girls' learning environment thrive!

 A comprehensive range of electives is offered in addition to mandatory studies from Year 7, leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate credential in Year 12.

 Outstanding results in the 2023 HSC - ranked 7th Systemic Catholic Girls School in the state of NSW.

 The College enjoys modern facilities and state of the art technology in classrooms. Tour our recently renovated Technology and Applied Studies Lab designed to cater for 21st century learning.

 Interested in the development of the whole person, we offer opportunities for students to participate in over 30 programs including a variety of Sports, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.

 If your child is currently enrolled in any CSBB Primary School she is eligible for priority enrolment.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2027 ENROL NOW

Families can place an online enrolment form via the Colleges Online Enrolment Platform at www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au or submit a hard copy of the Enrolment paperwork to the College Office.



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