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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 1, Week 3, 11th February 2021

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 – Mr VT

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

The NSW Government has flagged some changes to the Covid-safe restrictions that will ease the requirements on churches that also benefits our school. The reduction from the four square metre rule to two square meters will effectively double the church capacity and will allow us to have larger groups attend school masses.

Ash Wednesday Mass next Wednesday 17th February at 10.00am, will be our first liturgical celebration for the year and with eased restrictions we will be able to accommodate classes from Years 2-6. Kindergarten and Year 1 will celebrate a liturgy in the classrooms.

Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no parents attending this mass. Parents wishing to attend an Ash Wednesday Mass can attend a parish mass at 8.00am or 7:30pm at St. Patrick's Church Asquith.

We will celebrate our Beginning School Mass on Thursday 25th February, this will also be divided into two celebrations. The Year 2, 3 & 4 students will attend mass, along with parishioners at 9.00am. Our Kinder, Year 1 and Year 5 & 6 students will attend mass at 11:15am. During this mass our captains will be commissioned and welcomed to their leadership roles and Year 6 leaders will receive a blessing. Year 6 students will also bless their Kindergarten buddies.

I acknowledge that the Beginning School Mass is usually well attended by parents. The school is working through a plan to accommodate some parent attendance, particularly Kinder and Year 6 parents, as these students are involved in special presentations and blessings during the mass.

Swimming Carnival

The School Swimming Carnival was an overwhelming success thanks to the efforts of parents and teachers who supported Mrs MacMahon throughout the day. It was also due to the wonderful efforts of the children who participated with good spirits in the events but also supported each other to take on a challenge and do their best. Congratulations to Mercy (Blue) House led by Kurt and Zasha for being crowned Champion House and to Xavier (Green) House led by Tara and Marcus for claiming the Spirit Trophy.

Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Parent Information Meetings this week. The purpose of these meetings was to provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and for teachers to communicate the essential information regarding class and school routines and expectations. If you were unable to attend a meeting, a recording of the meeting is available on request.

Friday Assemblies

Friday morning award assemblies were once well attended by parents, but due to current Covid-safe restrictions parent access to the school site is limited. To overcome this difficulty the school will make this assembly accessible each week via Zoom via this link: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/93541693068>

If you do join the assembly please keep your settings on mute and your video turned off. I hope that many parents are able to tune in tomorrow for our first awards assembly.

Drop-off and Pick-up

This week I outlined the procedures for the morning and afternoon drop off and dismissal routines. These routines are for the most part working well. Thank you to parents who are mindful of driving slowly, using the pedestrian crossing and being vigilant with their young ones. I encourage parents using drive through to have the family name card on the car visor to assist with calling children to be ready for pick up.

Safety is highly valued in our school community. Please remember to stay in your car when dropping off or picking up in the 'No Parking Zone' at the front of the school. When parents leave their vehicle to assist their child it slows the process down significantly and causes frustration.

I ask as a community we remain patient, keep calm and follow the protocols so that safety is maintained. Please refer to the supporting document provided earlier this week by the NSW and Local Government in regard to current parking and traffic road rules around schools.

Qkr update details—Uniform Shop

As Qkr is the preferred method of payment in the Uniform Shop, lunch orders and other incidentals, could all parents please update the information for their child in Qkr to reflect their **new class and grade**. A reminder that all uniform shop order are now completed through Qkr. Also, that the website link to book uniform shop appointments is <https://www.picktime.com/stpatsuniformshop>. The process of booking uniform shop appointments is not only for Covid, but it is in place to assist the uniform shop volunteers to organise their time efficiently. It would be appreciated if parents could note the website down so they have easy reference to this booking service when they require to attend the uniform shop in the future.

God bless you and your families

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal



REC News—Tahnee Reynolds

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to what will truly be a blessed and exciting year here at St Patrick's!

Ash Wednesday

In Week 4, we will be initiating our Lent Season as well as our Project Compassion mission. During this time of preparation, we encourage the community to engage in 'Acts of Kindness' and put their faith into action for others.

For Years 2-6, classes will be attending Mass at 10am.

For Kindergarten and Year 1, classes will hold a joint Liturgy during the day.

Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no parents attending this mass.



Opening School Mass

Our opening school mass will be held in two separate celebrations on Thursday 25th February at 9am (Year 1, 2, 3 & 4) and 11:15am (Kinder, Year 5 & 6). During the 11:15am mass our captains will be commissioned and welcomed to their leadership roles and Year 6 leaders will receive a blessing. Year 6 students will also give their Kindergarten buddies a very special blessing.

The Dish

We are calling on volunteers to assist with our 4 allocated times for The Dish 2021. There are many ways to assist and you don't necessarily have to be available on the day. You may be able to cook a meal with your family at home and discuss why we help others in need. You may be able to drop in some fresh fruit, vegetables, coffee, tea or milk or assist with distribution at Fusion Hornsby (Jersey Street) from 5:45pm. Many hands make light work, the more helpers the better. This is a great way to show our children the meaning of compassion.

Please click on [this link](#) to register your interest for The Dish 2021.

Mercy Action Group

As a part of our social justice program we have a Mercy Action Group (MAG) at St Patrick's. I invite students from Years 5 and 6 who would like to be a part of the MAG group to complete an application form (these were sent home by class teachers last week) and discuss this with their parents. The Mercy Action Group help with many projects, many of these taking place at lunchtimes so students need to be prepared for this. As always, the MAG students will be acknowledged at our St Patrick's Day Mass. I look forward to working with the Mercy Action Group in 2021.

Important dates for Term 1:

Wednesday 17th February -	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 25th February -	Opening School Mass
Thursday 11th March -	Reconciliation (5/6 Gold and 6 Green)
Wednesday 17th March -	St Patrick's Day Mass and Celebration
Thursday 25th March -	Reconciliation (5 Green and Year 4)
Week 10 -	Holy Week Liturgies

Wishing you blessings and joy,

Tahnee Reynolds

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

On Tuesday 9 February 2021 St Patrick's celebrated Safer Internet Day.

Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the role we can all play in creating a better internet.

You are invited to join the global campaign, supported by millions of people in 170 countries across the world.

- Visit esafety.gov.au/SID to find out how to start the chat at work, at home and in your community.
- Sign up for the Safer Internet Day webinar for parents and carers, [eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama](#).

Help us make every day a Safer Internet Day!



esafety.gov.au



 eSafety Commissioner



News from the Office

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 must 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.

Qkr -

As in previous years **all** purchases are required to be made via the Qkr app— this includes School Uniforms, Canteen, Special Lunch Day Orders — and yes, even your school fees can be paid on the Qkr app.

REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES:- Please amend your child's class and year level when ordering or paying in Qkr — this will ensure your child receives their uniforms and other purchases without any confusion.

School fees for 2021

In December 2020 CSBB emailed some information regarding the new fee structure for 2021 . School Fee accounts will be emailed at the end of this week or early next week from CSBB. All school fees are overseen by the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Fees Liaison Team, should you be experiencing any financial difficulty please contact Julie Payne at CSO on 9847 0258.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to call Cheryl in the Office.

Accidents will happen...

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



2021 Swimming Carnival /Sports News

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our students who participated in the swimming carnival last Friday at Hornsby Aquatic Centre.

It was a beautiful sunny day and all the students showed amazing enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to our winning colour house Mercy (Blue) for overall points award and Xavier (Green) took out the Spirit award.

Thank you very much to all of our wonderful parents and ex St Leo's students who helped make the swimming carnival a huge success!

The children who have been successful qualifying for the North Shore Catholic Schools Swim Carnival being held on Wednesday 3rd March at Hornsby Aquatic Centre will be notified within the following weeks.

There will be a Swimming Age Champion presentation on Friday 19th February at the morning assembly. Parents will be able to view the presentation via zoom.



Polding Tennis

Congratulations to Matthew Tan, our Vice School Captain who has qualified for the State Tennis Championships to be held in April at Newcastle.

We are very proud of you Matthew, and wish you the best of luck!



Student News

One of our Year 4 students, Zola B, will be appearing in the production of NTC's Les Miserable at the Concourse, Chatswood. Zola will be playing the role of Little Cosette and will be singing "Castle in the Cloud". She will be in the 7:30pm shows of Mar 4, 11 and 13. **'Break a leg' Zola!!!**





Mount Colah Football Club

SAP League and MiniRoos Club

MiniRoos Soccer is a popular winter sport for Primary School boys and girls across Australia because it is lots of fun

Register to play

mountcolahcolts.com

**New Mount Colah Under 6 & 7 players
get free shorts and socks**

**MiniRoos Season
Registration Fee**

- **Includes 5 weeks
T3 Skills Clinic**

SAP League

- **Top Division for
Under 8 to Under 11**

**Information Day - 1 Feb
at Mount Colah Public School**





Hornsby Lions Netball Club



MONTVIEW NETBALL COURTS
6-week program for 6 to 9 year olds
Commencing 12th February, 2021
4.30 – 5.30pm

THE COST OF THE PROGRAM:

\$85 which includes
a ANZ NetSetGo netball, t-shirt
and insurance* for your child
for the complete 2021 season

(* a saving of approx. \$50 if you register
for the 2021 NetSetGo Winter Comp)

For more information email
hornsbylionsnetball@hotmail.com

Or come and visit our website.
hornsbylionsnc.nsw.netball.com.au



NETBALL



IT'S A WAY OF LIFE



Let's see if it's right for you!
Ages 10 up, Boys and Girls
Storey Park Asquith
Thursday 25th February
Thursday 11th March
5.45pm

Asquith **MAGPIES**

COME TRY DAYS

Oakhill College Open Day

We warmly invite prospective students and families to the Oakhill College Open Day on Sunday, 7th March from 10.00am-2.00pm.

Join us for a student led tour around our beautiful campus and visit our subject displays, meet our staff and students, watch some of our co-curricular activities and a variety of performances.

Our Principal's Address is at 10.00am, 11.00am and 12.00pm. Bookings are essential, so please register on our website and for any COVID-19 updates: www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au



Oakhill
COLLEGE



Open Day

Sunday 7th March 2021

10.00 AM - 2.00 PM

423-513 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill NSW 2154
oakhill.nsw.edu.au | 9899 2288

Bookings essential. Check the website for any possible COVID-19 variations.

Feet on the ground. Aiming for the stars.

SCHOOL ZONE

Road Safety News

Term 1, 2021



Welcome to the first School Zone Newsletter for 2021. Our goal this year is to see **safer, kinder, more active** school zones. To help with this, we will include simple Active Travel ideas for you to try, traffic and parking rule reminders and messages from member of our school communities.



Park & Walk

Walking to school with your child has obvious health benefits for you both and is also a wonderful opportunity to connect. Talk Road Safety with your child along the way. Empower them to ultimately make safe decisions independently around traffic.

- Identify a quiet location where you can park your car and walk to school.
- Think about winding your way through a local park, or past an interesting community feature.
- Grab a coffee and have a chat.

Encourage friends to join you or chat with your school P&C to see if there is community interest in broadening Active Travel ideas.

"Catching the bus home with all my friends is a really cool way to finish the day. I'm just about to start high school and will be catching the bus to the next suburb but I feel ready because I've been catching the bus since Year 4".

Grace, 12

Station



"Walking to the train station in the morning gives me time to think about the day ahead. I like zoning out on the train, listening to music, but we are not allowed to wear headphones on the walk from the station to school".

Jake, 15



"I love it when Mum picks me up after school and we walk home past the ice-cream shop".

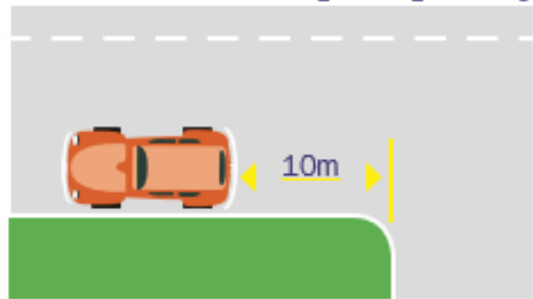
Maya, 8



Parking Rules

Please park safely and legally on the streets around your school. Park legally so you do not incur parking fines and demerit points. Council's Traffic Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools. If you park contrary to the road rules you will be fined!

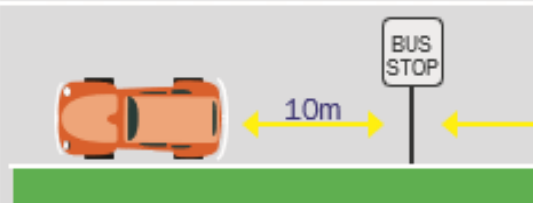
You cannot stop or park your vehicle:



Within 10m of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights (20m with traffic lights), unless a sign states you can park there (see image at left).

PENALTIES FROM: \$464
Demerit Points apply in School Zone


Within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop (see image)



PENALTIES FROM: \$349
Demerit Points apply in School Zone

Parallel parking

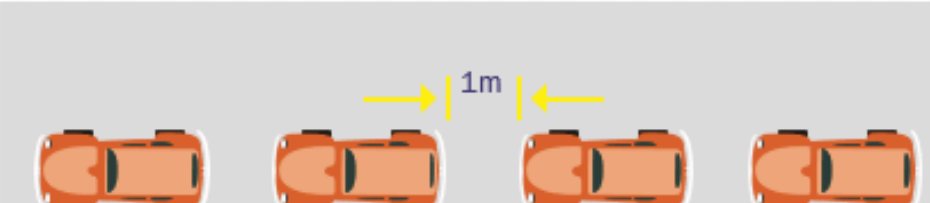
This is the usual way to park unless signs tell you otherwise. You must park in the same direction as the adjacent traffic and parallel and as close as possible to the kerb.



You can NOT park across driveways or pedestrian kerb ramps. A vehicle can be parked up to the wings on the driveways or ramp (see image)

PENALTIES FROM: \$349
Demerit Points apply in School Zone

You should park at least one metre from any other parked vehicle and entirely within any marked parking lines where provided (see image)



PENALTIES FROM: \$116