



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

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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 was thrilled to see the wonderful success of our recent Twilight Markets, held on the school grounds last Saturday evening. This event, led by our dedicated P&F Committee and parent volunteers, brought together students, families, staff and parishioners for a wonderful night of fun and community spirit.

There was plenty to see and do with a variety of stalls offering handmade crafts, delicious food, the guessing competition and unique gifts. The children enjoyed the sporting fun with Motiv8 Sports and the creativity of the face painting.

A big thank you to our very talented parents Mrs Danni Da Ros and Mr Nico Sikanyika who showcased their singing and musical talents to entertain the hundreds of parents and families who came along to enjoy the evening.

A special thank you goes out to all the parents who worked tirelessly to organize and run the event. Your hard work and enthusiasm made the evening a memorable experience for everyone. We also extend our gratitude to the local businesses and sponsors who supported the markets, helping to make it a resounding success.

I am incredibly grateful for the generosity and support of our school community.

### Stage 3 Success with Project Firestorm

I am exceedingly proud and excited to report the huge success of the Stage 3 Project Firestorm. This wonderful community project, aimed at educating our students about bushfire safety and preparedness, has not only met but exceeded our expectations.

Throughout the project, our Stage 3 students engaged in a variety of activities designed to deepen their understanding of bushfire risks and safety measures. They participated in interactive workshops, created informative presentations, and developed their own unique bushfire response projects. The innovative use of technology and the inventive ideas provided by the students to support the community, firefighters and environmental and animal safety impressed everyone.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

A highlight of the project was the visit from local fire service representatives including the Commissioner of the Rural Fire Service and local council representatives. They were certainly impressed by the children's presentations and provided invaluable insights and hands-on demonstrations to support their work.

The enthusiasm and dedication shown by our students were truly inspiring. They embraced the project with eagerness and demonstrated a remarkable ability to apply their learning in practical ways. Their presentations were both informative and creative, showcasing their knowledge and commitment to community safety.

I thank our Stage 3 teachers who guided the students through this project, as well as to the parents and community members who supported and encouraged their efforts. Special appreciation goes to the local fire service representatives for their time and expertise.

## **Student Leadership**

Last Friday the 10 nominated students for school captain in 2025 presented their speeches to the staff and children of Year 2-5. I am sure the parents of these children who attended, either at school or online, are rightly proud of their child as all nominees put their best foot forward as they presented outstanding arguments for selection. I was very impressed and assured that any of the nominated students would do an outstanding job as school leader. Following the speeches the children from Year 2-5 then proceeded to cast their vote for school and vice captains for 2025.

This Friday students who have nominated for Colour House Captains will present their speech before their house colour group. Again, the children from Year 2-5 will cast a vote to decide these leadership roles.

The following week on Friday 29th November we will hold a special Leadership Assembly where we will acknowledge and thank our current student leaders and announce and welcome our new leaders for 2025.

## **School Swimming Carnival and Water Fun Day**

Our new Colour House leaders won't have much time to think about their success as they will be called upon this year to lead their House Colour Team at the Annual School Swimming Carnival on Friday 13th December. As previously communicated, the school has needed to bring forward next year's carnival to this year due to the availability of Hornsby Pool. Parents should refer to the communication on Compass for details regarding the swimming carnival. The K-2 Water Fun Day will also be held at school on the same day.

## **Year 6 Farewell and Celebrations**

Our Year 6 students are drawing closer to the end of their time here at St. Patrick's Asquith. Plans are in place to celebrate and acknowledge our Year 6 students with the usual events. The students will enjoy a Year 6 Fun Day on Friday 13th December at Moving Bodies, Mount Kuring-Gai. There will be a special focus on our Year 6 students with Guard of Honour on the afternoon of 16th December from approximately 2:30pm to let the school community bid them farewell. Later that evening the Year 6 students and their parents will celebrate a mass together in the church. This will be followed by a supper and some formalities in the school hall. Year 6 parents are asked to refer to the previous communication provided this week via Compass.

## **Kinder 2025**

A reminder to our current parents, if you are aware of families that have children ready to start school next year, I encourage you to recommend our school and the offer to come and find out more information. Prospective parents can contact the school to have a private tour and pick up an enrolment pack from the school office or enquire online: [Enrolment Enquiry Form](#)

## **Building Update**

This week the children were very excited to have the basketball court back in action as a play space. In addition to that space being available, the new grass area also became operational. There were lots of smiles and excitement as the children entered the new grassed area. The addition of a large shade sail has also made this space a great place to be during the heat of the day. I am sure it will be well utilised and a favourite place to play for the children.

I am also pleased to announce that the instalment of sliding doors for Years 1 and 2 classrooms has been brought forward to this Friday. This will effectively mark the end of the building project with only minor items around the school needing attention.

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I acknowledge and thank the entire school community parents, children and staff, for their patience and support during the last 11 months of the building program as well as the several months of discussion and planning leading up to the start of the refurbishment. It has been a very busy and sometimes challenging experience with condensed play spaces, relocating classrooms that required packing, moving and unpacking classrooms several times and dealing with interruptions and noise from the building works.

I also acknowledge and thank CSBB for their support of our school community in providing the means to achieve this remarkable result.

## Change for Dismissal Procedures

As previously communicated via Compass, with the new synthetic grass area opened we have reinstated the previous (and usual) spaces for afternoon dismissal. Children will be gathering in the following spaces:

Walkers- on the silver seats outside Kindergarten Classrooms

Before and After School Care- Assembly Area (as normal)

Buses- Hall Veranda

Parent Pickup (including parents walking in and drive through pickup)- Grass area.

Parents who are walking into school to pickup will enter via the same double gates and then process in front of the school hall to the grass area to pickup children. Parents will then leave through the bottom single gate.

## 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** Parish Children's Choir is running the annual Cake Stall after 10am Mass this Sunday, 24th November, outside the church, to raise money for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Come along and buy some luscious treats for all the family! Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each year, and practises every Friday during school terms. NB: Choir Christmas Party is scheduled for 13th December, which will also be the Choir's final practice for 2024. More information available soon. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or email [stpatscchoir@gmail.com](mailto:stpatscchoir@gmail.com)



**Christmas Concert**  
4:30pm BBQ begins  
5:10pm Band and Choir  
6pm Concert begins

## Dates to Remember

### Term 4 - 2024

Thursday 28th November Kinder Transition 5

Friay 6th December - Christmas Concert

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 Last Day & Guard of Honour 2:30

Monday 16th December- Year 6 Graduation 5:15pm for 5:30 Start

Tuesday 17th December - Last Day Term 4 - K-5

Wednesday 18th December - SDD no students at school

### Term 1 - 2025

Friday 31st January - First Day Term 1 SDD no students at school

Monday 3rd February - Years 1 - 6 Return

Monday 3rd February - Kindy Best Start

Tuesday 4th February - Kindy Best Start

Wednesday 5th February - Kindergarten 1st Day

# Religious Education

Year 5

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Kindy 2025

PARISH FAMILY MASS

This Sunday 24th November 10am  
St Patrick's Church

## The Dish

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have supported The Dish this year. Through the generosity of schools, churches and community groups The Dish is able to support families and individuals in the community through their food parcels, community pantry and meals multiple times a week .



Our final session for The Dish will be **Tuesday 10th December Week 9**. If you are able to contribute a dish or donate fresh fruit for the evening please contact Mrs Lloyd-Jones.

## Term 4 Liturgical Events

- Feast of Christ the King Prayer Assembly - Monday 25th November 3 Green
- 1st Week of Advent Prayer Assembly Monday 2nd December 2 Green
- 2nd Week of Advent Prayer Assembly Monday 9th December 1/2 Gold
- End of Year Mass *including Kindy and Year 6 Blessing*: Wednesday 11th December 9:30am
- 3rd Week of Advent Prayer Assembly Monday 16th December 1 Green
- Year 6 Graduation: Monday 16th December 5:15 for 5:30 start



# St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

*Christmas is a time of hope, joy, and of giving from the heart.*

This year we are supporting St Vincent De Paul through donations of Christmas Hampers. If you are able to donate any of the following items please send items into school by Tuesday 10th December So that we can assemble the hampers ready to be delivered by St Vincent De Paul

- Lollies (no chocolate)
- Long Life Custard
- Jelly Crystals
- Christmas cake or pudding
- Jar of Jam or vegemite
- Sweet Biscuits
- Packet of Pasta
- Jar of Pasta Sauce
- Savoury Biscuits
- Couscous or rice
- Tin of Ham
- Tinned vegetables
- Tin of Tuna
- Tea Bags
- Jar of Coffee
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned fruit
- Cereal
- Gravy Mix
- Soup
- Christmas Decorations



# 2024 ACADEMIC AWARDS

At St Patrick's we greatly value teaching and learning. This term we will be celebrating educational achievement over the school year in each class.

These awards will acknowledge academic growth in the following Key Learning Areas;

- Religious Education (Week 6)
- English (Week 7)
- Music (Week 7)
- Mathematics (Week 8)
- P.E (Week 8)
- Teacher's choice (Week 9)
- Library (Week 9)



The awards will be presented at Friday morning assemblies starting from Week 6 22nd November.

## Maths challenge Coloured pens

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:**  
12 cubes without paint.

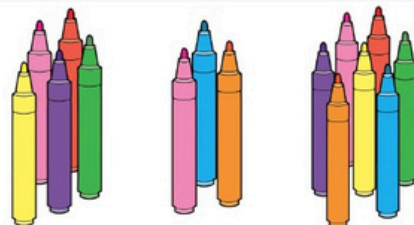
I have three sets of coloured pens.

Move some pens so each set has the **same number** of pens.

But there is a **rule...**

You can only move pens from one set.

Which set will pens move **from** and where will they go?



Living out our  
challenge for  
discipleship



One of the most  
sincere forms of  
respect is actually  
listening to what  
another has to say.  
- Bryant McGill

# PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 4 Weeks 5 and 6

We are respectful learners who  
speak and listen respectfully

Why is it important to develop this skill?

Respectful listening and speaking are powerful tools for building peace and resolving conflicts. This fortnight we want to encourage students to speak and communicate with each other effectively as well as listen to each other in order to resolve conflicts or issues with their peers in the best way.

Speaking and listening also are one of the keystone for learning. Not only listening to their teachers and parents but also their peers, as this is where they can also learn new ideas and different perspectives. Encourage students this fortnight to really listen to siblings, friends and even challenge them to give others feedback on their ideas too... it could make someone's day!

## Active listening



Ask your child "What makes you  
a good active listener"?

Use eye contact when speaking

Ask your child how they feel  
when you have "actively  
listened" to them.

## How can you help develop this at home?

Explain what 'active listening' is  
to your child, help them to  
understand its importance.

Be your child's role model and  
use the language of 'active  
listening' at home.

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

# LIBRARY NEWS



## Term FOUR



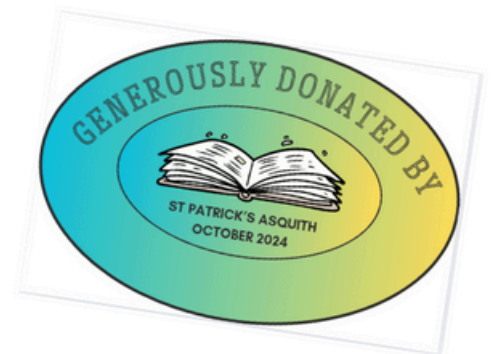
## BOOK FAIR update

The Larrikin House bookfair saw many wonderful books being purchased and read! A big thank you to the generous children and their families who purchased and donated many picture books and novels back to our new library. I am looking forward to seeing these children borrow and enjoy their donated books this week.

When you next borrow take a peek inside the cover to see if it was a donated book.

Thank you:

Akeyla S	Lila B
Michael S	Leo B
Evie W	Spencer W
James W	Amelia C
Grace W	Abi N
Violet K	Dylan K
William P	Dominic D
Luke P	Evie H
Liza O	James B



The book fair was a hugely successful event and allowed us to receive 35% of the profits to buy new books for the library. We are blessed to have made \$1600 to spend and I have excitedly been spending it on the children's wish lists and updated nonfiction books.

## Maker Space

We have also started to use our maker space. The children have loved having a space to spread out in and let their imagination and creativity flow. Stage one was inspired to design and make playdough monsters that required a tail and to stand on its own after reading 'I need my monster'.







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