



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

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,

I take the opportunity at the beginning of this year to encourage all parents to become involved in the school community in some way. Each and every action of support from parents large or small goes a long way to making our community a huge success by creating a nurturing and enriching environment for the children in our school.

We are looking forward to sharing some wonderful opportunities for you to get involved in our school initiatives. Please know that your participation not only enhances the learning experiences for the children but also strengthens the positive connections within our community. Each year I see familiar faces at the canteen, helping with the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, helping at excursions or in classrooms, supporting school and parish family masses, being an active member of the P&F, attending meetings or assisting at the sports carnival.

I encourage parents to volunteer to support at least one school event in 2025. Whether it's helping with setup, packing away, serving tea and coffee, managing a gala day team or cooking the BBQ we will welcome allcomers with open arms.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and dedication. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and initiatives!

P&F Welcome BBQ

Each year the P&F host a Welcome BBQ that is well attended by families in our school community. It is an opportunity for families to reconnect in a relaxed social setting after the summer holiday break. This year's Welcome BBQ is scheduled for Friday 28th February 5pm- 7pm. The sausage BBQ is free, and there will be drinks to purchase on the night.

Please fill in this registration form if you are attending so that we can gauge how many sausages are required on the night: <https://forms.gle/4wbTySopQeFUBZDUA>

If you can help on the night, please volunteer for one of these jobs:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4AA8AC2BA2FE3-55166623-pfwelcome>

We look forward to enjoying a sausage sizzle and some fun activities for the children.

Parent Information Meetings

We had a very healthy turnout of parents to our Parent Information Sessions this week. I thank parents who were able to attend the meetings this week. It demonstrates your interest and commitment to your child's schooling and your support for their teacher. I hope parents appreciated the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about the organisational routines and learning focus for 2025.

We will be scheduling Parent/Teacher Meetings early next term. Parents do not need to wait until then if they wish to communicate important information to their child's class teacher. I encourage parents to make an appointment through the school office or communicate information via an email to the school office to be passed on to the class teacher.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

School Open Day

Each year I call on all parents to assist in promoting our school as the perfect place for new students to attend. If you know of parents who have preschool children ready to start school in 2026 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith and encourage them to attend one of our School Open Day sessions on Thursday 20th March to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for their child.

Parents can register their attendance via the school website or using the following link: [School Open Day 2025](#)

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

I thank parents who use the morning kiss and drop-off zone each morning as I have noticed it operating smoothly during the last week. Most parents are using the area thoughtfully by driving through to the furthest point possible in the No Parking Zone outside the bottom gate which is allowing other cars to use the space behind your car. I again ask that parents remain in the car when dropping as this keeps the traffic moving. This week I communicated the arrival and dismissal procedures for our school.

2025 Staff Development Days

Each year our staff have days set aside during the school year for professional learning opportunities. If parents require supervision for their child during this time, our Out of Hours School Care provider Catholic Care will be providing a service on these days. Parents can contact them via phone: 0481 602 053 or email: oshc@asquithcatholiccarebb.org.au

The planned Staff Development Days for 2025 are outlined below:

Term 1 - 2025:

Friday 11 April - Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

Term 2 - 2025:

Monday 28 & Tuesday 29 April - Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

Friday 4 July - Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

Term 3 - 2025:

Monday 21 July - Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

Friday 26 September - Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

Term 4 - 2025:

Thursday 18 & Friday 19 December - Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

Project Compassion -Pancake Tuesday 4th March

Thank you to the P&F and Mrs Lloyd-Jones for organising Pancake Tuesday again. The fun event will be held on Tuesday 4th March (Week 5). Pancakes are available to order on QKR and are \$1 each. Money raised from Pancake Tuesday supports our fundraising for Project Compassion.

Parish News

Parents are encouraged to click on the link to connect with all the current information regarding the parish through parish website including the weekly Parish Bulletin.

Link- [Parish Bulletin](#)

Parish Children's Choir welcomed and are still welcoming new members from Year 3 and up. No previous experience is required to join the Choir - you just need to be interested and be ready to learn. You will work with other young people, listen, and sing. You will learn the music and how to sing gradually with practice. The Choir practises every Friday during school terms, from 4 to 5pm in the church, and sings at 10am Mass at St Patrick's on 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, and other special occasions. We'd love you to join - just come along to practice and register, and start singing! NB: Parents and carer's welcome afternoon tea is on Friday during practice. For further information, contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or email stpatscchoir@gmail.com.

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal .

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2025

Tuesday 4th March - Pancake Day

Tuesday 4th March - The Dish

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 12th March - Naplan Begins (yr 3 & 5)

Sunday 16th March - Kindy & Year 6 Mass 10am

Monday 17th March - St Patrick's Day Mass 9am

Thursday 20th March - St Patrick's Open Day

Thursday 3rd April - Cross Country

Friday 11th April - Last day term Pupil Free Day

Term 2 - 2025

Monday 28th April - SDD Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 29th April - SDD Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 30th April - First Day Term 2





AT ST PATRICK'S WE ARE SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNERS



Our PBL Focus this fortnight is...

Term 1 Weeks 3 and 4

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS

AT ST PATRICK'S WE ARE SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS



SAFE

- PLAY SAFELY AND FAIRLY
- MOVE SAFELY AT ALL TIMES
- CARE FOR OTHERS
- STAY SUN SAFE



RESPONSIBLE

- MAKE GOOD CHOICES
- RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME, RIGHT TASK
- LEARN AND LET OTHERS LEARN
- CARE FOR ALL PROPERTY
- CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT



RESPECTFUL

- LISTEN ACTIVELY
- TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR APPEARANCE
- TAKE TURNS AND INCLUDE OTHERS
- USE KIND WORDS AND ACTIONS
- SPEAK RESPECTFULLY



ST PATRICK'S
ASQUITH

PBL LAUNCH

Last year we launched our PBL (Positive Behaviours for Learning) system at St Patrick's. Starting back this year, we will be unpacking each of our values and what this looks like in our school.

Children are becoming familiar with this language and know that by showing expected behaviours they can earn stamps, lucky tokens and then onto their Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards.

Looking after their belongings, bedroom and toys at home - they are responsible for their own belongings.

Composting, recycling or doing return and earn at home

Starting homework tasks and reading at home - responsible for their learning

How can we support this at home?

Being responsible for being the things they need to school each day - hats, notes, books etc

Making good choices and listening to instructions for transitioning to different parts of their day e.g. bed time, dinner, going to sport etc.

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

Religious Education

The Dish:

We are proud to be able to support The Dish again this year. The Dish is an important part of the local community supporting disadvantaged people in the Hornsby area through food and friendship. It serves a hot meal

to over 40 people, distributes fresh food from local businesses that would otherwise go to waste and operates a food bank.

We have been rostered onto The Dish for the following dates:

Term 1 Week 5 Tuesday 4th March

Term 2 Week 9 Tuesday 24th June

Term 3 Week 9 Tuesday 16th September

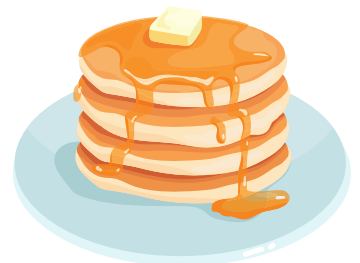
Term 4 Week 9 Tuesday 9th December



On each occasion volunteers from St Patrick's cook a meal such as curry and rice, pasta bake, stir fry and vegetables. The beautiful St Patrick children in the Mercy Action Group help to prepare a dessert to take. Last year we were also able to take along generous donations of fruit or fruit salad (very popular) as well as tea, coffee and long life milk. If you are able to support The Dish, even just once this year please complete [this form](#) or contact Mrs Lloyd-Jones. Thank you for your generosity.

Pancake Day

To launch our Project Compassion Lent Fundraising we will be hosting a pancake day on Tuesday 4th February. Pancakes are available for \$1 either plain, with butter or with jam. Gluten free options are available. Please order pancakes through QKR by Thursday 27th February. Thank you to the PnF for supporting this day.



Ash Wednesday Mass

Please join with us for a special school mass on Wednesday 5th March at 9:30 for to commemorate Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. All children K-6 will be attending this mass.

Term 1 Liturgical Events

Week 5: Wednesday 5th March 9:30am - Ash Wednesday Mass

Week 7: Sunday 16th March 10am - Kindergarten and Year 6 Family Mass (and Parish St Patrick Celebration)

Week 7: Monday 17th March 9am - St Patrick's Feast Day

Parish Family Masses

Term 2: Sunday 25th May 10am - Stage 1

Term 3: Sunday 24th August 10am - Stage 2 Parish Family Mass

Term 4: Sunday 9th August 10am - Year 5 and Future Kindy Parish Family Mass



**KURINGAI CHASE PARISH
ST PATRICK'S
FEAST DAY
CELEBRATION**

**KINDERGARTEN
&
YEAR 6**

Sunday 16th March 10am
St Patrick's Church

Kindergarten and Year 6 students with their families are invited to join the 10am St Patrick's Sunday Mass followed by Morning Tea.

Kindy and Year 6 who attend will be participating in a reflection that they have prepared.



LIBRARY

Our new library and maker space have excitedly welcomed the children back this year! We love having so much space and being able to read and learn in the different areas.

Please remind your children to bring their library bags on their assigned day so they can borrow one of our MANY new books.

eLibrary

Each child has an account to St Pat's online eLibrary. It is a great place to find the latest releases or new books we do not have in our library to read. To log in scan your child's unique QR Code or log in via the website <https://stpatasquith.eplatform.co/>

Coming Up:

PRC reading challenge begins 24th February. New students log in details will be sent home next week.





St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Asquith

OPENDAY

Thursday 20th March 2025



Visit our newly renovated
classrooms, learning spaces,
Library and more!



Gain a real sense of the St
Patrick's community.



Meet our Principal, teachers,
students and parents.



Learn about St Patrick's faith
led approach.

TWO SESSIONS:

- 9am – 10:30am
- 5:30pm – 7pm

Mr Todd Vane-Tempest
PRINCIPAL



**Scan NOW
To Register**

NorthShoreOpenDays.com.au



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Maths challenge

4 birds

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:

40 five coins

Can you put the birds into their nests?

The **blue** bird's nest is the first in line.

The **red** birds are next to each other.

The **green** bird is between a **red** bird and a **blue** bird.



A PLACE WHERE
Wonder IS
UNCOVERED



YOUR GIRL GUIDES CONTACT

Asst District Manager

– Berowra Mt Colah District

MtColahDM@

girlguides-nswactnt.org.au

FIND OUT WHERE

joinguides.com.au

GIRL GUIDES MEET NEAR YOU

Mt Colah Guides

For girls 5-12 years old
Tuesdays 5.30–7.30pm

Mt Colah Guide Hall,
End of Pierre Close, Mt Colah NSW 2079



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A PLACE
to **GRGOW**

Parent Engagement

Welcome New Families

I hope our returning families have had a smooth and successful return to school.

I extend a warm welcome to all the new families in our community. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, I can be contacted through the school office or at school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Webinars

Catholic Care provide many opportunities for parents to take advantage of parenting and webinars. You can find more info on what Catholic Care has to offer [here](#).

Prouille Catholic Primary School have invited our parents to join a free Webinar: Tackling School Refusal – Strategies for Parents and Families. Please use the link provided to register.



When: Wednesday 26 February 2025

Time: 7pm AEDT



Where: Online via Zoom

This free webinar will explore practical strategies to support children and families experiencing school refusal and build your child's confidence and resilience in the classroom.



Register Now:
<https://forms.office.com/r/CnhnbFHRNC>
Spaces are limited, so secure your spot today! 🗨️ Share this with someone who might benefit from some advice and compassionate support.

Childrens Liturgy

Children's Liturgy has commenced at St Patrick's Asquith and is held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of month.

Children from PreK-Year 6 are invited to come along during school terms to hear the Word of God in a way they understand.

Sessions will run for approx. 20 min in the first half of the Mass.

Parents are welcome to join their children. All facilitators have WWCC's. For more information contact: Chris V on hushh@hotmail.com

Have a great week!
Carley McCarthy
Parent Engagement Coordinator



St Pat's Uniform Shop

**Open Mondays
and
Wednesdays
8:30-9am**

The uniform shop will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays 8.30am till 9am for:

- purchasing second hand items
- trying new uniform for sizing
- purchasing new uniform

All in-person purchases new and secondhand will be processed via the Qkr! app. EFTPOS available. Cash for secondhand uniform only.

All new uniform ordered via the Qkr! app will be delivered to your child's classroom. Orders submitted by Sunday 4pm will be delivered on Monday. Orders submitted by 4pm on Tuesday will be delivered on Wednesday.

Please remember to update your child's new class for 2025 on the Qkr! app.

Edlyn, Michelle, Suzie W, Lucky & Agi

Uniform shop volunteers
stpatsuniformshop@gmail.com



Loreto Normanhurst



Join us for **Open Day**

Saturday, 15 March 2025

Campus Tours | Presentations | Learning and Extra-curricular Showcase
Meet our Staff and Students | Food Stalls | Farm Animals

Register Now at loretonh.nsw.edu.au

Discover where Loreto Normanhurst can take you.