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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 6, 18th 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

Year 6 Leadership 2021

It is impressive to have nearly half of our Year 5 students nominating to take on a school leadership role for 2021 and very encouraging to have so many potential leaders in our school. This week our Year 5 students select a handful of students to be shortlisted as final nominees for the School Captain and Vice-Captain roles. These students will then present a leadership speech to students and teachers in Years 2-5 as aspiring School Captains. I wish all candidates well in their ambitions as school leaders.

Early Arrival

In recent weeks we have had a number of children arriving at school well before the start of supervision. Please remember that supervision for the school day begins at 8:15am each morning. Our before and after school service, Royston Kids, provides excellent care and supervision if required. To access the service please contact the director Margaret Hedge E: roystonkids@hotmail.com or P: 0431 383 981.

Kinder 2021

Last Friday we held the first of two Kinder Transition Sessions. It was a highly successful morning as the children had a chance to learn together in the Kinder classrooms and then, with the help of Year 5, go on a 'Bear Hunt' around the school site. A second Transition Session is scheduled for **Friday 27th November (9-10:30am)**.

LEAP @Home

This Thursday Mrs Russell and Mrs Reynolds will facilitate the second of three LEAP Into Learning @ Home Sessions to support the children in preparing for 'Big School'. New Leap @Home Packs were provided at last week's Transition Session with more available at the school office.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Thank you to the 22 parents who have completed the Tell Them From Me Survey. We value the role of parents and carers within our school community and would greatly appreciate feedback from as many families as possible. Access to the survey for parents can be found here:

<https://tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/stpatsasquith>

School Fee Relief during Covid-19

We currently have a number of families with outstanding fees. 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>

Public Speaking

Last week parents of the finalists along with all classes were able to tune in via Zoom to the Public Speaking Finals. All finalists are to be commended for their preparation and skill as the standard of speeches across the school was outstanding. I am sure all parents are very proud of their child's efforts. I also thank and congratulate parents who supported their children to continue to practise their speeches in the lead up to the finals. Students who placed in the top three received their medals at last Friday's assembly.

P & F AGM

On Monday 23rd November at 7:30pm we will have our AGM for our P&F. We are blessed at St. Patrick's to have a vibrant and energetic parent body and this only serves our work together to support our community, especially the children.

As a community, we owe our team of parent volunteers an enormous vote of thanks for their time and tireless and continued advocacy for the school. I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Parent Council and P&F who have provided loving service to our community.

It is important we have a generous and continued succession of parents and so I ask everyone to give some consideration to engaging with our school in this way.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

Week 4

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Oliviamarie G.	Jessica P.
K Green	Hugo B.	Ira A.
1 Gold	Ethan C.	Alice C.
2 Gold	Oscar T.	Charley B.
2 Green	Gabriella R.	Harley J.
3 Gold	Eric H.	Natalia S.
3 Green	Anthony G.	Jacob E.
4 Gold	Gemma T.	James S.
4 Green	Stephanie F.	Keith P.
5 Green	James A.	Zasha E.
5/6 Gold	Jake F.	Alison D.
6 Green	Christos H.	Scarlet M.

Week 5

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Aiden R.	Mina M.
K Green	Charlotte R.	Prince M.
1 Gold	Anthony P.	Kassidy C.
2 Gold	Violet W.	Joshua M.
2 Green	Luke M.	Thomas S.
3 Gold	Catherine M.	Christian I.
3 Green	Tyler S.	Makayla M.
4 Gold	Colin P.	Stella H.
4 Green	Elizabeth M.	Benjamin M.
5 Green	Altaf A.	Aerin D.
5/6 Gold	James M.	Jake F.
6 Green	Julian H.	Amelie J.

AP news (Kylie Huggins)

Public Speaking 2020

Once again this year we had a very high standard of competition across the grades from Kindergarten to Year 6. I would like to congratulate all the students for their participation and commend the students who were our finalists. Having watched all of the finals, I can certainly vouch for the outstanding level and appreciate how difficult it must have been to progress to this stage. We were able to share the finals with parents via Zoom and we thank parents for taking the time to be there to support their children. We are looking forward to the competition continuing in 2021.



2020 Public Speaking Medallists

Kindergarten

Gold	Himaya V
Silver	Madeline H
Bronze	Emillie G

Year 1

Gold	Evie W
Silver	Cristiano G
Bronze	Ethan C

Year 2

Gold	Gabriella R
Silver	Liam D
Bronze	Isabel H

Year 3

Gold	Tyler S
Silver	Daniela T
Bronze	Makayla M

Year 4

Gold	Alice J
Silver	Luke P
Bronze	Natalie H

Year 5

Gold	Deslie P
Silver	Tara C
Bronze	Jake F

Year 6

Gold	Leela I
Silver	Samara R
Bronze	Kudzi T



Book covering thank you

Further to the parents mentioned in the last newsletter, I would also like to acknowledge the following parents for assisting with book covering.

Tiphonie Condon
Helena Rudd
Jacinta Wells

Thank you once again to the support from all the parents who assisted with this huge task. We have now successfully covered all books and they are being enjoyed by the children.



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.

OFFICE news

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.

Accidents will happen...

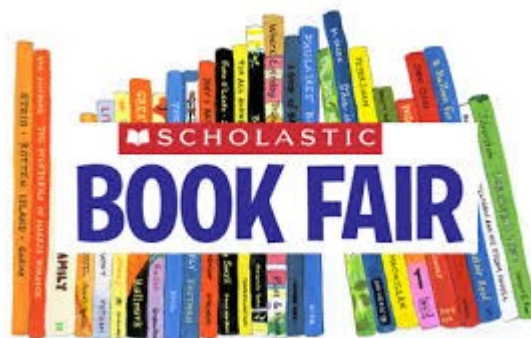
Please remember to pack spare underpants and socks in a plastic bag for your Kindergarten and Year 1 children.

Canteen

Please be advised that the last canteen day for 2020 will be **FRIDAY 11TH December**.

Bookfair

Thank you for your patience. We are expecting books to be delivered next week and will distribute them to classes as soon as we can.



INSTRUMENTAL/BAND news (Helen Jacobsen)

NEW MUSIC STUDENTS 2021

Next year a number of students will have the opportunity to start learning to play a musical instrument, as part of our Instrumental Music Program. If your child is interested in learning an instrument (Brass, Woodwind or Percussion) it is important to read the "Instrumental Music Program" information that was sent home last week. Extra copies are in the School Office.

2020 MUSICIANS

If you are planning to withdraw your musician from St Patrick's Instrumental Music / Band Program in 2021 or your musician is leaving the school (except Year 6) - I require notice by end of term. Thank You

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to our Senior Concert Band for their performance at Remembrance Day Liturgy - our first performance this year! CONGRATULATIONS to our Trumpet players Sophie W, Andrew D and Josh W for playing "The Last Post" and "Rouse" so beautifully.

Yours musically
Helen Jacobsen
Instrumental Music / Band Teacher



PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS (Doris Russell)



At St Patrick's we are Respectful Learners.

We speak and listen respectfully when we:

- Communicate politely (please, thank you, may I)
- Look at the person who is speaking
- Listen to others and respond appropriately

THANK YOU
I'M SORRY PLEASE
EXCUSE ME



This week's focus is to be a **'Respectful Learner'** by **speaking and listening respectfully to others**. It is a part of our journey to living the **discipleship challenge**.

It is important for students to develop the **skill of listening** to their peers, teachers, family and all those who wish to communicate with them. It is also important that students are aware that their body language is a part of how they demonstrate **active listening**.

When we actively listen:

- we are able to gather information
- show respect
- and share our understanding of what has been said.

Speaking and listening respectfully should be a natural occurrence within our playground, and classroom learning environments. St Patrick's prides itself in being a community which not only looks after each other through support and encouragement, but also one in which the value of 'respect' is of prime importance.

Reflection:

- Ask a member of your family to tell you about 'active listening' and what it means to them.
- What makes you a good "active listener"?
- List five words to describe how you feel when you've actively listened or when someone has listened to you.

We will be looking at the classroom and playground for examples of 'respectful' behaviour which exemplify our focus for the next two weeks.



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!



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



P & F AGM

Please come along to the virtual
St Patrick's
P&F Annual General Meeting for 2020
Monday, 23rd November @ 7:30pm
over zoom

We will be reviewing the year and confirming nominations for positions on the P&F for 2021. We are currently looking for a P&F secretary and CSP representative for 2021. If you are interested, please email spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au

The AGM is a great opportunity for parents to hear about what has been happening at the school this year and plans for next year.



How to join the meeting: Join via this link at 7:30pm

<https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/94476033791>



SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Brochure Issue 8 has gone home and is the last issue of the year.

Don't forget to select the "gift" option if purchasing Christmas presents.

Issue #8

 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP

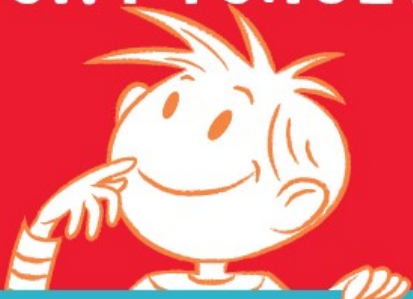
for Parents


LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
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DON'T FORGET!



 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

25th November 2020



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/>

"Act, Create, Communicate"



The difference is dramatic...

**Boost your child's creativity, confidence,
communication skills & self-development
through drama.**

**NEW TERM STARTING SOON
STUDENTS AGED 5-17
ENROLLING NOW**

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A pick up and return service is available from
Royston Kids after school care if required.



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

As we continue to build girls football at HHFC, we are offering some free skills training sessions.

Bring a friend and double the fun!

We will require the following info:

- Child's name
- Team played for in 2020 (if any)
- Friend's name (if any)
- Parent/Guardian name
- Parent email
- Parent mobile
- DOB

Any other relevant information you think we might need

Email to book your spot at: girlsfootball@hhfc.org.au

Road safety



Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 16 and their

accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads



Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.



Road safety



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

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