



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

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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,

This week we had a visit from the State Member for Davidson, Mr. Matt Cross. This was a special visit as Matt was keen to connect with us as a proud ex-student of St. Patrick's Asquith and St. Leo's Wahroonga. The other purpose for Matt's visit was to speak to our Year 5 and 6 students about his experiences at St. Patrick's, leadership and the importance of reaching out and helping others in our community.

I was tremendously proud of our Stage 3 students who listened intently and asked thoughtful questions. Matt also enjoyed a tour of the newly refurbished classrooms and was suitably impressed and supportive of the new spaces.

### Confirmation

This weekend there are many students from St. Patrick's who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a significant milestone in their spiritual journey, as they affirm their faith and commitment to the teachings of the Church. The children will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in this special and holy sacrament surrounded by family and friends. I acknowledge and congratulate the parents of these children for your strong commitment to supporting your child(ren) to know Jesus and be part of the church community.

### Band Concert

The school band under the watchful eye of Mrs. Helen Jacobson will be performing a concert for all the children tomorrow afternoon in the school hall from 2:15pm. All parents, carers and younger siblings are very welcome to attend what I am sure will be an entertaining event. I congratulate the children in the band for their dedication and efforts to keep up the consistent practice to learn their instrument. I also acknowledge and thank Mrs. Jacobson for her efforts to support and guide the children and for the time she gives to arrange the music that all instruments have a strong part in the performance.

### Movie Night

A reminder to parents that the P&F will be hosting the St Pat's Movie Night on Friday 20th September from 5:30pm on the school grounds. More details will follow soon. Tickets are available to purchase on Qkr! We hope many of you will be able to come along and enjoy a fun night together. This is for parents to enjoy with their children and friends, it is not a drop and go event.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## Well-being Week

Next week is Well-being Week which is a great time for the school community and families to pause and reflect on our health and happiness. During the week there will be various fun activities focused on different aspects of well-being, such as mindfulness, physical fitness and emotional resilience through our Life Skills Go program. There will also be an opportunity for parents to view the Life Skills Go session for their child(ren) next week. Please refer to the Life Skills Go Update from Miss Fryar and click the link to register your attendance.

During the week the children will also participate in Peer Support activities where our Year 5 & 6 school leaders work with a group of students from younger grades to complete activities focused on well-being. I acknowledge and thank Miss Fryer for her leadership and efforts with our Well-being agenda.

## Swimming Carnival

Hornsby Shire Pool had scheduled next year's Annual School Swimming Carnival for the first day of Term 1. The scheduled timing is too difficult to adhere to and no other suitable dates were available in February for Hornsby Pool. Other pools were either not available or too costly to book.

As a result, we have needed to move the 2025 School Swimming Carnival to Week 9 Term 4 this year (Friday December 13th 2024). We will also hold the K-2 Water Fun Day on the same day. More information regarding this event will be provided next term.

## Building Update

The completion of the school office including the sickbay and staff toilets has been pushed-back a week with a proposed handover on the 20th September. We will begin moving some items into the school office before this date, however I ask parents for their patience during the relocation of this space as it will take a few days for everything to be set up and back to normal functions.

The next stage of the classroom refurbishment is advancing well and the builders are expecting that the rooms will be completed by Week 2 of Term 4. This will allow the Years 1 and 2 classes to relocate out of the library to their new classrooms and for the temporary library space to finally move back upstairs to its original but newly refurbished space. We also expect the new furniture for these rooms to be delivered in the first weeks of Term 4.

The last stage of the refurbishment is the completion of the space between the School Hall and the lower Block C classrooms. This area will have new synthetic grass and a large shade cloth but is not expected to be finished until November.

## St. Leo's College Musical for 2025

Last Monday Mr James Bell (Leader of CAPA) announced that the 2025 College Musical will be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The College has had a very strong tradition and background in producing professional and a very high standard of musicals.

Two recent students, Sam Harmon (HSC Class of 2018) - Lead roles in our previous productions of High School Musical, Guys and Dolls, Beauty and the Beast is understudy for Peter and Jesus in the upcoming production of Jesus Christ Superstar at Capital Theatre starting in November.

Matteo Persechino (HSC Class of 2021) - College Dux and undergoing a BMusic at the Conservatorium. He has recorded many of his own works both overseas in Australia. He is also one of the singing tutors at the College.

There are further details about our upcoming production in the St. Leo's newsletter about how to become involved. I would particularly invite parents/carers to also become part of this production and support our young people and staff in the many behind the scenes work.

## 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.

God bless,  
Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal

### Dates to Remember

#### Term 3 - 2024

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