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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 3, Week 4, 12th August 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,

This Saturday, 15th August, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary being assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Mary was an ordinary person who was blessed by God, became the mother of Jesus and was always there for him.

On this day the church acknowledges God's faithfulness to Mary and the trust she had in God. Her love and devotion supported Jesus throughout his life and is an example for us all. Mary is the Queen of All Saints.

The children will celebrate a class liturgy this Friday to celebrate this important feast day.

Celebrating Holy Mass Together

The Feast of the Assumption is usually a Holy Day of Obligation, however due to COVID-19 restrictions, churches, religious gatherings and places of worship are subject to social distancing requirements and have strict maximum attendance limits. The parish also has other measures in place as part of their COVID-19 Safety plan. Catholics from the Diocese of Broken Bay currently have a dispensation from their Sunday Mass obligation.

For those wishing to attend Mass, you will need to make a reservation either by calling the parish office or preferably via the parish office email, parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au. When you attend Mass, you need to see the Usher on your arrival and have your name marked off or have your name recorded if not on the list. Collection of your contact details is required to comply with the NSW Government's Covid-19 Safe Guidelines.

Baptism

Congratulations to one of our Year 2 students, Gabriella R. who was officially welcomed into our church last Saturday when she was baptised. This is a wonderful moment in her life and for her family, our school and parish community. We thank all parents who continue to support their children's faith journey through the celebration of the sacraments. May God bless Gabby and her family.

First Holy Communion

With the restrictions in place on numbers attending weekend Masses, this year the parish will be holding Eucharist across several Masses over two weeks. Please note that this programme may change if new restrictions are enforced. The reception of First Eucharist will therefore be received at St Patrick's Church, Asquith on Saturday 22nd August at a special 4pm Mass for First Communicants and their families ONLY. Saturday 22nd August is the usual 6pm Vigil Mass that is for parishioners to attend, however, a few Communicants and families will also be present at this Mass. On Sunday 23rd August, there will be a special 12 midday Mass for First Communicants and their families ONLY.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

The postponed Parent/Teacher Meetings for Kindergarten Green and Year 3 Gold have been rescheduled to next week. Parents and carers of each class have received communication via Compass regarding the organisation and the procedures for online access.

Parent Helpers

Next week I will hold some online meetings for parents interested in volunteering in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms to support learning. The time and dedication that parents can give to support the children in each class is an essential ingredient for greater success in learning for every student. These meetings will outline the Covid-safe procedures that all volunteers will need to adhere to and the necessary paperwork that is required for volunteers in schools. We will also detail the ways that classroom volunteers can effectively support learning in the classroom.

If you are interested in volunteering to support classrooms, please click on the [link](#) and complete the google form. Interested parents will receive an invitation (Zoom Meeting Link) to join one of the online meetings scheduled for Tuesday 18th August at 9am or 3:30pm. Depending demand I will schedule further meetings if required.

Public Speaking

Yesterday I had the privilege of adjudicating the Year 6 Public Speaking Competition. It was a wonderful experience to witness eight of our Year 6 Leaders speak with confidence in front of their peers. I congratulate all the students involved; I am very proud of their efforts to write, memorise and perform their thoughtful speeches. I particularly congratulate Renee S., Matilda R. and Leela I. who placed first, second and third respectively.



School Photos

Thank you to all parents and carers who took extra care in having the children dressed in their full winter school uniform for our annual school photos. I am pleased and proud to say that the photographers were very impressed with the manners and cooperative behaviour of all the children.

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>

Symptoms or Sickness

I thank parents who have followed through on notifying the school of students being kept at home due to precautionary Covid-19 tests. As a community the response has been very supportive of the Covid-19 restrictions in place. I thank parents for not sending children to school if they are sick or have symptoms linked to the Covid-19 Coronavirus.

God bless you and your families

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

Week 2

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Aiden R.	Mina M.
K Green	Annalise W.	Himaya V.
1 Gold	Rose M.	Ethan C.
2 Gold	Liam D.	Aaron Z.
2 Green	Mia N.	Oscar B.
3 Gold	Isabelle H.	Christian I.
3 Green	Tyler S.	Oliver J.
4 Gold	Alice J.	Anastasia S.
4 Green	Luke P.	Keith P.
5 Green	Charlotte K.	Nick B.
5/6 Gold	Kurt W.	Kevin X.
6 Green	Jake D.	Kudzi T.
Mrs Schyvens	Polly F.	
Mrs Walton	Anastasia S.	2 Gold

Week 3

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Ruwinka D.	Nicola S.
K Green	Andrea C.	Phillip K.
1 Gold	Alice C.	Sienna F.
2 Gold		Emma C. Oliver C.
2 Green	Talita M.	Lily W.
3 Gold	Catherine M.	Raoul C.
3 Green	Ben G.	Ashleigh I.
4 Gold	Gemma T.	Natalie H.
4 Green	Hannah H.	Stephanie F.
5 Green	Tara C.	Altaf A.
5/6 Gold	Noah L.	Michael P.
6 Green	Amelie J.	Filiata F.
Mrs Walton	Grant D.	Liam S Catherine M.

REC news (Carmel Kevill)

St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)

The feast of Mary MacKillop was celebrated on 8th August. The children have been learning about Mary MacKillop and last Friday some of our Years 5 and 6 students from the MAG (Mercy in Action) group took part in a prayer presentation during the Friday morning assembly.

Feast of the Assumption

Next Saturday, the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary when she was taken up, body and soul, into the kingdom of heaven. The object of this feast is twofold; the happy departure of Mary from this life and the assumption of her body into heaven. (taken from "Catholic Encyclopaedia" <http://www.newadvent.org>)

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56. **Reflection:** What images or icons of Mary do we have in our homes? What do these tell us about Mary? What hope does this feast bring to our lives as Catholics? On Friday the children will have a special liturgy in their classrooms to celebrate this feast and reflect on Mary.



Religious Education at St Patrick's

The children are presently working on their Religious Education unit on Mission. This year we have taken the works of Mercy as our focus in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy on 24th September. Each class has taken a work of mercy (taken from the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy from the Sisters of Mercy) which will be a focus for their Religious Education work this term. As parents, we often take the work the children do in Religion for granted. The teachers at St Patrick's work very hard to ensure that what you do in the home in helping them along their faith journey is complimented at school and with the parish in Religious Education. I recommend that from time to time you ask your child to share some insights from their class work in Religious Education.

We pray as a community that our faith will be a source of strength for us in the present circumstances that surround our world. We pray especially to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and our blessed mother Mary to guide us through these times.

The following is a prayer by St Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) which reminds us of Christ's presence within us in all that we do.

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Ours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

LIBRARY news (Caroline Walton)

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

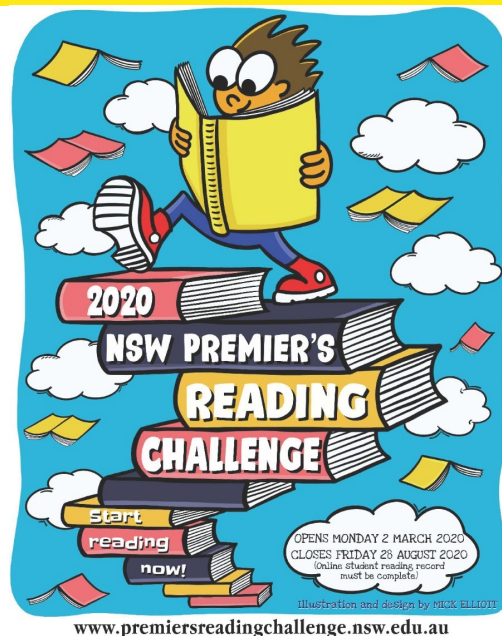
The 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is in full-swing at St Patrick's Asquith. All students have been allocated PRC passwords and class teachers have student password lists in their classrooms.

The PRC encourages students to explore a wide variety of literature and has a very extensive **Book List** which can be accessed [here](#). The students in Years 3 – 6 need to record 20 books that they have read since last September. Younger students (K-2) need to read a total of 30 books, which can include books that have been read to them.

Online submissions are to be made on the **PRC website** by logging in [here](#). Students have until **Friday, 28th August** to complete the challenge.

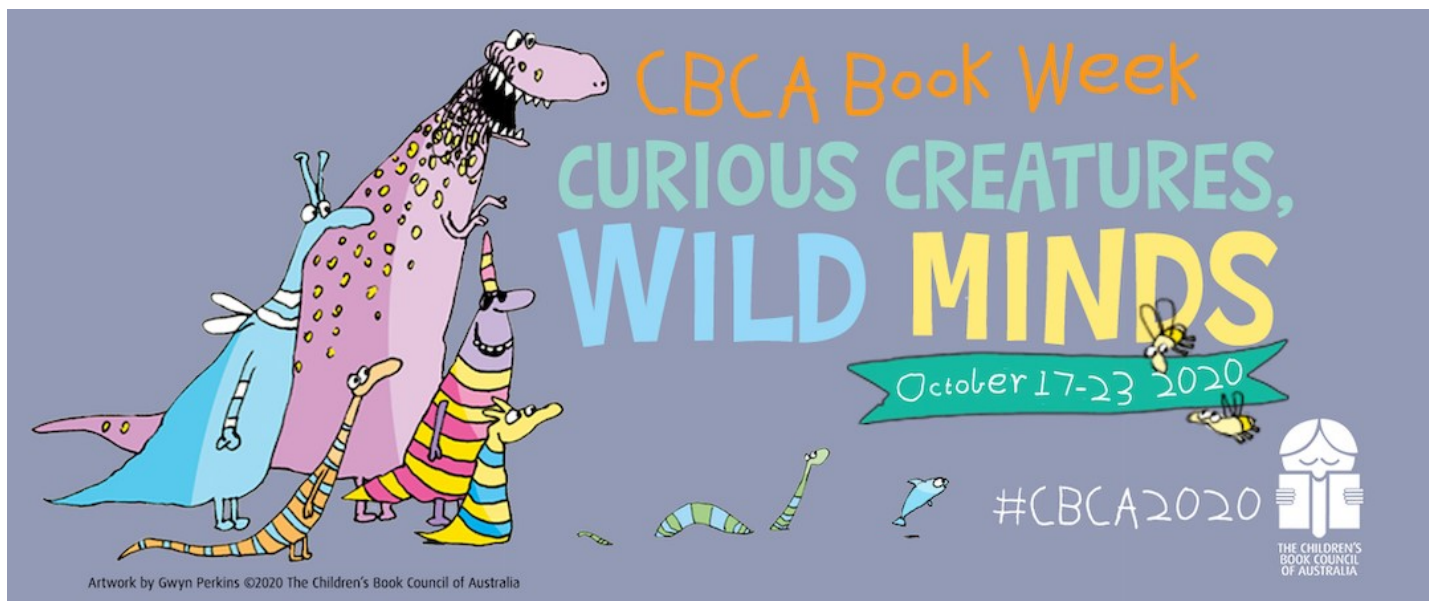
Congratulations to all students who have completed this year's challenge, as well as to those who are in line for special awards:

GOLD (4 consecutive years) – Niall C., Emma D., Noah D., Gloria S., Julianne U., Joshua W. and **PLATINUM** (7 consecutive years) – Alison D..



2020 Book Week

This year's CBCA Book Week has been postponed to Term 4. Further details will be provided closer to the date.



Library Borrowing

Please remember to bring your **satchel/library bag** each week for borrowing. It is important to protect our library books from damage and loss.

Happy reading!

Mrs Caroline Walton
Teacher Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP

As was advised at the end of last term, we now have a new uniform shop team. We welcome Lita, Florence and Fabiola to the role. We especially want to thank Claire, Debbie and Mel and other volunteers for their seven and a half years of wonderful dedicated service to the St Patrick's school community in the uniform shop. They have made a significant contribution to the school through their commitment and their work and the uniform shop has provided funds to the P&F that have been put into school resources and local charities.

With the new team, the uniform shop is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays**, for trying sizes and second hand clothes. Please note this is currently via by appointment only. Go to the website to book a time [Book an Appointment with St Patrick's Uniform Shop - Events and Entertainment/School shop](#).

We have also moved uniform shop purchases to Qkr and all payments are now on-line, meaning cash payment is no longer possible.

Susan, David, Sonia and Marcella



COMMUNITY news



~Now Enrolling for 2021~

We are offering short tours (by appointment) to show you the indoor and outdoor environment. We would love to meet you and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about preschool for your child next year.

Call us to make an appointment: 02 9477 2258

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