



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,

I am excited to announce that Catholic Schools Broken Bay are supporting a second Kindergarten class for 2025 at St. Patrick's Asquith. This will allow us to continue to build our numbers for next year and into the future. Currently we have enough enrolments for two small classes, however we are still seeking further enrolments to bolster our numbers to guarantee a continuation of these classes in the years to come.

If parents are aware of families looking to enrol children at school in 2025, I ask you to promote our school as a great place of learning and community spirit where each child is known, valued, and cared for by our teachers and the school community.

Father's Day Celebration

It was also great to have a sea of fathers, father figures and male role models in our children's lives attending our special Father's Day celebrations last week. We enjoyed a cuppa and a tasty snack, some games and activities in the morning, open classrooms where all dads were invited into the new classroom spaces to see their children showcase some of their learning and spend some time together. The morning was completed with a very special liturgy led by our Year 5 students with support from Kinder and other grades to acknowledge and celebrate fathers. It was a fun morning that was enjoyed by everyone.

Father's Day Stall

Thanks to Monique and the team for again preparing and presenting a great gift selection for the children to choose from at the annual Father's Day Stall. I am sure the children were very excited to give their gift to their dad on Father's Day. I acknowledge the important role that dads play in each child's life and wish all our dads, granddads, stepdads and father figures in the children's lives a very happy Father's Day.

Stage 2 Parish Family Mass

It was wonderful to see so many of our recent Stage 2 families along with other families from the school join with the parish at the Children's Mass. The children were very well prepared by their teachers and participated so prayerfully and read and performed beautifully at the mass. I acknowledge and thank the Stage 2 teachers for their preparation as well as the leadership from our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Kylie Lloyd-Jones. I also thank our Parent Engagement Coordinator Mrs Carley McCarthy, the parish musicians and choir and all the parents for supporting the mass and the morning tea afterward.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Building Update

Our Year 3 and 4 classes have now relocated back to their newly refurbished classrooms and work has already begun on the Years 1 and 2 classrooms. As a result, the Year 1 and 2 classes have also relocated to the library spaces for the next stage of the build. If all goes well, all classrooms will be completed early next term.

We also expect that the school office should be completed in the next few weeks with a proposed date of 12th September. On Saturday the worksite was very busy with concrete being poured as part of the construction of the new lift being installed in Block C.

I acknowledge and thank our staff and children for their patience and resilience during each stage of the build. We have needed to relocate classrooms and resources many times as well as the staffroom and front office spaces.

The children have also been compressed into smaller playground spaces and even use the hall as an extra play space. I thank the teachers for being creative in providing different options for play activities during this time to keep the children interested and happy.

At this time of the term the children begin to get tired so I encourage parents to keep the usual routines where you can but also provide opportunities to rest and re-energise. The staff are working hard to remind children of the school expectations and providing plenty of positive feedback and encouragement when we see safe, respectable and responsible learners.

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](#).

E-scooter & E-bike Advice for Families

Attached to this newsletter are two flyers provided by Transport NSW to give helpful information to families regarding E-scooters & E-bikes. Please use the information in these documents as the single source of truth.

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 With the end of term approaching, the Choir is having a very busy time. Cantor training for Choir members in Year 3 and Year 4 is beginning this Friday 6th September, immediately after school until the beginning of regular Choir practice at 4- 5pm. Training will continue over the next four weeks, and finish on 27th September. Please bring completed permission forms. All Choir members are invited to join parish musicians at the celebration of Confirmation, on Sunday 15th September at 10am Mass, to make this Mass very special for our young ones. There will be rehearsal before Mass from 9am. This is an addition to our regular Mass schedule of 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 3 - 2024

Friday 6th September - Mercy Outreach Day

Thursday 12th September - Stage 1 Excursion

Sunday 15th September - Confirmation

Tuesday 17th September - The Dish

Thursday 26th September - Early stage 1 Excursion

Friday 27th September - Last Day Term 3

Term 4 - 2024

Monday 14th October - First Day Term 4

Friday 25th October - Grandparents Day 9.30am

Wednesday 11th December - End of Year Mass 9.30am

Friday 13th December - Year 6 Moving Bodies Fun Day

Friday 13th December - 2025 Swimming Carnival & Water Fun Day

Monday 16th December - Year 6 Graduation & Last Day

Tuesday 17th December - Last Day Term 4

Wednesday 18th December - SDD no students at school

Religious Education

Confirmation

We keep in our prayers the children who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated on Sunday 15th September.

Holy Spirit, strengthen our students with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, and Knowledge. Help them serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the love of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come!



The Dish

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

Unfortunately we have some of our regular volunteers unable to assist this time and I need 2 more helpers to make a meal. If you are able to assist please email the office or Mrs Lloyd-Jones.

Term 3 and 4 Liturgical Events

- Confirmation: Sunday 15th September
- Parent Prayer: Wednesday 25th September 8:15am
- Grandparents Day: Friday 25th October (Term 4 Week 2)
- End of Year Mass: Wednesday 11th December 9:30am (Term 4 Week 9)
- Year 6 Graduation: Monday 16th December (Term 4 Week 10)

Religious Education



GRANDPARENTS DAY!

WE WELCOME ALL GRANDPARENTS AND
SPECIAL FRIENDS TO JOIN US

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Liturgy in the church 9:30AM

Followed by morning tea and classroom
visits

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



We believe
in keeping
you safe!

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 3 Weeks 7-8

We are safe learners who are at
the right place, at the right time,
doing the right task.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

It has been a very busy term already with lots of exciting things already happening inside and outside of school. The last week has been particularly busy with movement of children to new and different spaces in our school with the next stage of the build. It is important for us to remind children of their responsibility to be safe learners in these spaces, by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task.

This includes using the spaces on the playground and in the classroom, in the right and safe way, following instructions and being where they need to be at particular times.

It is important to remind our older students to model this to our younger students as they look up to them for guidance.

Am I on task?



Being responsible for their own schedule of
getting ready in the morning.

How can I be safe at home,
school, on transport etc?

Helping to make dinner or other
chores at home.

How can you help develop this at home?

Have a checklist or calendar at
home so they feel a sense of
responsibility of the tasks that
need accomplishing through the
week.

Playing safely with toys and in
different spaces at home or in public.

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

Shells

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!

At the beach, Jonah collected 15 shells.
 Hugo collected the same number of shells as Ava.
 When they combined the shells and shared them evenly, each child got 11 shells.
 How many shells did Ava collect?

I'll share the solution in the next newsletter.

Solution from last newsletter:
 3 numbers = 1, 2 and 4



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

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 www.asquithcricket.org

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REGISTER
 NOW:





**GLENWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL**

MIND QUEST PROGRAM

FOR 1ST TO 6TH GRADERS

On the weekend of 9th and 10th November, the 99th NSW talent enrichment weekend will be held for primary students at Glenwood HS.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 35 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include Chemistry, Earth sciences, Drama, Lego robotics, Art and much more.

Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$240.

For more information
and to enrol visit
mindquest.net.au

Enrolment
closing date is
Friday 18th
October.





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Douglas Pickering Pavilion,

St Ives Showground

SAT 28TH SEPTEMBER

9AM - 3PM

\$2 ADULT \$5 FAMILY

