



# 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 1, Week 5, 25th 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 Parent and Caregivers, Boys and Girls,

This week I was listening to one of our teacher trainees speak about how lucky she was to have an opportunity to be placed in our school. She was most impressed by the warm welcome and the care and support she and her colleagues have received from staff, parents and the children over the last few weeks. It is heartwarming to have someone notice that about our school community but also to realise that it is real and authentic.

Other proud moments came in today's Opening School Masses. They were wonderful celebrations that were punctuated with a few remarkable St. Patrick's Asquith traditions. I am very proud to be part of and be a witness to the traditions to welcome and bless our new Kindergarten students and acknowledge and bless our Year 6 leaders. I congratulate our new leaders on the start to the year so far and look forward to seeing their many successes in the coming months.

Thank you to the parents who were able to support the school by attending either of our school masses. It was great to finally have an event that parents were able to attend.

## School Open Day 2021

Although we have only just welcomed the current Kindergarten students to our school, it is now time to start preparing and begin the enrolment process for 2022 with our school Open Day on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

There are two scheduled times for school tours offered for that day. A morning information session from 9am and a daytime school tour showcasing classrooms in action between 9:30 & 10:30am.

In the evening school tours will be offered from 5:30pm with an information session from 6:30pm. I invite parents of children who will start school next year to come along to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the right place for your children. If parents are aware of families that have children ready to start school next year, I encourage you to recommend our school and the offer to come and find out more information from one of our Open Day sessions.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 9 (March 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>) with an evening session scheduled for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The interviews provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss their progress and set goals for the year ahead.

To maintain a Covid-safe environment the school will offer interviews via Zoom. Parents and caregivers can have a face to face meeting if required but where possible limit attendance to one parent. Information will be sent home in the coming week about the online process for making a booking.

## School Canteen

Thank you to our Canteen organiser, Ebony O'Hagan and all the parents who have volunteered to assist in the canteen during the year. The school canteen functions through the generosity of our parent community volunteering their time and I am sure the children appreciate the support this wonderful service provides our school community. The Canteen will operate Wednesday and Friday with an opening date of Friday 12 March. With the last day for canteen this term being Wednesday 31 March.



## Class Parents 2021

Each year the school seeks the support of two parents from each year group (ideally one from each class) to

volunteer to be a class parent. Class parents generally support the communication amongst the parents of a class and/or grade, organise small catch up events like coffee, meals out or plays in the park and communicate any specific information requested by the school. The role of Class Parent is invaluable to our school community as it helps parents get to know each other and fosters a strong sense of belonging.

Any parent is welcome to put their name forward, whether a new or existing family. Advice, support and information will always be on hand so please consider volunteering for this role even if you have never done so before. If you are willing to help please reply by email to [spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

This year we welcome Ana Villamor and Dicta Hendarto as the new Class Parent Co-ordinators. We again thank our previous co-ordinators Kelly Ramos and Sarah Stala after many years of dedicated service to our school community.

## Council of Catholic School Parents

The Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) has been representing parents and careers of children in Catholic Schools for over 25 years. The council provides support to parents and carers in various ways including providing resources to parents on a wide range of topics.

Attached to this newsletter are several CCSP flyers that promote some of their services including two free webinars. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner the CCSP will be holding webinars to provide parents with strategies to establish a safe online environment for their children. Tech, Teens and Time Online is scheduled for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March between 7:30-8:30pm and Helping Kids Thrive Online on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March between 12:30-1:30pm.

Parents can also access the resource 'Supporting Diverse Learning in Catholic Schools' a guide by parents for parents. It has tips and tricks along with links to various websites and groups that support Learning Diversity. I recommend parents read the Preparing Your Child for School and the Positive Experiences at Primary School sections of the guide. These provide advice on managing routines and preparing and supporting children through various school related situations.

*God bless you and your families*

**Todd Vane-Tempest**  
Principal



# REC News—Tahnee Reynolds

*"Aspire not to have more, but to be more" - Saint Oscar Romero*

## Project Compassion

Last week, we began 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. We have made a great start to our Project Compassion campaign. Keep bringing in your coins. Let's see how many people we can help this year! For more information go to: <https://lent.caritas.org.au/>



## The Dish

Thank you to the many volunteers who returned forms to express their interest and availability in assisting with The Dish this year. If you haven't had a chance to return the form, it's not too late to volunteer some of your time. Please complete the Google Form by Wednesday next week by clicking [this link](#). A roster for March 23rd will then be emailed out to those parents and families.

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.

## Class Masses

Next week Kindergarten Green and their Year 6 Buddies will be attending the 9am weekday mass on Tuesday 2nd March. Kindergarten Gold and their Year 6 Buddies will be attending the 9am weekday mass on Thursday 4th March.

All families are welcome to join their classes.

## Important dates for Term 1:

Tuesday 9th March -	Year 6 Leaders (Virtual Morning)
Tuesday 9th March -	Year 5 attending Parish Mass 9am
Thursday 11th March -	Reconciliation (5/6 Gold and 6 Green)
Thursday 11th March -	Year 4 attending Parish Mass 9am
Wednesday 17th March -	St Patrick's Day Mass and Celebration
Tuesday 23rd March -	Year 1 and 2 attending Parish Mass 9am
Tuesday 23rd March -	The Dish
Thursday 25th March -	Reconciliation (5 Green and Year 4)
Thursday 25th March -	Year 3 attending Parish Mass 9am
Week 10 -	Holy Week Liturgies





# REC News—Tahnee Reynolds—continued

Next Monday, it is 'World Compliment Day' – let's take some time out to say something complimentary to another person and brighten someone's day!

Wishing you blessings and joy,

Tahnee Reynolds

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

## OPENING SCHOOL MASS — KINDER, YEAR 5&6





# News from the Office

## Information Collection:

Tomorrow (Friday) we will be sending you some correspondence from the Catholic Schools Broken Bay regarding the collection of Student residential address, an updated Standard Collection Notice and other information regarding Privacy and data collection.

## 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 to amend Class and Grade in Qkr

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.

## Open Day 30 March:

Our Open Day is approaching please spread the word about our wonderful school. We would love to see many new faces.

## Uniform Shop:

Please remember that you must book a time to visit the uniform shop to purchase new and used uniforms by using this link,

<https://www.picktime.com/stpatsuniformshop> Payments are then made through Qkr.

## Accidents will happen...

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

Have a wonderful week everyone!!

Cheryl and Liz

# Canteen News

## Canteen Update

### We are opening again!!

Canteen will be open Wednesday's and Friday's. Canteen first opening date is **Friday 12 March**.

Last day for canteen this term is **Wednesday 31st March**. **We still need your help!! Can you spare some time?**

### New to school or canteen?

We are happy to pair you with an experienced volunteer or offer guidance to help you get started.

### You can:

Volunteer with a friend! Choose your own sign up dates! Volunteer as little or as much as you like!

**If you are interested and available for an hour on a Wednesday or Friday 12.45 – 1.45pm**

**Please email [ebony.ohagan@gmail.com](mailto:ebony.ohagan@gmail.com)**

### PREVIOUS VOLUNTEERS

We need you also to let us know if you are available by emailing the above address as our records need updating. Thank you so much! Maybe you are interested in working with a group or in a pair to develop the school canteen? This year the canteen will be looking for new leadership. If you are interested let us know!



# Sport News

## Swimming

Congratulations to our **2021 Swimming Age Champions**. They were presented with the Age Champion trophies at our Friday morning assembly last week.

Age 8 Girls	Alice Y
Age 8 Boys	Liam D
Age 9 Girls	Lily W
Age 9 Boys	Fynn E
Age 10 Girls	Catherine M
Age 10 Boys	Noah D
Age 11 Girls	Gemma T
Age 11 Boys	James S
Age 12 Girls	Bianca M
Age 12 Boys	Max H & Jake F

Next Wednesday 3rd March the St Patrick's swim team will compete against 13 other schools at the North Shore Catholic Schools Swim Meet, being held at Hornsby Aquatic Centre . We wish our team the best of luck.



## St Patrick's Parents & Friends Association

### Who are we?

St Patrick's Parents & Friends (P&F) Association is the core of wonderful group of parents working together to make St Patrick's a great place for our children and their families. This is not an exclusive club; everyone is a part of the P&F including all mums, dads, carers and grandparents of new and existing families. The Uniform shop and Canteen is P&F supported and run by super parent volunteers. Another part of your P&F is Paddy's Care Group which offers support to families in time of need.

### What do we do?

The P&F's principle role is to help *develop and foster great spirit amongst the School community*. We create welcoming opportunities for all to feel included. Usually we would run regular events such as a 'Welcome BBQ' complete with jumping castle, fun social evenings - (sometimes combined with fundraising), a bi-annual St Patrick's School Fete and more. In recent years, funds raised have paid for the playground that our children enjoy. This year, the School is about to purchase additional sports and robotics equipment with P&F funds.

As you can understand large events have been on hold due to Covid19, however, in 2020 we were lucky enough to run Mother's and Father's day stalls, have sushi lunch order days and re-open the canteen.

### What can you do?

Parent participation and engagement with the school is paramount in supporting our children's education. *Volunteers play a big part in successful events that the P&F put on for the School community*. Volunteering can range from helping in the canteen, planning social get-togethers or coming up with ideas for fundraising. Many hands make light work and it also means that everyone can be involved in the diverse activities we host.

### 2021 & our Contact:

To start 2021, a St Pat's Cookbook of favourite family recipes is coming your way, so get your chefs hat on!

Perhaps you have some creative ideas for family participation in the School that we can work with in a Covid-safe way. We are a very friendly committee and we would love to hear your ideas for St Patrick's Parents & Friends Association!

Please contact us at: [pandfstpats@gmail.com](mailto:pandfstpats@gmail.com)

Wishing you a wonderful year.

### The St Pat's P&F Executive for 2021

Susan Layton – President

David De-Fina – Vice President

Monique Ciami – Secretary

Rima Melia – Treasurer



# Harmony Week



## Harmony Week Poster Competition

The Moving Forward Together Association has successfully run the annual Harmony Poster Competitions since 2005 and many St Patrick's students have entered over the past few years. The competition aims to establish a platform for communicating the positive benefits of harmony, humanity, unity and cooperation in society. The theme for the 2021 competitions is **'Harmony – Everyone Belongs'**.

This year students will have the opportunity to create a poster during Let's Do Lunch (lunch times on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or they may create their poster at home. If choosing to do it at home please refer to the details of the 2021 competition which are on the website: [www.movingforwardtogether.org.au](http://www.movingforwardtogether.org.au).

A few things to note are;

- \* Students can work individually or in small groups (can be family members but all must attend St Patrick's school).
- \* The entry must be A3 size (paper can be collected from the office if needed).
- \* On the back of the entry each student will need to write their full name, school and class.
- \* Submitted artwork must be the student's original creation. Making a copy of any pre-existing image is not acceptable, whether visually or by tracing. Colouring in an outline printed or drawn by someone else or having someone else contribute to the artwork is also not acceptable.
- \* Entries can be made from any traditional media, including pastel, oil pastels, pen, pencil, charcoal, acrylics, watercolour, oils, mixed media, collage, or other materials.
- \* Artwork must not be overly derivative of images found on the Internet, in print media, or elsewhere.
- \* Ensure the theme **Everyone Belongs** is clearly written/represented on the poster.
- \* Please return to the school office by Friday, 19th March (week 8).

Any questions please contact Bec Daly at school or email [spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au)



# 2021 Student Achievement

We have had some very busy little students so far this year. Congratulations to them all!

**State Nippers 2021** - Congratulations to Hayley for making to State Nippers Championships at Swansea this weekend. Well done Hayley and all the best !

**State Touch 2021** - Congratulations to these 3 girls from St Patricks who will be representing Hornsby Touch in the State Cup at Port Macquarie this weekend. Well done Hayley , Sienna and Penny and all the best !

**Baseball** - Jacob and Archer both play baseball with the Hornsby Rangers and have been selected to play with the Ryde Hawks in the Baseball NSW Rookies Cup tournament this Sunday where they will play against teams from all over the State. Good Luck to you both!



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!!!**





# St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga

Tour  
our \$25m  
campus  
upgrade

## What's on!

All welcome!

- Speak to our staff and students
- Hear from the Principal - hourly addresses
- Tour our \$25m campus upgrade
- Information stands and displays
- Sports activities and CAPA performances
- Covid-safe plan in place

Our innovative learning environment, strong academic results, caring community and personalised approach make St Leo's an exceptional place to learn.

Come and find out more!

Enter via Woolcott Ave, Wahroonga, or main event parking via Yardley Ave, Waitara.



## OPEN DAY & EXPO

Tuesday 16 March, 4-7pm



Enter with passion –  
graduate with greatness

Register at:

[stleos.nsw.edu.au](http://stleos.nsw.edu.au)



IN 2021 THE MERCY  
COMMUNITY WELCOMES  
MRS BRENDA TIMP  
OUR NEW COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

## OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021, 11-2PM

- Providing excellence in teaching and learning since 1890.
- Recognising our students' needs are diverse, we constantly aim to develop courses and apply teaching strategies that accommodate different learning styles.
- Offering a comprehensive range of electives in addition to mandatory studies from Year 7, leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate credential in Year 12.
- Interested in the development of the whole person, we offer numerous opportunities for students to participate in co-curricular activities. Over 30 programs including a variety of Sport, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.

Based on a framework of positive psychology the College's well developed pastoral care structure supports student wellbeing. With specialised staff including the Director of Student Wellbeing and the Youth Minister who work with students on a variety of projects including faith development, social justice and wellbeing.

The College enjoys modern facilities and state of the art technology in classrooms designed to cater for 21st century learning.

Located in the heart of Chatswood the College is a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses and trains.



Catholic Girls Secondary College, Years 7 – 12  
TEL 02 9419 2890 EMAIL [mercy@dbc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mercy@dbc.catholic.edu.au)



## Open Day

Sunday 7th March 2021

10.00AM – 2.00PM

423-513 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill NSW 2154  
[oakhillnsw.edu.au](http://oakhillnsw.edu.au) | 9899 2288

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

Feet on the ground. Aiming for the stars.





## 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



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**



# Parking Rules

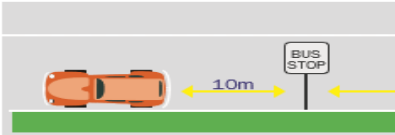
Please park safely and legally on the streets around your school. Park legally so you do not incur parking fines and demerit points. Council's Traffic Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools. If you park contrary to the road rules you will be fined!

## 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

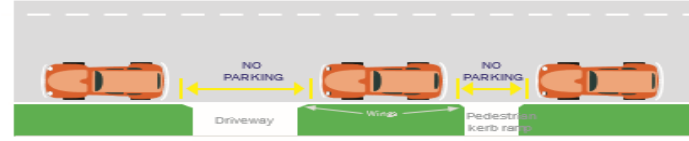


Within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop (see image)

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

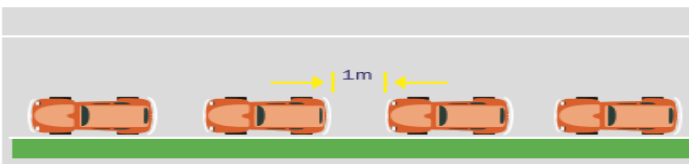
## Parallel parking

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**

**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

"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



**HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL**



## RENEWING OUR STORY

### **Hornsby Library is getting a face lift!**

With more space, a modern look and new areas for reading, creating, relaxing and discovering.

During the refurbishment there will be limited computer use and study space will not be available. Check the website for details or follow our Facebook page for latest updates.

### **Our opening hours will be:**

**Monday – Thursday: 11am – 9pm**

**Friday: 11am – 7pm**

**Saturday: 11am – 5pm**

**Sunday: 2pm – 5pm**

Please ask staff for further details or visit our website:

**[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)**



# Parents' Guide to

# **Book Club**

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## HOW TO ORDER ON **Book Club**



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read
3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)
4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.







**LOOP** is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last Initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

# Our **Book Club** promise to you

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**Carefully curated**  
 Each issue is specially curated and filled with age appropriate titles that have been carefully selected by professional booklovers at Scholastic.
  
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**Value for your money**  
 Your child can take home a book from as little as \$3, because every child deserves to experience independent reading for pleasure.
  
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**Quality publishing**  
 Book Club gives you access to the best in children's publishing from bestselling authors and illustrators from Australia and around the world.
  
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**Books for everyone**  
 Scholastic provides all different sorts of books to suit all kinds of readers. We believe more books means more choice, which means kids get to read the books they want. The right books can ignite and fuel a lifelong passion for reading.



## **Book Club** rewards your school!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



School earns Scholastic Rewards.



School redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources.