



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## PARISH CLERGY

Father Shaju John OSH  
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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 4, Week 4, 4th November 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,

### Kinder 2021

Our Kinder 2021 students have the chance to join a live Zoom session tomorrow Thursday 5th November at 9:00am with two more sessions each fortnight. The LEAP online sessions are designed to encourage parent interaction with their child as they learn with one of our teachers about preparing for primary school. The first session is "Reading and Retelling - Book Loving Bears." We also look forward to the two Kinder Transition Sessions on Friday 13th November (9am to 10.30am) and Friday 27th November (9am to 10.30am).

### Canteen- Sushi Lunch order Day

A big thank you to our Year 6 parents for supporting and organising the Sushi Lunch Order Day (and Year 6 Fundraiser) this Friday. Any money raised will go towards a gift for the school from our current Year 6 cohort. All orders for the Sushi Day needed to be in by midday today. Another Sushi Lunch Order Day is scheduled for later in the term.

### Covering New Reading Books

Another big thank you goes out to all the parent volunteers who assisted with the covering of a large number of new reading books the school recently purchased. Many volunteers took home packs of books regularly in recent weeks to cover with clear contact. This mammoth effort has meant that over 800 new books are ready to be read by the children.

### Public Speaking

Speaking in public is a talent that not everyone excels at or finds enjoyable, however it is something that we all need to do at some stage in our lives. Each year at St. Patrick's, the children are given the opportunity to prepare and participate in a Public Speaking Program to sharpen their skills. We congratulate all the children for their efforts in preparing for and delivering their speeches in recent weeks. This week each class will be finalising the candidates for the Finals of the St Patrick's Public Speaking Program and look forward to its conclusion with the Week 5 finals.

## Tell Them From Me Survey

In the coming days, we will be inviting Year 4-6 students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey is an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St. Patrick's. Further information will be provided soon.

Today, parents of children in Years 4-6 will receive a letter explaining further details regarding the student survey. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child does not have to take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the form attached to the letter you receive today and return it to school by Wednesday 11th November.

## Year 5 Leadership Development

In coming weeks, the Year 5 students will be given opportunities to focus on leadership development in preparation for leadership roles as senior students in the school. Some of the leadership roles are obvious with School Captains and Colour House Captains, however there is a significant amount of work undertaken in supporting the leadership development of all students.

Today I had the opportunity to work with our Year 5 students and begin the leadership program. I was impressed by their effort and enthusiasm during the session and believe that this group will lead our school well in 2021. I am sure the children will enjoy the experiences they will be given this week particularly the challenge-based leadership incursion on Friday.

**Family Registration Forms are being sent home today. Please complete and return by 27th November if you wish to receive sibling discounts applied to your 2021 school fees.**

God bless you and your families.

**Todd Vane-Tempest**

Principal

## STUDENT AWARDS

### Week 2

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
<b>K Gold</b>	Nicola S.	Ruwinka D M.
<b>K Green</b>	Himaya V.	Merric M.
<b>1 Gold</b>	Isabelle S.	Rose M.
<b>2 Gold</b>	Siya W.	Yohaana B.
<b>2 Green</b>	Talita M.	Melissa H.
<b>3 Gold</b>	Charlize L.	Ethan A.
<b>3 Green</b>	William F.	Mitchell M
<b>4 Gold</b>	Andrew D.	Anastasia S.
<b>4 Green</b>	Hayley N.	Joshua W.
<b>5 Green</b>	Charlotte K.	Jack B.
<b>5/6 Gold</b>	Taumelo T.	Jess B.
<b>6 Green</b>	Leela I.	Olivia S.

### Week 3

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
<b>K Gold</b>	Madeleine H.	Sophie C.
<b>K Green</b>	Matthew B.	Olivia T.
<b>1 Gold</b>	Alfred Y.	Sienna F.
<b>2 Gold</b>	Charley B.	Willow E.
<b>2 Green</b>	Jaime W.	Oscar B.
<b>3 Gold</b>	Michael S.	Jacob H.
<b>3 Green</b>	Edward O.	Abigail S.
<b>4 Gold</b>	Curtis H.	Piper C.
<b>4 Green</b>	Isla B.	Angus C.
<b>5 Green</b>	Daniel D.	Lili R.
<b>5/6 Gold</b>	Matilda R.	Matthew T.
<b>6 Green</b>	James T.	Barbara S.



# NEW VACANCIES KINDERGARTEN 2021!

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Due to increased demand, St Patrick's will have two Kindergarten classes in 2021, which means we have added vacancies.

Enrolment application packs are available from the school office or our website.

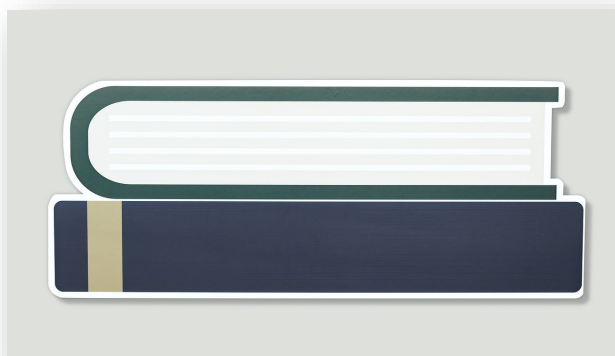


## AP news (Kylie Huggins)

### Book Covering Thank You

I would like to acknowledge the following parents for assisting with the covering of almost 800 books! Without this generous donation of time I would never have been able to achieve this by myself.

Susan Clarke  
Meera Kumaran-Ingram  
Paula Reggio  
Alison Hackett  
Edlyn Cheng  
Thien Hoang  
Manu Tutunoa  
Kathryn Jaoudat  
Antonella Grandinetti  
Nicola Speakman  
Anastasia Kutepova



### Student attendance

A reminder to parents that only ALL DAY absences should be recorded via the Compass APP. If your child arrives late or leaves school early, absences must be recorded at the Kiosk in the school office. Please do not use the APP to record late arrivals or early departures..

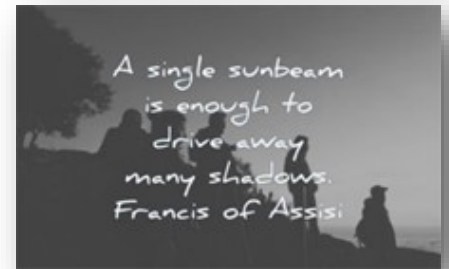
### Uniform Reminder

Thank you for your diligence in ensuring the children are in their correct uniform. The teachers have noticed some variations on the uniform, particularly in regards to the wearing of all black shoes. I have attached the link to the uniform policy which outlines the uniform expectations.

<https://www.stpat.nsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Uniform-policy-2020.pdf>



# PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS (Doris Russell)



This week's focus is to be a **'Safe Learner'** by using safe and caring actions. It is a part of our journey to living the **discipleship challenge**.

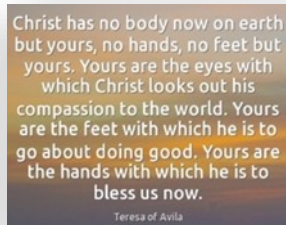
**'Kindness'**, is a motivating factor in choosing our Pastoral Care focus **'Using safe and caring actions'** during Weeks 4 & 5 of Term 4.

During my recent absence I was overwhelmed by the **'kindness'** shown to me whilst recuperating from an injury. **Kind** words, **kind** deeds enveloped me during a difficult and challenging time. We are each on a journey, and often a simple gesture of **kindness** can make an incredible difference to someone in their life. I would now like to **'CHALLENGE'** the students of St Patrick's to demonstrate acts of **'kindness'** towards each other, the teachers and people in their community.

## THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

**DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE:** St Theresa said, "Christ has no body now but mine, No hands, no feet, on earth but mine." Jesus asks us to be his hands and feet in the world.

To use our hands, feet and actions in a **safe** and **caring** way acknowledges the importance of values that are the foundation of learning and the understanding of other's needs. I particularly like the quotes from St Theresa:



**'World Kindness Day'** will be held on Friday the 13th November. Below are two links which give some background information on the ways you can make a difference. It is to remind us of the importance of **seeing, hearing** and **acknowledging** those around us, to make a "positive difference to someone else's life, even in the smallest of ways.

<https://worldkindnessaustralia.org/>

[Ideas for some random acts of kindness](#)

Please remind your child/ children that safe and caring actions, although simple in context, contributes profoundly to a **Respectful, Safe** and **Responsible** school community.

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

Students following these expectations will be acknowledged through the whole school stamp book system. Each week a student from each class will also receive an award for following our school expectations.

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

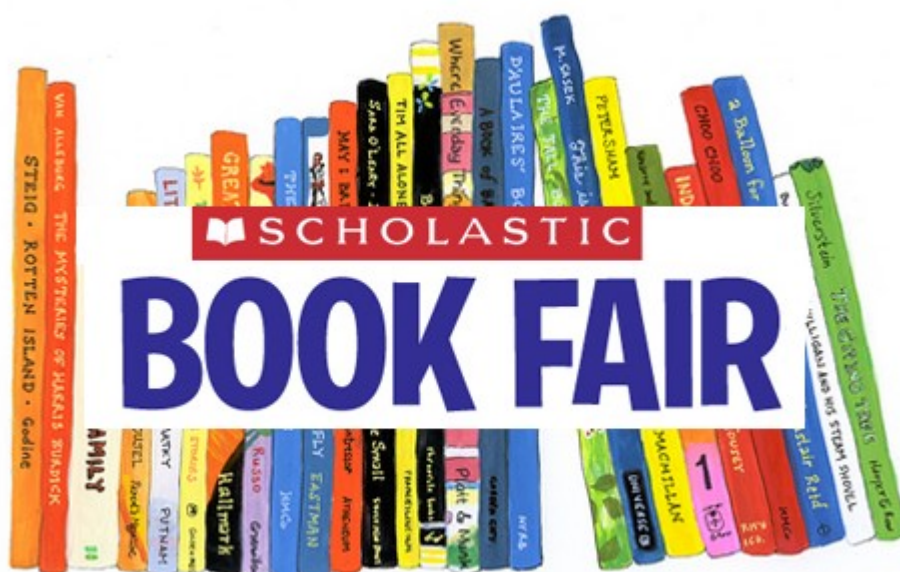


## Book Fair news (Caroline Walton)

Thank you for your generous support of our Book Fair. We are currently reconciling our orders with Scholastic and at this stage we have 13 payments that don't match our returned order forms.

If you have paid for books, but have not returned the purple wish list form we will be unable to fill your order.

Please return your wish lists and receipt numbers by Friday 6th November. After this date any unreconciled orders will be issued a refund by Scholastic.



## P & F news

2020 has been such a different year in so many ways for St Patrick's and there have been many adjustments we have all had to make to our lives and activities at school. This includes the P&F and the events we had planned for this year. The committee are disappointed that as a result of the Covid -19 restrictions placed on school environments we have not been able to gather together as we would like. Most significantly we could not hold the St Patricks fete, which was very sad especially for the children. We have also had to cancel school discos and social events. In some good news, we have been able to open the canteen in a reduced way and offer some lunch orders. We are hopeful of the opportunity to hold some community events next year and we are always grateful and keen for any parents who want to join us and be part of the team. We will hold the P&F AGM shortly and that will be a good opportunity for anyone interested to come forward and get involved.

David De-Fina  
Vice President P&F





Are you looking for a new safe way to challenge your son or daughter (from 7 1/2yrs -10) and get them out and about and off the screen?

Kids, do you want to try something new?

Scouting engages and inspires young people to develop confidence, resilience and leadership.

**1st Waitara Cub Scout Group  
currently have vacancies.**

Conveniently located at the quiet end of Palmerston Road we have plenty of space for all of our indoor and outdoor activities.

Why not give it a try?

We take all Covid safe precautions and keep all social distancing rules.  
Our weekly Cub Scout meetings (during school terms) are 7.00–8.30pm

Mondays

All kids can come and try for up to 4 weeks free.

For more information please contact our 1st Waitara Group Leader, Alan “Chip” Todd on 0439 471 129

See our webpage for more:  
<https://joinscouts.com.au/scouts/1st-waitara-scout-group/>





*Come & Try*

**GIRLS FOOTBALL**

*Free Skills*

**PROGRAM**

**3 WEEK FREE PROGRAM**

**OPEN TO ALL GIRLS AGED 5-11  
SESSIONS WILL RUN ON 12TH, 19TH, 26TH NOVEMBER  
4:30PM-5:30PM  
ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL  
GIRLSFOOTBALL@HHFC.ORG.AU**



## Keeping children safe in and out of the car

A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a crash than one who is not.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

National child restraint laws require your child to be restrained in the car as follows:

### 0 – 6 months

Approved rear-facing child car seat.

### 6 months – 4 years

Approved rear or forward-facing child car seat.

### 4+ years

Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

### 145cm or taller

Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash belt.

For more information and to find and compare a range of child car seats, visit [childcarseats.com.au](http://childcarseats.com.au)

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safe in and out of the car:

- Children should remain in the car until an adult opens the 'Safety Door'. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.
- A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while in the car.
- Assist your children to buckle up – always check the seatbelt is buckled up firmly and not twisted.

- Make it a rule that every passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.
- Always help your child get in and out of the car through the 'Safety Door'.

Never leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. Children may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and organ failure if left unattended, especially on hot days.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



### Messages to share with your children

- Click, clack, front and back
- Always buckle up
- Get in and out of the car on the footpath side

## Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

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### Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
  - you cross the road
  - you're on the footpath
  - you're in a car park
- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

### Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across