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PARISH CLERGY

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Patrick's Asquith
St Bernard's Berowra Heights
*Due to social distancing, please call the Parish Office
9456 2450 to reserve a seat at Mass.*

NEWSLETTER Term 2, Week 8, 17th 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,

In recent weeks we have been holding our school assemblies via a video conferencing platform. Our school leaders have been remarkable in their adaptability in leading the school in prayer, singing the national anthem, celebrating birthdays and presenting merit awards all via video conferencing from my office. It has been a very different experience that I am sure our school captains will not forget.

Good news from the NSW Government this week with further adjustments to the Covid-19 restrictions with schools now able to hold short assemblies. This week will be the first time we have been able to gather as a school for a few months and we look forward to enjoying these small blessings in the weeks ahead.

The NSW Government has maintained the restriction of parents and non-essential adults from school sites. We will continue at least in the short-term to meet and welcome children at the school gate and have extended times for pick-up in the afternoon. **If you need to enter the school grounds for any reason, please report to the school office first.**

Symptoms or Sickness

It is important that children are not sent to school if they are sick or have symptoms linked to the Covid-19 Coronavirus including sore or scratchy throat, runny nose, temperature or cough. Any student exhibiting these symptoms must stay at home. If a child becomes sick while at school or presents with symptoms linked with Covid-19, parents will be contacted to arrange for their child to be collected from school ASAP.

Notifying the School of Covid-19 Testing

From time to time over the coming months we will have students from our school who will be tested for Covid-19 as a necessary precaution. If you, a close family member or friend who you have had contact with, has been tested for COVID-19, I ask that you notify the school immediately and your child/children remain at home until the test results are known. I thank the parents who have already followed through with this request.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2021

As 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 as soon as possible. Please pick up an application package from the office, or [download here](#) to receive one. Once enrolment forms are completed and returned, an enrolment interview will be scheduled to complete the enrolment process.

Virtual Open Day

Next Wednesday, 24th June from 5 pm – 6 pm we will hold our second VIRTUAL OPEN DAY where a group of interested parents will join a meeting with Mrs Huggins, Mrs Russell and myself to find out more about our school. Please register [HERE](#) and submit your questions so that we can send you further details.

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.

School Fee Relief during Covid-19

Please be aware that we are 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>

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 during Week 10 and we intend to hold options for parent/teacher interviews in the early weeks of Term 3. More information regarding parent interviews will be provided in the coming weeks.

Traffic-Kiss and Drop Zone

Thank you to the many parents who are following the traffic procedures outlined last week for the Kiss and Drop Zone. Adhering to these procedures will make this a more bearable process.

We have been contacted by a neighbour to express their concern over cars doing quick U-turns in driveways or at the mouth of Dudley St after dropping children at the Kiss & Drop Zone. This area is a high pedestrian traffic zone for our school and neighbouring state schools. This includes young children and grandparents assisting with dropping off or picking up to and from school. I ask that parents be mindful of this concern and keep the safety of all a priority.

God bless you and your families

Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

A.P news

Uniform

All students should now be wearing their full winter uniform. Our [school website](#) provides a link to the uniform expectations. Please take time to view the appropriate accessories, particularly for hair and school shoes. Students will be reminded of uniform expectations at school, but we ask for your support in also ensuring your children are in the correct uniform.

Attendance and Compass

Thank you for your ongoing support of recording student absences via Compass. Please note that **only full day** absences should be entered via the APP. Partial absences should be recorded via the Compass kiosk in the office foyer when you drop off or collect your child. Class rolls are marked by class teachers at 9:00am. If your child arrives after this time, a parent must accompany the child to the office foyer to have the partial absence officially recorded.

Kylie Huggins
Assistant Principal

REC news (Carmel Kevill)

As we move back into normal school routine, a special focus in the children's learning has been in their Religious Education lessons. Some students in the primary classes have been involved in preparing a submission for the Bishop's Art Prize which is held every year. In 2020, The Bishop's Religious Art Prize is once again using the medium of **Film** to reflect on and respond to The Gospel of Matthew. You may want to ask your child to share what they have been doing for this project and what some of their learnings have been in Religious Education at school. Last Sunday, the Church celebrated the **Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**. This feast is of most importance to us as Catholics because it is the essence of our faith and the focal point of the Mass. Eucharist satisfies our need for love and food. As we eat the bread and drink the cup of Eucharist, we share in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. As we focus on this feast we think of our Year 3 students who are now preparing to receive this very important sacrament. We ask you to keep the Year 3 students and their families in your prayers as they continue in their preparation for this special moment in their faith journey.

This Friday, we celebrate the **Feast of the Sacred Heart**. This feast is a reminder of the tremendous love Jesus has for each of us and how we are asked to share that love with others. To coincide with this feast is the **Global Rosary Relay**. Every year the Broken Bay Diocese participates in the Annual Global Rosary Relay for the sanctification of priests on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, on 19 June 2020, when we encircle the world in prayer. This is its eleventh year, with more prayer locations than ever taking part in what is now recognised as a truly significant and powerful devotional initiative within the Catholic Church to recognise and bless the work of priests serving the faithful the world over.

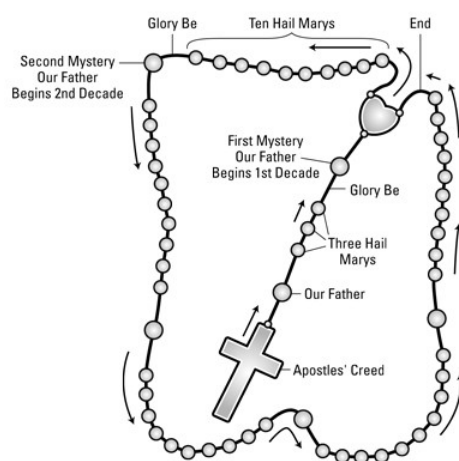
Broken Bay is an official Prayer Location, and our Rosary Prayer will be live-streamed from the Hornsby Cathedral on Friday June 19 at 10:30am. People from all over the world will joining us via our live-stream to pray together the Glorious Mysteries. Some of our students at St Patrick's will be taking part in this event.

If you would like to take part, here are the official details for the day:

The Rosary Prayer will be live-streamed from the [Vocations Broken Bay Facebook Page](#). As the family of the Church in Broken Bay, it is an opportunity for us to raise our hearts to God for all priests in the exercise of their ministry; that they will be blessed, through our prayers, with God's grace for their priesthood; that in this worldwide communion of prayer for them, they may experience our gratitude and support; and finally that they will persevere in unity with Christ and his Church and shepherd His People.

Reflection from Saint John Paul on the Rosary *"Today ... I am handing you the Rosary beads. Through prayer and meditation on the mysteries, Mary leads you safely towards her Son! Do not be ashamed to recite the Rosary alone, while you walk along the streets to school, to the university or to work, or as you commute by public transport. Adopt the habit of reciting it among yourselves, in your groups, movements and associations. Do not hesitate to suggest that it be recited at home ... because it rekindles and strengthens the bonds between family members. This prayer will help you to be strong in your faith, constant in charity, joyful and persevering in hope."* Pope John Paul II, 8 March 2003. We pray as a community that the Rosary will be a source of strength for us in the present circumstances that surround our world.





Mrs Carmel Kevill
Religious Education Co-ordinator



PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS (Doris Russell)

At St Patrick's we are Safe Learners.
We are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task when we:

- follow instructions carefully.
- respond to bells promptly!
- are on time!
- play in the right areas!
- stay in bounds!
- follow correct dismissal routines - meet at Royston Kids, be seated for Kiss and Drop, parent pick up, bus or walking lines



To all of our parents and carers,

I will take this opportunity to briefly reflect on the past few weeks upon our return from HBL.

Many of the students have now settled back into a routine which reacquaints them with school learning and socialising amongst their peers.

In order to deal with change, there needs to be some form of resilience. Our students have shown determination, understanding and enthusiasm in complying with the different modified day to day routines asked of them in these recent weeks at St Patrick's.

The Pastoral Care expectation outlined above has also been modified to highlight the importance of this term's focus which is:

We are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task!

Each week will have its own focus in relation to this initiative.

Week 5: **Following** correct dismissal routines

Week 6: **Safety** – Understanding, participating and evaluating two essential drills.

1. Lockdown

2. Evacuation

Week 7: **Respond** – to bells promptly

Week 8: **Right areas – in bounds!** – on the playground, in the classrooms, visiting the office, 'Before and After school care', arrival and dismissal

Week 9: **On time** – stay focused on where you need to be and when you need to be there.

'Wellbeing Week'!

Week 10: **Reflection** – self evaluations of feelings and thoughts regarding the past 5 weeks



Kindergarten:

In these past few weeks, Kindergarten students have been re-engaging in their school environment. Their ability to continue with learning and socialising under new rules and expectations has been extraordinary. Their resilience has been growing stronger every day. There are, however, still many new experiences to acknowledge and understand such as those which occurred in Week 6.

The focus was **Safety**. We had two drills which required the children to respond in a manner which was both safe for themselves and all those around them. A few found the experience daunting, with swift actions of movement occurring, taking of rolls and evacuating classrooms.

Home discussion: *It would be appreciated if parents could discuss the importance of these 'drills'. This was Kindergarten's first experience, and a few children found it to be challenging.*

A Team Effort:

A special word of thanks to all the parent community for their cooperation, respect and understanding during our arrival and dismissal times over the past weeks. I have had the opportunity of being on afternoon duty and have experienced your acknowledgement of thanks and appreciation to the staff which has been humbling.

We have definitely worked as a team with our children, teachers, carers, educators from 'Before and After school care', administration staff, and parents coordinating a remarkable effort of unity during very uncertain times.

Need Help?

If you feel that you may need more support regarding coping strategies during this time please feel free to explore the link provided. It may give ideas, or a pathway of understanding the journey you are travelling on during challenging times.

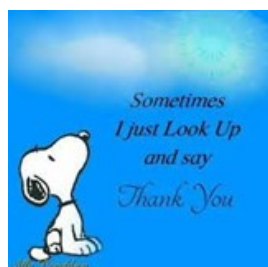
[Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service](#)

'This free service offers practical guidance and support to Australians during these uncertain times and includes information for educators and families needing to navigate rapid changes.

The Support Service is available around the clock and provides counselling and online mental health and wellbeing support.'

'Our students are all on their own journey, our Pastoral Care expectations will guide them in making choices that will assist in every area of their learning and in every area of their life!'

**God Bless and travel gently,
Doris Russell
(Pastoral Care Coordinator)**



STUDENT AWARDS

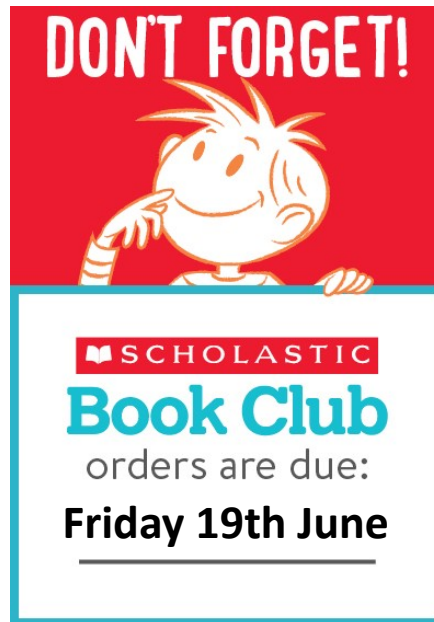
Week 6

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Madeleine H.	William C.
K Green	Olivia T.	Tejasvi K.
1 Gold	Maxence J.	Zahra F.
2 Gold	Dylan M.	Violet W.
2 Green	Adam T.	Thomas S.
3 Gold	Natalia S.	Raoul C.
3 Green	Sarah S.	Karl C.
4 Gold	Andrew D.	Helena S-S.
4 Green	Charlie R.	Ella B.
5 Green	Ruby R.	Eudora T.
5/6 Gold	Max M.	Juliette S.
6 Green	Leela I.	Alice D.

Week 7

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Sophie C.	Vincent H.
K Green	Ellyza E.	Matthew B.
1 Gold	Joanna Y.	Freya A.
2 Gold	Charley B.	Francheska P.
2 Green	Charlie S.	Melissa H.
3 Gold	Christian I.	Polly F.
3 Green	Zeyu L	Ava V.
4 Gold	Aston G.	Sienna F-S.
4 Green	Joshua W.	Benjamin M.
5 Green	Marcus B.	Izzie O.
5/6 Gold	Tom W.	Marli S.
6 Green	Scarlet M.	James T.





BAND & INSTRUMENTAL news (Helen Jacobsen)

I have missed **MY** (our) musicians very much – so glad we can finish Term 2 with a BANG.

Timetables for Week 9 and 10 are handed out this week.

Yours musically
Helen Jacobsen
Band

P. S. I can't wait.





GIRLS U6/7 SUNDAY FOOTBALL

A fun, safe, engaging environment for the girls to come and play!

Under 6 and Under 7 girls from a variety of NSFA clubs will join together to play small sided games in a flexible environment.

When: Sunday Mornings, 9am - 11am

Where: Alternative weeks at Auluba (South Turrumurra) and Montview Oval (Hornsby Heights)

#What'sBestForHer





**BE A GIRL,
PLAY FOOTBALL**

WANT TO GIVE FOOTBALL A TRY?
Contact your local club for more information on this program:



Hornsby Heights FC

Website: <https://hhfc.org.au>
Email: girlsfootball@hhfc.org.au



Junior SCIENCE ACADEMY

BLAST OFF INTO THE WORLD OF STEM at MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Join our exciting science, technology, engineering and maths programs for Years K-7 during the July school holidays.

- Class topics include robotics, learning about dinosaurs, astronomy, DNA, and many, many more.
- Our classes are designed to teach concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft & other hands-on activities.
- New courses are always added & all-time favourites are rotated each school holidays.
- Procedures for COVID-19 are in place and arrangements made for full refunds in the case of illness so parents don't lose money. Book with confidence.



Creative Kids vouchers (value \$100) can be claimed for any robotics or coding class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher.

Drop off	8.30am - 9.30am
Activities	9.30am - 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm - 5.30pm
Cost	\$126.50

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