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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,

Last week the children celebrated at mass and learnt the great and significant works of Saint Mary MacKillop and the collective works of her order, the Sisters of St. Joseph, in communities across Australia.

This week, we joined the parish to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary with a mass. The feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary being assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Mary was an ordinary person who was blessed by God, became the mother of Jesus and was always there for him.

On this day the church acknowledges God's faithfulness to Mary and the trust she had in God. Her love and devotion supported Jesus throughout his life and is an example for us all. Mary is the Queen of All Saints.

I acknowledge and thank our senior students for leading the celebration with readings, prayers and processions and our Kinder students for leading the thanksgiving hymn and movement. It was wonderful to witness our students leading our school and parishioners with such confidence and grace. I was also very proud of all the children who attended mass so reverently and respectfully and sang beautifully while supported by our music teacher Mrs Pugsley and the school choir.

Junior Altar Servers

Currently, both churches in our parish are seeking Junior Altar Servers for mass. This is a great opportunity and privilege and a wonderful way for children to be fully active and more knowledgeable in the celebration of the mass. It also provides chances for children to boost personal and interpersonal skills in a caring community. I certainly enjoyed this role of serving at mass when I attended primary school many years ago. Children are required to have completed the sacrament of their First Holy Communion to be an altar server.

Junior Altar Server Training:

Have you made your First Holy Communion? Yes! Then you can become a Junior Altar Server!

Altar Server Training will take place at BOTH CHURCHES on Wednesday August 21, 2024 from 3.30pm – 4.45pm

Parents/Guardians will need to sign a Consent Form and commit to taking you to Mass when rostered to serve. You will be rostered for the weekend Mass you usually attend.

Mr Vince Hughes (SBB) and Mr Malcolm Cross (SPA) will be conducting the training and ask you to meet them at your church of choice on the day.

Both gentlemen hold WWCC's however a parent/guardian is requested to stay with your child, thank you.

To let us know you are coming along and for a consent form, please email the parish office, 9456 2450 or

parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Pizza Day

Thank you to the band of Year 5 parents who organised and facilitated a special lunch order Pizza Day today. The children were able to order and enjoy an individual pizza and a drink. We appreciate the efforts of the Year 5 parents, who each year, raise some money to support the end of year celebrations for our Year 6 graduating students.

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

On the evening of August 20th from 6:00pm, the school will host a parent engagement session for parents of pre schoolers on How to Support Children through their Worries. Parents of Kindergarten and Stage 1 children may also find this seminar helpful as it covers topics about general childhood worries including preparing for and coping with change, starting Big School, beginning the year in a new class, separation anxiety, and other childhood worries. The seminar aims to provide information about and strategies for managing these anxiety and worries. Register via the following link or using the link on the attached flyer: [Register Now](#)

We are seeking to hold a second seminar later in the year to support older students including managing the transition to high school.

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.

Our dads can catch up with each other with a cuppa and a muffin, join in a game and along with Men in the Morning activities, all dads are invited to go into classrooms to see their children showcase some of their learning and spend some time together. This will be followed by a liturgy from around 9:30am to acknowledge and celebrate fathers.

In the coming week we will provide a link for adults attending the Father's Day celebration to register your attendance 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.

High Potential and Gifted Education

Our High Potential and Gifted Education Coordinator, Miss Gibson, has been working hard with the support of classroom teachers to organise and facilitate the termly Art Awards, annual Public Speaking Competition and the School Spelling Bee Competition.

The students have done us proud with the high quality of speeches that has been presented in classrooms over the last week. At the end of the week our Stage 3 finalists presented their speeches to the students along with some very proud parents. Teachers are in the process of selecting the finalists for other grades and the grand finals will be held in the school hall this Friday.

- Stage 2 Friday 16th August at 11.30am
- Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Friday 16th August at 9.15am

Parents are welcome to join with us to watch the grand finals.

We also see the annual ICAS Assessments begin. The first assessment was last Monday with the Writing and Digital Technologies. For those students that have registered, please see below the scheduled days for the remaining assessments.

English- Monday 12th August

Science- Monday 19th August

Spelling- Wednesday 21st August

Mathematics- Monday 26th August

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The assessments will be undertaken during class time and could change due to staff availability. If students are away on any of these days, they will have until the end of that week to complete the assessment.

Canteen

Just a note about the amount of money you send with your child for the canteen. Please send no more than **\$5** to spend at the canteen as we do not have change for big notes and \$5 should be sufficient for a snack or treat.

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 a unique opportunity for school and parish to reach out to each other and form strong bonds between families within the parish/school family. While many of our young ones have sporting commitments on Sundays, the Choir is always open even to part-time participants who need to take a time-out during the soccer season. The weekly practice session on Friday afternoons from 4 to 5pm in the church is where we form community and learn the repertoire, which applies for any Sunday throughout the year. So if you've been hesitating about your children joining the Choir, it may be easier than you think. Don't miss the opportunity! Children's Choir is open to anyone from Year 3 to the end of high school. The Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Enquiries: contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal



**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**

Dates to Remember

Term 3 - 2024

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

Friday 30th August - Fathers Day Liturgy & Stall

Friday 27th September - Last Day Term 3