



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

Fr Joy Thomas OSH

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## Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

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.*



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

### Dear Parents and Carers, Girls and Boys,

It was an exciting and enjoyable morning on Monday as we celebrated all things books, magic, and imagination with our Book Week Celebrations. We began with a story from Mrs Wickham followed by the Book Character Parade that also involved the entire staff dressing up in Barbie themed characters while the children dressed up as their favourite book characters. Whether it was Harry Potter, Captain Underpants, Thelma the Unicorn or Pig the Pug, we all brought our favourite literary friends to life! This was followed by a delightful reading picnic where the picnic rugs were laid out and children and parents shared stories and enjoyed some reading time and a chat outdoors.

The author visit and presentation shared a writing journey with the children, as the authors read and talked about their fun, adventurous tales which inspired the children to explore new worlds through books.

The day was finished with a fun event called the Masked Reader. The mysterious masked readers read to the children. Who could they be? It's a secret! It was hilarious watching the children trying to guess each of the masked reader's identity.

Congratulations and thanks to Mrs Wickham for organising a fun day of activities for the entire school community to get involved in. I am sure parents who attended were well pleased with the book character parade which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

### 100 Days of Kindergarten

The first 100 Days of Kindergarten will be celebrated next Wednesday, 7th August. It is a fantastic celebration that recognises the great learning that has occurred in the first half of the year by our youngest students. It also recognises the fantastic efforts and achievements our Kinder teachers and support staff have done in developing the children's knowledge and skills as well as nurturing their well-being and spiritual life. The Kinder students are encouraged to dress to represent the career they would like to have when they grow up.

### Open Classroom Session for Parents Seeking Enrolment

This week, we followed up the Open Classroom session for local Preschool Educators with a second Open Classroom session aimed at new prospective parents. We had a good roll-up of parents who were very impressed with the new facilities but even more impressed with the teaching and learning that they witnessed.

I am sure these parents will be great advocates for our school as we continue to push for more enrolments for Kinder 2025 as we chase two classrooms for next year. Parent recommendation is often the reason for many parents choosing St. Patrick's, so I encourage all existing parents to advocate strongly for our school when the opportunity arises.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## '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.

## Building Update

The building works are moving quicker than expected and we will start the relocation process for our Year 3 and 4 classes in the next few weeks. The delivery of new classroom furniture will occur around the 15th of August, as well as the instalment of new AV equipment at this time.

This also signals the beginning of the 4th and last stage of the refurbishment that will see the renewal of the Year 1 & 2 classroom spaces. While this is occurring, these students will relocate to the new library spaces. We expect this relocation process be completed by Friday 23rd August.



## Mufti Day for Mary Mac's Place

Please bring a gold coin donation next Thursday 8th August and wear Mufti clothes to support Mary Mac's Place. Mary Mac's Place provides comfort and support for people in need.

## Green and Gold Day

Tomorrow is Green and Gold day, Please wear your sports uniform with an extra splash of Green and Gold.

## 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.

**Parish Children's Choir** This is a multi-age choir that draws its members from schools all over the parish, state schools and high schools as well as St Patrick's school. We sing at parish weekend Masses twice a month, at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays, and occasionally at other parish events like the annual Christmas carols. We practise every Friday afternoon after school from 4 to 5pm, so we're well prepared for each Mass, plus we do lots of work on our singing skills and choir skills, as well as having plenty of time to talk and play a game or two. You're welcome to join us, if you're in Year 3 or above. The Choir welcomes new singers at any time through the year. For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God bless,  
Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal

### Dates to Remember

#### Term 3 - 2024

- Friday 2nd - Green & Gold Day
- Tuesday 6th August - Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day
- Wednesday 7th August - 100 Days of Kindergarten
- Thursday 8th August - Mary Mackillop Mass 9am
- 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