



# 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,

Yesterday, our school hosted two very successful School Open Day sessions with around 60 families taking the opportunity to tour our new facilities and find out why St. Patrick's is a great school. We received very positive feedback from those attending and I have already started to hold enrolment interviews for Kindergarten 2026.

A huge thank you to our Stage 3 leaders who conducted the tours with prospective parents and were most impressive in demonstrating in a practical way what it means to be a student here at St. Patrick's. It was wonderful to see these students speak with confidence and with pride about their school.

I also thank our wonderful parent volunteers and staff for their efforts to support the Open Day by volunteering their time on Thursday to meet new parents, express an authentic and positive view of the school, serve tea and coffee and thoroughly welcome our visitors to the school. It is this positive and generous sentiment that always impresses parents seeking a school for their child.

### Enrolment for 2026

If parents 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 via a link on our website.

The school initially requires up to 28 enrolments to create one class before a second class will be considered. Enrolments beyond that number will be placed on a waiting list until we have enough applications to make a second class.

I strongly encourage you to complete your enrolment form and return it to the school office as soon as possible, as this will help secure your child's place for kindergarten next year. I also encourage parents to tell you friends who have children starting school to consider St. Patrick's, as that could boost enrolments and secure a second kindergarten class.

### St Patrick's Feast Day

The children enjoyed celebrating last Monday's St. Patrick's Feast Day by wearing a touch of green, getting involved with many fun activities throughout the day and learning about our Patron Saint- St. Patrick.

It was great to see our St. Patrick's Day Mass being well supported by our parent community. Fr. Joseph through his homily reminded the children of the special place St. Patrick has in the history of our church. As the Patron Saint of Ireland, he inspired and created an incredible legacy in that country but also around the world as Irish missionaries- priests, brothers and nuns, went many countries spreading the Good News of the Christian faith. It was St. Patrick's Faith, Courage and Determination that inspired many people to their faith.

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## Kindergarten- Open Classrooms

A reminder to all Kinder parents that on Wednesday 26th or Thursday 27th March, parents of Kindergarten students are invited to come to school and see the children in action in their class setting. Parents will be able to visit the classroom, meet and greet the teachers and generally get a feel of school life for your child.

We have chosen two afternoons to assist parents with some flexibility, and this will also mean the classrooms aren't too densely crowded with parents (to assist, please choose one or the other date rather than both). In the past, some grandparents have attended in place of parents due to parent work commitments. The chosen dates and schedule are below:

- 2:00pm: Meet in the hall for informal chat with Mr Vane-Tempest.
- 2.15pm: Parents go to their child's class, look at some of his/her work and chat to your child about "class life". Class teachers are available to informally chat to parents.
- 2.45pm: Parents can take their child home for the day.

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Next term, during Week 2, we will be offering more formalised appointments for parents and class teachers to meet. At these meetings we will feed back how your child has started and is progressing so far. At the appropriate time we will send home details of how to book online for these meetings.

## St. Leo's Open Day- 26th March, 3.30pm-7:00pm

2025 Open Evening & Expo – Wednesday, 26 March 2025 – 3pm-7pm! Interested parents that register to attend will be sent a schedule of activities and reminder closer to the date. The annual Open Evening and Expo will provide parents the best opportunity to experience everything that St Leo's has to offer! [Open Evening 2025 – Register Now! – St Leo's Catholic College](#)

## Vacation Care and Staff Development Day

We are also pleased to announce that our Out of Hours School Care provider Catholic Care is now providing Vacation Care at St. Patrick's each holiday period beginning with the upcoming Easter break at the end of Term 1. There will be a mix of at school activities, incursions and excursions. Interested parents can contact St. Patrick's OSHC, Asquith via Ph: 0481 602 053 or by E: [oshc.asquith@catholiccareddb.org.au](mailto:oshc.asquith@catholiccareddb.org.au)

A reminder that the school staff has professional learning opportunities at the end of Term 1 and the beginning and end of Term 2. 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.

## 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, 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, 23rd of March with our lovely new members. For those in years 3 and up, come join our practices every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5 PM at the church. For more information, please contact Patricia Smith at 9482 7935 or email [kccpcchoir@gmail.com](mailto:kccpcchoir@gmail.com).

God bless,  
Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal .

### Dates to Remember

#### Term 1 - 2025

Tuesday 25th March - Stage 2 Excursion - Australian Museum  
Wednesday 26th March - Kinder Open Classroom 2pm  
Thursday 27th March - Kinder Open Classroom 2pm  
Thursday 27th March - Fr Joy Farewell Mass 9am  
Friday 28th March - Crazy Hair Day  
Wednesday 2nd April - Cross Country  
Wednesday 9th April - Easter Hat Parade K-2 - 9am  
Thursday 10th April - Last day for Students  
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 7 and 8

# WE ARE **RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS WHO** **MAKE GOOD CHOICES**

AT ST PATRICK'S WE ARE **RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS**  
WHEN WE:

### MAKE GOOD CHOICES

THIS LOOKS LIKE:

- THINK BEFORE YOU ACT TO AVOID MAKING MISTAKES.
- CHOOSE TO BE KIND AND HELPFUL TO OTHERS.
- DO THE RIGHT THING, EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING.
- FOLLOW SCHOOL RULES TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.
- ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU'RE UNSURE WHAT TO DO.



ST PATRICK'S  
ASQUITH

### PBL FOCUS

Over the next two weeks, we will talk to children about what is a good choice, how to make a good choice to help their own and others' learning, and a good choice for being safe and caring.

Things we can encourage our students to do:

- Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task
- Choosing to be safe and caring in your actions
- Make a good choice that benefits everyone around them and not just themselves
- Make good learning choices to allow them to do their best
- Be the best that they can be

Making sure they are including all their friends in online games.

Problem solving at home.

Playing safely and looking after their toys in a responsible way.

### How can we support this at home?

Thinking out strategies to making a calm decision - traffic lights, breathing, counting to three.

Making responsible choices for completing homework on time and helping out at home.

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

# Religious Education

## Project Compassion

This Lent, we're invited to Unite Against Poverty with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - a time of renewal and solidarity.

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. Students will meet Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank improving hygiene and allowing the teachers to prioritise education.

We will also get to know Lam from Vietnam, born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities - through the I-SHINE program, Lam is now a freelance graphic designer.

And we'll meet Irene from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

Thank you for your support for Project Compassion. From our Pancake Day we have already raised \$210. Next week we will have a crazy hair/hat day with a donation to continue our support for Project Compassion.



**Crazy Hair Day**  
Friday 28th March  
Gold Coin Donation for Caritas



## Term 1 Liturgical Events

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

Week 9: Thursday 10th April - Reflections on the Events of Holy Week

## 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 November 10am - Year 5 and Future Kindy Parish Family Mass



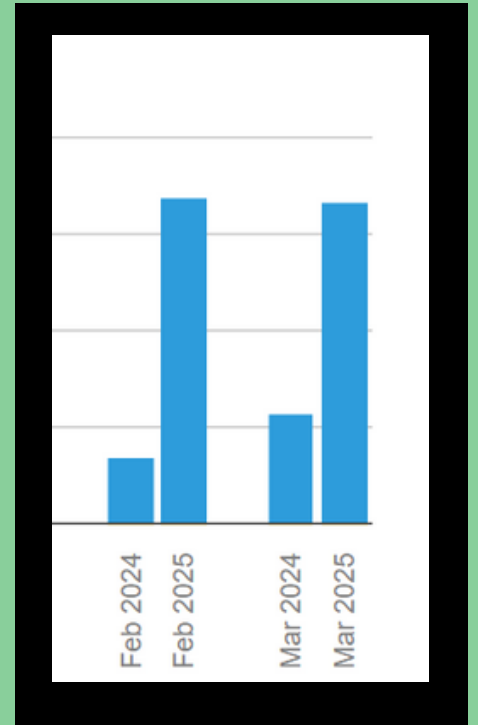


# LIBRARY

## eLibrary

It has been amazing to see so much activity on our eLibrary this month.

The graph compares borrowing in in March 24 & 25 and this month increased our borrowing by 180 books!!!! It is wonderful to see this space being used and valued. There has been some technical issues with the increase of site activity but we thank you for your patience and hope to have all these issues ironed out soon. To assist with this we ask once your child has finished reading a book they return it digitally to allow others to borrow and enjoy.



## PRC


It has been wonderful to see so many children keen to read and complete the Premier Reading Challenge. Many children are requesting books to borrow from the reading list and we are learning where these books are located in our library space and how to find them.

We have some children so close to completing the challenge and we can't wait to celebrate each child as they complete the PRC.

The first 5 students to complete the challenge will receive a special surprise and the first class a big treat! Keep reading and enjoying the magic the book adventures bring.



**PRC PODCAST - BETWEEN THE BOOKSHELVES.** You can now enjoy episodes every Friday during the school term listening to book recommendations and reviews by authors specifically for the PRC.



## Maths challenge

### Paper planes

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:**

Perimeter = 144 cm

Five children are in a paper plane competition.

Alana's throw was further than Louella's but not as far as Bernard's.

Who threw the paper plane the furthest?



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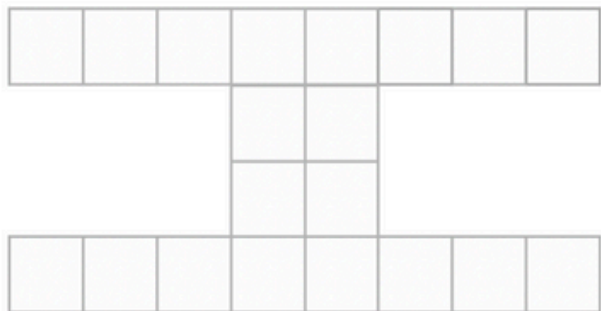
#### **Solution from last newsletter:**

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?



# ***VOLUNTEER P&F TREASURER***

***WE NEED YOUR HELP!***

## **Position Details**

- **Approx 2-4 hours per term**
- **Process payments for P&F events (suppliers/expenses)**
- **Reconcile bank account & prepare Finance report**
- **Reconcile event takings and request funds transfer from CSBB**
- **Liaise with Auditor to have accounts Audited (ad hoc)**



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**ST PATRICK'S ASQUITH OSHC**

# VACATION CARE IS COMING!

**APRIL 2025**




St Patrick's OSHC is excited to bring you vacation care this April!



OSHC Olympics



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