



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

Fr Joy Thomas OSH

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,

During our Ash Wednesday Mass we were reminded of the significance of the three pillars that help us journey to Easter: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. These pillars are not just traditions but essential practices that ground us in what is important and called to do in our lives.

Prayer is the cornerstone of our relationship with God. Through prayer, we open our hearts and minds to God's presence, seeking guidance, strength, and grace. During Lent, we are called to deepen our prayer life, setting aside dedicated time for conversation with God. Whether through traditional prayers, meditation, or contemplative silence, prayer allows us to align our will with God's and draw closer to Him.

Fasting, or self-denial, is a way to detach ourselves from worldly comforts. By voluntarily abstaining from certain things, we create space to focus on spiritual nourishment and dependence on God. Fasting reminds us of our reliance on God for sustenance and helps us cultivate self-discipline and self-control. Almsgiving, or acts of charity and generosity, reflect the love and compassion of Jesus. During Lent, we are called to reach out to those in need, sharing our blessings with others and embodying the spirit of solidarity and service. Almsgiving includes acts of kindness, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Through our generosity, we become instruments of God's love, bringing hope and healing to a broken world.

Each of these pillars—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—plays a vital role in our Lenten journey, guiding us towards spiritual renewal and deeper communion with God and one another. May this Lenten season be a time of profound spiritual growth and encounter with the living God.

P & F Welcome BBQ

Even though it was the end of a very hot day, on Friday evening we had a great roll-up of families to the P & F Welcome BBQ. I thank our P & F committee for staging another successful community event with fun activities and entertainment for all and to top it off a well cooked BBQ. It was pleasing to see many parents reconnect with each other after the holiday break and hope that all parents will take the opportunity to participate in future events when they can.

School Open Day

We are gearing up to showcase our school at the School Open Day on Thursday 20th March. This is an important event on the school calendar where we invite prospective parents wishing to enrol their child for 2026 to come and see why St. Patrick's would be a great choice.

I am encouraged by the early interest in our Open Day with more than 30 families registering their interest to attend one of the two sessions on offer.

Parents who have children ready to begin school next year can register their attendance via the school website or by using the following link: [School Open Day 2025](#)

I am also calling 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 as the school for them. Please encourage them to attend one of our School Open Day sessions on Thursday 20th March to see and hear why St. Patrick's Asquith is the perfect place for their child.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Feast Day will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday 16th March on the 2nd Sunday of Lent and then at school on Monday the 17th March.

During the school day we will have a host of activities throughout the day:

- The children can wear their school uniform with a touch of something green e.g., t-shirt, ribbon, or another accessory. Some items may be appropriate to wear after mass.
- Parents are welcome and encouraged to be on site and have some fun before school begins and I encourage parents to practice some handball or skipping to prepare for a fun morning.
- All classes will celebrate St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass together at 9:00am- parents are welcome to attend.
- Peer Support and Classroom-based activities during the day.

We are looking forward to a great celebration.

Kinder and Year 6 Family Parish Mass

Our Kindy and Year 6 groups will celebrate the first family parish mass for the Year on Sunday 16th March at 10:00am. Although it is the 2nd Sunday of Lent, the parish will also acknowledge the Feast of St. Patrick at this mass and invite all families to come and be part of the celebration. This is a great chance for families to connect with each other and with the parish community.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

At the beginning of each year many parents will generously donate school uniforms back to the school to resell as good quality second-hand uniforms. As a result of this kindness the Uniform Shop has an excess of second hand items, therefore are having a sale. Parents needing an extra uniform item are encouraged to come along the sale next Monday 10th March and/or Wednesday 12th March between 8.30 - 9.30am. Second hand items are only - \$2 with payments via QKR or cash (small change and notes only).

Easter Egg Raffle

I thank our Year 6 parents in advance for supporting this year's Easter Egg Basket Raffle fundraiser that will go towards the Year 6 school gift for 2025. Tickets will be sold at school by our Year 6 students, at the P&F Welcome BBQ or purchased online through QKR. The Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn following the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 9th April (Week 10).

Easter Hat Parade

On Wednesday 9th April (Week 10) we will be holding our K-2 Easter Hat Parade. The parade will be held in the shade sail area, commencing around 9am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing the many creative Easter hats. More information will be sent to K-2 parents soon.

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](#)

The Parish Children's Choir will be singing this Sunday, 9th March during the 10AM mass. You are most welcome to join the Coffee Corner after. If you/your children have a passion for singing, it's never too late to become part of our choir family—no audition necessary. Choir practice is every Friday during school terms from 4-5pm at the church. For more information, please contact Patricia Smith at 9482 7935 or email stpatschoir@gmail.com.

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal .

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2025

- 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
- Tuesday 25th March - Stage 2 Excursion - Australian Museum
- Thursday 27th March - Fr Joy Farewell Mass 9am
- 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 5 and 6

WE ARE RESPECTFUL 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

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Being a respectful learner means showing kindness, responsibility, and a positive attitude towards learning. It involves listening carefully to teachers and classmates, following instructions, and valuing different ideas and perspectives. Respectful learners take care of their school environment, use polite language, and contribute to a supportive and inclusive classroom. They also show perseverance, take turns in discussions, and encourage others to do their best. By demonstrating respect in our learning, we create a space where everyone feels safe, valued, and motivated to succeed.

Encourage active listening – Model and reinforce listening without interrupting.

Model respectful communication – Use polite language and respectful tone in conversations.

Encourage problem-solving – Help children navigate conflicts calmly and respectfully.

How can we support this at home?

Promote kindness and empathy – Discuss the importance of treating others with respect.

Choose kindness and support others in need this Lent – Project Compassion, fundraisers, The Dish

Set clear expectations – Talk about school rules and why they matter.

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

Religious Education

Lent

Ash Wednesday

Lent Begins



Reminds us of our call to repent and believe in the Gospels.

40 Days

The season of Lent lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays) and represents the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert. This is a time of reflection, repentance and growing closer to God. We are asked to pray, fast and give to help prepare our hearts for Jesus at Easter

Palm Sunday



Commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem.

Pray

Prayer is our conversation with God. During Lent we should take more opportunities to talk with God and listen for what he has to say to us through the scriptures.



Holy Thursday

Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and passover.



Fast

What can we give up during Lent so as to grow closer to God. Perhaps we go without our favourite treats or stop playing video games and instead use that time to help someone.



Good Friday

We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice on the cross



Give

Giving is the ways that we are able to support others especially those less fortunate than us. It may be through donations to Project Compassion or by giving of our time.



Religious Education

The Dish:

Thank you for the wonderful families, staff and students who helped to support The Dish this week. The guests at the dish were most impressed with the many meals that we supplied. Over the course of the evening we served 40 people which is a quiet night for The Dish at the moment.



If you would like to support The Dish, for a future date this year please complete this form or contact Mrs Lloyd-Jones. Thank you for your generosity.

Pancake Day and Project Compassion

Thank you for your support of Pancake Tuesday to raise money for Project Compassion. There was over 350 pancakes purchased which is a great start for our Project Compassion fundraising. Students were very excited to enjoy their pancakes. Thanks to the PnF for supporting and Keely and Maegan for preparing.



This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring hope and opportunity to those most in need.

Term 1 Liturgical Events

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

Week 8: Thursday 27th March 9am - Farewell to Father Joy

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.





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

Perimeter

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.

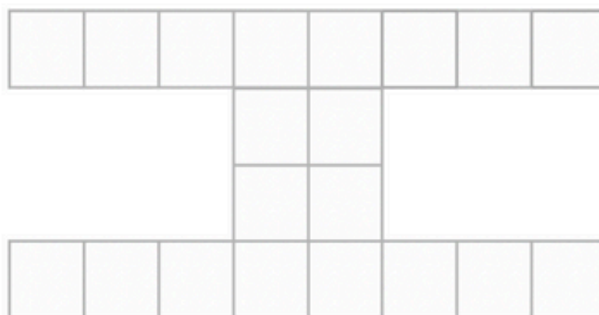
Solution from last newsletter:

Bird order = blue, green, red, red

This figure is made of **squares**.

The **area** of the entire figure is **320 square centimetres**.

How many centimetres is the **perimeter** of the entire figure?



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**



ICAS All-Stars.

Celebrating State Champions in Academics

The all-new ICAS All-Stars competition allows students to compete in the next level of ICAS and be celebrated as state champions.

This exclusive event recognises the top academic achievers in the state, giving your child a platform to showcase their skills and gain recognition at the highest level.

- Eligibility: Your child must have participated in ICAS 2024 in New South Wales and achieved a merit or above.
- Win up to \$1,500 in prizes!



Enrolment link:
<https://eduvision.com.au/events-and-competitions>





SALE
second hand
uniform

Monday 10th March
Wednesday 12th March
8.30am - 9.30am

All second hand items only
\$2!

**Qkr! payments or cash (coins
or small notes only).**

**Stock and sizes of uniform
and accessories varies.**



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.



ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 22 MARCH

Chatswood Campus 9am - 2pm

35 Anderson Street Chatswood

Oxford Falls Campus 8am - 12noon

1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

at www.spx.nsw.edu.au





ST PIUS X COLLEGE

OXFORD FALLS CAMPUS

Just 10 kilometres from the main Chatswood Campus, the Oxford Falls Campus features state of the art educational and sporting facilities. Covering six hectares it is the home ground for sport, extracurricular activities and special events.

The complex features:

Sporting

- 2 Indoor Gymnasiums
- 5 Basketball Courts
- 4 Rugby and Football Fields
- 4 Cricket Nets
- 2 Cricket Wickets (1 Turf and 1 Synthetic)
- 2 Outdoor Tennis / Basketball Courts
- Full Athletics Facilities
- Change rooms

Venue

- Multi-Purpose Hall seats 1500
- Full AV, sound and lighting system
- Multi-Purpose Seminar room seats 200
- 2 Function Catering rooms
- 2 Canteens, BBQ facilities
- 2 Classrooms, with full AV facilities
- Kitchen Prep room
- Staff rooms
- Onsite and offsite parking

OPEN DAY SATURDAY 22 MARCH

Chatswood Campus 9am - 2pm at 35 Anderson Street, Chatswood
Oxford Falls Campus 8am - 12noon at 1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls