

# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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#### **PARISH CLERGY**

Father Shaju John OSH Parish Priest of Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Parish Fr Joy Thomas OSH Assistant Priest of the Parish

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

St Patrick's Asquith St Bernard's Berowra Heights Mass by appointment only.

Please call the Parish Office 9456 2450 to book.

## NEWSLETTER Term 2, Week 6, 3rd June 2020

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Guringai and Dharug people, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



#### PRINCIPAL news

Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to enjoy having the children back at school fulltime. The school has become busy again and hearing the happy sounds of children playing and seeing them learning in class has been wonderful to experience again. I pray that you and your family remain safe and well during this time and thank our entire school community for the ongoing support.

#### Covid-19 School Plan

Yesterday I provided a school plan in the event of a positive COVID-19 case in our school. I want to reassure you that our school is prepared. I also want you to be aware of the role that parents and carers have if they are required to respond.

Please be assured that there are currently NO diagnosed cases of COVID-19 at our school, and there is no need for

I ask that you take the time to read the plan sent home yesterday and encourage you to have a copy readily available to refer to if required. Please inform the office if any students in your family have been tested for Covid-19, we are required to keep a register. Rest assured that this information will be kept confidential.

#### Kindergarten Enrolments for 2021

We are now in the process of meeting families who have applied for enrolments in Kinder 2021. I warmly encourage parents who are seeking enrolment, or families you know who are seeking enrolment for Kindergarten 2021 and have not yet applied, to do so in the *next two weeks*. Please pick up an application package from the office, or <u>download here</u> to receive one.

Once enrolment forms are completed and returned, an enrolment interview will be scheduled to complete the enrolment process. Please contact the school office on (02) 9477 3800 to make an appointment. I am looking forward to meeting all families while still maintaining a social distance.

#### **School Tours**

Unfortunately, we are currently unable to have tours of the school during school hours. Parents and carers are more than welcome to book a tour with me after 3.30pm, Monday – Friday. We do invite parents and carers to view our VIRTUAL TOUR (coming soon to our school website) conducted by our senior students. It will give a student's perspective of the school.

#### **Virtual Open Day**

This year we are holding our OPEN DAYS with a difference! On **Wednesday 10th June from 9.30 am – 10.30 am** and **Wednesday 24th June from 5 pm – 6 pm**, I will conduct two ZOOM Q & A sessions for prospective enrolments.

Please register HERE and submit your questions so that we can send you further details.

#### School Fee Relief during Covid-19

With the return of full time face to face teaching the school will begin to send home school fee statements. Please be aware that we're supporting families as the impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt throughout our community. Our program to assist families who are experiencing difficulties with school fees due to COVID-19 can be found here:

https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/parenthub/Fee-Relief-during-Covid-19

#### **Covid-friendly Games**

The school has implemented procedures to increase hygiene and safety and particularly to increase social distancing. Parents are aware that the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal routines have changed but may not know that we have staggered play times and restricted some play areas and games.

This week we have started to encourage some "Covid-friendly Games" in the playground. Our Year 6 students have taken on a leadership role by teaching some old school games to the younger children. This week we are introducing hopscotch, elastics and marbles. For each game we have considered how to adjust the games to be Covid safe.

In coming weeks, we will look to introduce more games for the children to play. I invite parents to talk to their children about some of the games that were played when you were at school, that would also be Covid-friendly.

#### Safety Procedures-Evacuation and Lockdown

At St. Patrick's we value safety and this week the children have been learning about how to be safe at school. This includes who to ask for help when they are in the playground at break times and also our emergency procedures. Today we successfully practised our Lockdown and Evacuation procedures. It was great to see the children respond perfectly to the teachers instructions during both procedures.

#### Semester 1 Reports

Due to the Covid-19 situation that has impacted a significant part of Terms 1 & 2 this year, schools have been asked to consider what is the important content, knowledge and skills to focus on when full time face to face teaching resumed.

In response, the Catholic Schools Office Broken Bay has asked schools to focus primarily on teaching and assessing English, Mathematics and Religious Education and where appropriate teach other subjects. Over the coming weeks the teachers will be making decisions on what is best to be taught and assessed in class.

As a result, the Semester 1 Report will be an abridged version with grades for these three subjects along with school values and learning behaviours and a teacher comment. The school reports will be available later this term. We intend to hold parent/teacher interviews in the early weeks of Term 3. At this stage we are hopeful that we can conduct face to face meetings.

God bless you and your families
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal







# Virtual Morning/Evening Q&A

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2020 9.30am - 10.30am

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WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2020 6.00pm - 7.00pm REGISTER HERE





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## STUDENT AWARDS

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Anamaria D.	Ruwinka D.
K Green	Annalise W.	Natalia P.
1 Gold	Esha D.	Amy F.
2 Gold	Jacob U.	Oscar T.
2 Green	Luca C.	Gabriella R.
3 Gold	Niall C.	Charlize L.
3 Green	Jacob E.	Makayla M.
4 Gold	James S.	Pink R.
4 Green	Liam S.	Gloria S.
5 Green	Natasha S.	Koby L.
5/6 Gold	Matilda R.	Penny G.
6 Green	Jerry Z	Sheridan S.
Mrs Walton	Grant (2 Gold)	Elizabeth (4 Green)

# Week 5



## OFFICE news



Kiss and Drop:

Please advise the office if you require a new or replacement Kiss & Drop car name card to be created for you. We can send it home with your eldest child.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE # 4

