



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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,

While we have many families registered to attend our School Open Day scheduled for next Thursday 20th March, I request that current families continue to promote our school as a great choice for enrolment.

Why choose St. Patrick's?

- We are a smaller school where each child is known, valued, and cared for by our teachers and the school community.
- We are proud of our commitment to the children's learning and encourage our children to develop independence by taking responsibility for their own learning in an environment of support, nurturing and partnership between the teachers and parents.
- We recognise that each student is different, and as we come to know them well, we seek to teach towards their unique characteristics.
- While we proudly focus on academic success but more than that we develop the whole child, their social and emotional needs, spiritually and their physical development through sport and movement.
- We support the children in their faith journey and achieving outstanding educational standards and we strive to give our students every opportunity in performing arts, music, sports and extra-curricular activity.

I encourage parents who have children ready to begin school next year to register their attendance via the school website or using the following link: [School Open Day 2025](#) I also ask parents seeking enrolment to submit applications as soon as possible to secure a place early.

I thank in advance the support from our Year 6 leaders who will be conducting school tours at the Open Day sessions. They will demonstrate firsthand what it means to be a student here at St. Patrick's – showing the confidence, pride and articulation we aspire for all students.

St Patrick's Feast Day 2025

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:

- From 8:00am, parents are welcome and encouraged to be on site and have some fun before school begins. I encourage parents to practice some handball or skipping to prepare for a fun morning.
- The children can wear their school uniform and bring a touch of something green to wear after mass e.g., ribbon, hat, badge or another accessory.
- We will have a short assembly as all classes will celebrate St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass together at 9:00am- again, parents are welcome to attend.
- At 11:30am the children will enjoy some Irish Dancing by some of our students.
- From 11:45am the children will have a chance to reconnect with their Peer Support group as they participate in a range of fun team games and activities.
- During the afternoon, the children will learn more about St. Patrick with classroom-based activities.

We are looking forward to a great celebration.

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Kinder and Year 6 Family Parish Mass

Our Kindy and Year 6 groups will celebrate the first family parish mass for the Year this 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.

Kindergarten- Open Classrooms

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.

Harmony Day- Friday 21st March

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity. The theme this year is 'Everyone Belongs'.

The children can acknowledge Harmony Day on Friday 21st March by wearing clothing representing their cultural background or the colour orange e.g. t-shirt, ribbon, hair tie, shoelaces etc. Please be aware that the wearing of orange is optional. Parents are not expected to head to the shops to purchase an orange coloured item if you don't have something available to wear at home.

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

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, 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.

Kuringai-Chase Parish

Parents are encouraged to click on the link to connect with all the current information regarding the parish through the parish website including the weekly Parish Bulletin. Link- [Parish Bulletin](#)

The Parish Children's Choir is excited to welcome new members this month! Come and hear your friends sing at the 10AM school Mass this Sunday, March 16th. Practices are 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 stpatcschoir@gmail.com.

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal .

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2025

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 9am & 5.30pm

Friday 21st March - Harmony Day

Wednesday 2nd 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