



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## PARISH CLERGY

Father Shaju John OSH

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Fr Joy Thomas 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 8, 2nd December 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



### Supporting our P & F

Last week I acknowledged and thanked the hard-working P&F team of parents who have an important role in working together with the school in service of our community, especially the children. I also acknowledge and thank those parents who have long supported the school through the P&F who are now stepping down from their roles. As a community, we owe an enormous vote of thanks for their tireless and continued advocacy for the school.

It is important we have a generous and continued succession of parents and so I ask and encourage everyone to give some consideration to engaging with our school in this way. There are some positions for the P&F Executive and Committees for 2021 available as well as supporting roles as part of an established committee.

The roles available are:

- Diocesan Parent Council (DPC)
- Class Parent Coordinators
- Paddy's Care Group (one or two more parents to assist)

The members really welcome your interest and enquiry. Please contact the school office if you are willing and able to assist

P & F Executive		Non-Executive Committees	
<b>President</b>	Susan Layton	<b>Paddy's Care</b>	Julia Mooney
<b>Vice President</b>	David De-Fina	<b>Uniform Shop</b>	Fabiola De-Fina, Florence Uy & Lita Samuela
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rima Melia	<b>Welcoming Committee</b>	Katie Barillaro with Sonia Monger and social committee to assist as needed
<b>Secretary</b>	Monique Ciampi	<b>Canteen Co-ordinator</b>	Ebony O'Hagan
<b>DPC Role</b>	Mark Southan (TBC)	<b>Social Committee</b>	Wendy Brown, Lesley Espinosa & Marita Melissari
<b>Class Parent Co-ordinators</b>		<b>Mother's Day/Father's Day Stall Co-ordinator</b>	Monique Ciampi with Marcela Frutschi & Rima Melia to assist
		<b>Disco Co-ordinator</b>	Levinia Hamilton (TBC) with social committee to assist

### Year 6 Leadership 2020 – Assembly this Friday

On Monday the students from Years 2-5 gathered in their Colour House Groups to listen to the speeches of nominees for the Colour House Captain roles for 2021. We again saw and heard very impressive and confident Year 5 students articulate their qualities and capabilities to lead in our school. Whether students progress to an official Captain role or not (and there will be a mix of both even for shortlisted School Captains) each can be proud of the recognition of their peer group, and the way they presented themselves.

On Friday 11th December we will hold a special Leadership Assembly to acknowledge, congratulate and thank our current School Captains who will hand over to our newly announced School and Sports Captains for 2021.

### Staffing and Classes for 2021

At this time of year, it is very natural to start focussing on next year and curiosity about classes and teachers is often expressed. Presently, the Leadership Team and I are carefully thinking about where all teachers and classes will be placed. An enormous amount of work goes into this and there are many “moving parts” still to be settled. Parents have a vital role to play here. Whilst I appreciate the curiosity that is part of such discussions, the school cannot be rushed into decisions and announcements ahead of time. In the meantime, please ‘talk up’ your child’s teacher and potential options in the lead-up to this date. It is the best way to ensure a positive build-up to next year.

Please do not engage in discussions that might inadvertently undermine our very hardworking staff, or indeed families and children in classes. This achieves very little good but often sets the way for hurt feelings and difficulties.

Once our processes are completed, we will announce classes and teachers at a special ‘Meet the Teacher’ step up session in Week 9.

### Congratulations to Mrs Katrina Brown

I congratulate Mrs Katrina Brown, who in recent days has secured a teaching position on the Central Coast. This is certainly a loss as Katrina has been an outstanding servant to our community as a Year 1 and Kindergarten classroom teacher for the last three years. Although Katrina is very excited about the move closer to home, she has also expressed her sadness in leaving St. Patrick’s Asquith. I am sure our entire parent and student community will join with me in congratulating Katrina and wishing her well in the future. The school is now in the process of finding a suitable candidate to join the teaching staff for 2021.

### Kinder 2021

Our final Kinder Transition Session for students for 2021 last Friday was a great success. We are looking forward to another opportunity to work with and get to know our newest students. Parents of Kinder 2021 students will be invited to meet together via Zoom tomorrow, Thursday 3rd December at 7pm. We are looking forward to finally meeting you all as a parent group. A link for this meeting will be sent out today.

### 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>

God bless you and your families.

**Todd Vane-Tempest**

## THANK YOU (Carmel Kevill)

I wish to express my deep gratitude for your thoughts and prayers over the past few months and more recently on the loss of my father. Your kindness during this difficult time is much appreciated.



## STUDENT AWARDS

### Week 6

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
<b>K Gold</b>	Emmanuella H.	William C.
<b>K Green</b>	Emillie G.	Phillip K.
<b>1 Gold</b>	Lila B.	Freya A.
<b>2 Gold</b>	Sooji K.	Jacob U.
<b>2 Green</b>	Sophie S.	Nathan W.
<b>3 Gold</b>	Isabelle H.	Michael S.
<b>3 Green</b>	Archie Mc.	Thomas C.
<b>4 Gold</b>	Ben F.	Alice J.
<b>4 Green</b>	Hayley N.	Luke P.
<b>5 Green</b>	Izzie O.	Nicholas W-S.
<b>5/6 Gold</b>	Sophie R.	Penny G.
<b>6 Green</b>	Annah F.	Kudzi T.

### Week 7

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
<b>K Gold</b>	Craig A.	Darius A.
<b>K Green</b>	Oliver H.	Tejasvi K.
<b>1 Gold</b>	Esha D.	Charlotte A.
<b>2 Gold</b>	Francheska P.	Liam D
<b>2 Green</b>	Thomas S.	Charlie S.
<b>3 Gold</b>	Daniela T.	Raoul C.
<b>3 Green</b>	Edward W.	Oliver K.
<b>4 Gold</b>	Piper C.	Sophie R.
<b>4 Green</b>	Ethan P.	Sophie B.
<b>5 Green</b>	Natasha H.	Max H.
<b>5/6 Gold</b>	Marli S.	Deslie P.
<b>6 Green</b>	Sheridan S.	Jake D.

## AP news (Kylie Huggins)

### Uniform

Thank you parents for sending your child to school in the correct uniform. It is lovely to see the majority of the students adhering to the uniform policy. Over the school holidays, when purchasing school shoes for the 2021 school year, I would like to remind everyone that our uniform policy states that students should be wearing all black shoes. This includes sports shoes. Once again, we have noticed some variations on this policy so urge all parents to purchase shoes that adhere to our uniform policy.

### Academic Achievement Awards

On Friday 4th December, we will be holding a special assembly to present Academic Achievement awards for all classes. These awards acknowledge academic growth in the following Key Learning Areas.

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- One other Key Learning Area determined by the class teacher

We look forward to sharing the names of the award recipients in the next newsletter.

## 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**.

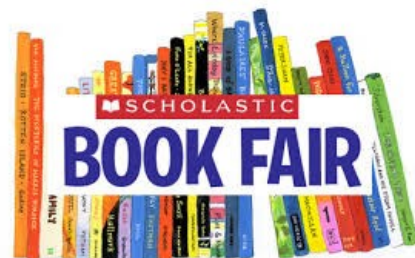
### Book Fair and Book Club

Thank you for your patience. The majority of Book Fair orders have been received and were distributed yesterday. We are expecting the balance of orders in the next few days and we will advise you once they have been distributed.

Issue #8 of Book Club has also arrived and was fully distributed yesterday.

### Family Registration Forms

Family Registration forms are now OVERDUE. Please return before Friday 4th December. Sibling discounts will not be applied without the returned form.





# INSTRUMENTAL/BAND news (Helen Jacobsen)

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you, Senior Band, for your performance on this day (our first for 2020). Congratulations to our 3 magnificent trumpet players Sophie W, Andrew D and Joshua W who played “The Last Post” and “Reveille (Rouse)”.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following musicians who have progressed from Intermediate to **Senior Band**.

Megan W	Flute
Gracy B	Flute
Niall C	Flute
William F	Flute
Thomas C	Trumpet
Bethan M	Trumpet
Danny P	Percussion
Marcus B	Percussion



2020 Training Band – **ALL** Band members have progressed into 2021 Intermediate Band – well done Musicians!

Yippee... no more lunch time rehearsals.

Rehearsal for Intermediate Band is Tuesday 8.00am (# sharp).

## YEAR 6 MUSICIANS

I have been teaching some of you for 5 very long years. I wish you all the best with the continuation of your musical studies.

## 2020 BAND CAPTAINS

Thank you to our 2020 Band Captains – Alison D, Matilda R and Kyrene U for looking after all of St Pat's Bands... and me!

Thank you to Mr V-T for your encouragement, enthusiasm and support for the Performing Arts at St Pat's.

Merry Christmas Musicians (& Family) – Enjoy the holidays.

I am looking forward to More Merry Music Making in 2021.

Yours musically  
Helen Jacobsen  
Instrumental Music / Band Teacher



# PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS (Doris Russell)



## PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS – TERM 4 – WEEKS 8 and 9



At St Patrick's we are **Responsible Learners**.  
We care for our environment when we:

- put all our rubbish in the bin
- take care of our gardens
- turn off lights and IWB projectors
- reuse, recycle, reduce
- respect the environment around us





This week's focus is to be a **'Responsible Learner'** by caring for our environment.  
It is a part of our journey to living the **discipleship challenge**.

During these past weeks we have heard from Mrs. Connor about the importance of maintaining respect for not only our immediate environment, but any environment in which we find ourselves. It is **our** responsibility to show respect for the world, as it is a precious and life-giving environment made more fragile by the way we are disrespecting its use and the gifts it provides.

We protect the environment with nurturing and hard work, beginning with 'our playground'.

### Things you can do:

- **Take responsibility** for the environment around you, **take time** to stop and pick-up papers, food scraps or plastic wraps and place them in the CORRECT bin!
- Bring food in **lunch boxes** without the plastic wrappings.
- Bring **water bottles** instead of juices.
- If necessary, **recycle** what you bring to school so it can be **disposed of correctly**.
- **Take responsibility** for your **belongings**: having your names on all your belongings (jumper, hat, lunchbox, pencil cases, etc), putting your lunchboxes where they should be, putting things in lost property or returning to owner.
- **Tidying up after yourselves** in the classroom or playground – **returning** equipment, tidying desks, keeping classrooms clean.

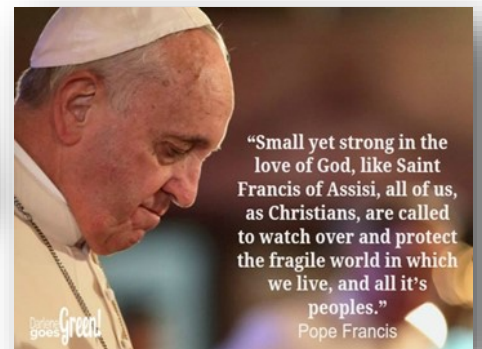


### THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE:

We are called to show respect to each other and for God's creation.

GOSPEL PASSAGE:

Creation – Sixth Day – Care for God's creation (Gen 1: 24-31)



*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)





## LIBRARY news (Caroline Walton)



*Felicitations et Joyeux Noel!*

### 2020 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the 77 students who completed the Challenge this year. Certificates have been distributed to classes and are ready to be taken home.

This year eight students will be receiving special awards for completing the Challenge over a number of consecutive years. Gold awards (for 4 consecutive years) will be presented to Niall C., Emma D. and Noah D. (Year 3), Gloria S., Julienne U. and Joshua W. (Year 4), Amilie D. (Year 6) and a Platinum award (for 7 consecutive years) will be presented to Alison D. (Year 6). These awards will be presented to students at assembly next week.

### LIBRARY BORROWING

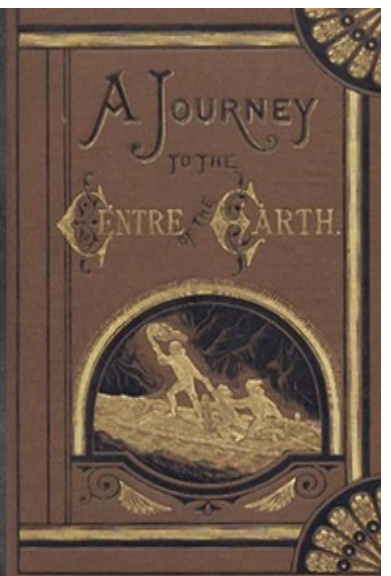
Please remember to bring library bags or satchels for borrowing and to return all overdue books.

### FAMOUS FRENCH PEOPLE RESEARCH

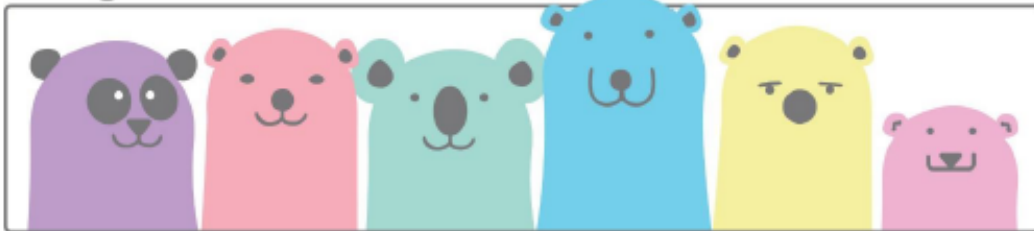
The students in Years 4 -6 have been working hard on their research projects this term and have done a great job presenting their work in library lessons over the past few weeks.

Amazing facts and analyses have been given on authors such as Jules Verne, Alexandre Dumas and Victor Hugo, scientists like Marie Curie, mathematicians such as Renee Descartes and Blaise Pascal, the artist, Claude Monet and, of course, the fashion designer Coco Chanel.

We look forward to the rest of the presentations in the next few weeks and will also be learning about the French traditions and customs for celebrating Christmas.



# ASHBEAR EARLY LEARNING CENTRE



Ashbear has been a part of the Mount Colah community for over 20 years. We are a small 19 place family oriented centre. We focus on the whole child, through small groups and interest -based learning experiences.

Ashbear facilitates a “schoolies” program, which includes group projects, hands on investigations and experiments, and rich language and literacy opportunities. We provide an environment that supports all the fundamental skills necessary for successful transition to school.

Our educators are extremely experienced and qualified, with the majority holding a Degree or Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care. We pride ourselves on consistency of care, and the strong relationships we build with our families. There is always a familiar face to greet you and your children.

Ashbear caters for children from birth to 5 years. We are open 7.30am – 6.00pm 49 weeks of the year



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# ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2023

LIMITED AVAILABILITY FOR YEAR 7, 2022



**ENROL ONLINE**  
**MERCYCHATSWOOD.NSW.EDU.AU**



## Wishing Tree — North Shore Mums Smiles2U

Christmas is just around the corner and we would love your support in the Smiles2U Wishing Tree. Throughout the month of November we will be collecting Christmas Gifts to gift to the many children who will be in hospital on Christmas Day.

[www.northshoremumssmiles2u.com](http://www.northshoremumssmiles2u.com)

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



# Road safety



## Keeping safe around school crossings

For your child's safety, it's very important to ensure they use the school crossing.

At all crossings you must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road.

If there's a School Crossing Supervisor, wait until they have stopped the traffic and called you to cross.



If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing Supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that you may proceed through the crossing.

### Children's crossings

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. They can also operate at other times when children use the crossing for excursions or during break times. When 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed, you must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians.

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



Lives lost on NSW roads.  
**Our goal is zero.**





# Road safety



## 40km/h school zones

40km/h school zones slow traffic on the roads around schools. This is to help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8.00am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all notified school days including staff development days (student-free days). While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be followed during NSW Government determined school terms.

You can find the school term dates on the following websites:

- [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)
- [educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)
- [education.nsw.gov.au](https://education.nsw.gov.au)

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular 'dragon's teeth' road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Fines and a loss of demerit points will apply if the 40km/h speed limit isn't followed. For more information on fines and demerit points, visit [rms.nsw.gov.au](https://rms.nsw.gov.au)

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