



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## PARISH CLERGY

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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 7, 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'S NEWS

Dear parents, caregivers, boys and girls,

### Year 6 Leadership Opportunities

Our Year 6 leaders for 2021 have been impressive in their attitude and manner. On many occasions we call on our Year 6 students to demonstrate to all our students the high expectations we have for their learning and behaviour and it is pleasing to witness the efforts of our current Year 6 group.

Recently three of our Year 6 leaders Tara C, Deslie P and Matthew T were outstanding representatives for our school at an ICLT Forum held at St. Leo's Catholic College. These three students joined with staff, principals, and students from three other catholic schools to discuss their experiences of using technology. They impressed the ICLT team from Catholic Schools Broken Bay with their knowledge and confidence in using technology but also the innovative ways they demonstrate their learning using various digital platforms.

### Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday evening I watched our representative, Liam D, compete at the Broken Bay Diocesan Swimming Carnival. Liam was very excited and possibly a little nervous before his event, and although he didn't place in the top three swimmers in his event, he was outstanding in his attitude and effort. Congratulations Liam on your wonderful achievement and for representing our school so well.

### School Promotion and School Open Day

Our school is working hard in various ways to raise the school's profile in the local community through visiting preschools, holding a preschool teacher workshop, attending preschool events, advertising using social media and inviting the community in through our **School Open Day on Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup> (Session 1 from 9am and Session 2 from 5:30pm).**

I am calling on all parents to assist in promoting our school as the perfect place for new students to attend. If you know of parents who have preschool children ready to start school in 2022 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them. Parent recommendation is usually at the top of the list of reasons why new parents seek to have their children attend a school. Please mention our **School Open Day (March 30<sup>th</sup>).**

## Pre-school Workshop

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March our school will be hosting a Pre-school Teacher Workshop for preschool teachers in our local area. This will be an opportunity to raise the school profile in the local community through our feeder preschools but also make close professional links with the educators and their centres. We will have a guest speaker presenting from Catholic Schools Broken Bay along with expert teachers from our school. They will focus on literacy and numeracy skills for preschool children in preparation for starting school. I acknowledge and thank our Welcoming Committee for organising the hospitality for this event.

## St. Patrick's Feast Day Celebrations

Next Wednesday is St. Patrick's Day. This is traditionally a big day on the Australian calendar but has major significance to our school community as St. Patrick is our school's patron saint.

Next Wednesday we will have a host of activities throughout the day starting with:

- The children can wear their sports uniform and something green e.g. t-shirt, ribbon, or another accessory. Some items may be appropriate to wear after mass.
- Men in the Morning- dads are welcome and encouraged to be on site and have some fun before school begins. More details to come early next week.
- Years 2-6 will celebrate mass together at 10am. (We are unable to have parents attend due to Covid-safe restrictions).
- Canteen is open for recess.
- Kinder and Year 1 Liturgy 11.45am (parents from these grades are welcome to attend).
- Free sausage sizzle and ice block for lunch for all students.
- Classroom-based activities during the day.

We are looking forward to a great celebration.

## Harmony Week

We are celebrating Harmony Week all next week. On Monday the students will receive an orange wrist band to mark the beginning of Harmony Week which they are encouraged to wear each day. Many of our students are entering the Harmony Week Poster Competition and classes will participate in various activities throughout the week to raise awareness and celebrate the cultural diversity we have in Australia that is active and valued in our school.

Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> March will be a **mufti day** where students are encouraged to wear something orange which is the Harmony Day colour (t-shirt, ribbon, or another accessory). We would like to request students to **please bring a gold coin donation for Project Compassion.**

Next week as part of Harmony Week the P&F will launch the start of our St. Patrick's Cookbook. Keep a look out for a flyer to be sent home next week advertising the initiative encouraging families to donate a favourite family recipe including ingredients preparation and cooking instructions, possibly a photo and even something about the family, why the recipe is so special or important and if it has any cultural significance.

## Cross Country

Please look out for details in the newsletter from Mrs MacMahon about the school Cross-country scheduled for next Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Mills Park. As the restrictions have lifted parents are invited to attend. I encourage parents to volunteer to help at the event. I am looking forward to a wonderful community event.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

We have had many parents make their bookings through Compass for the upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews in Week 9 (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March). The interviews can be held face to face or online via Zoom. A form will be sent home soon so that parents can indicate their preference for the interview either face to face, online or possibly a mixture of both depending on parents' availability. Please log onto Compass and make your booking if you haven't already done so.

## Parents on School Site

Morning arrival is often less stressful for schools than afternoon dismissal. Schools have a duty of care so that all students

are safely supervised into the care of parents or designated adults including our hard-working bus drivers each and every school day afternoon.

During this time of dismissal, the school is managing the movement of over 250 younger students along with parents off the school site in a short period of time. Many parents are also under time constraints to collect children and be on their way to various afternoon activities.

Currently, it is important that we have structures in place so that this process occurs with the utmost safety and care for each student's welfare. Today we trialled a new format for dismissal that invites parents back into the school for pickup. We will review its effectiveness and communicate the organisational structures to parents so that we can welcome parents back into our school.

## Canteen - opens tomorrow

**Tomorrow is the launch of the school canteen for 2021.** The children are very excited and are looking forward to making their first purchases for the year. Thank you to Ebony and her team of volunteers that make this all possible. Please look for more details about the canteen and menu later in this newsletter. We are planning a special canteen lunch order for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. More details will be available soon.

*God bless you and your families*

**Todd Vane-Tempest**

**Principal**



## STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received class awards at the Friday morning assembly.

### Week 6

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
<b>K Gold</b>	Michael S	Joseph C
<b>K Green</b>	Avi S	Gerson L
<b>1 Gold</b>	Madeleine H	Olivia T
<b>1 Green</b>	Emmanuella H	Prince M
<b>2 Gold</b>	Holly M	Ethan C
<b>3 Gold</b>	Elissa M	Sachi D
<b>3 Green</b>	Chelsea S	Gabriel D
<b>4 Gold</b>	Thomas C	Ashleigh I
<b>4 Green</b>	Carl C	Roisin S
<b>5 Green</b>	Marieta T	Curtis H
<b>5/6 Gold</b>	Sophie R	Altaf A
<b>6 Green</b>	Tara C	Max M

### Week 5

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
<b>K Gold</b>	Alessandro M	Katherine M
<b>K Green</b>	Grace N	Nivid G
<b>1 Gold</b>	Sophie C	Darius A
<b>1 Green</b>	Andrea C	Anamaria D
<b>2 Gold</b>	Amy F	Layla B
<b>3 Gold</b>	Talita M	Luca C
<b>3 Green</b>	Sophie S	Oscar T
<b>4 Gold</b>	Catherine M	Niall C
<b>4 Green</b>	Ava L	Makayla M
<b>5 Green</b>	Gemma T	Luke P
<b>5/6 Gold</b>	Daniel D	James A
<b>6 Green</b>	Jack B	Izzie O

## Canteen News

THE CANTEEN IS OPENING AGAIN THIS WEEK. (FRIDAY 12 March is Opening day!!!)

# St Patrick's School Canteen

### Open lunch time Wednesday and Friday

Purchases now available with cash over the counter

All items are *individually packaged* for hygiene purposes

#### Savory Snacks

Sea Salt Red Rock Deli Potato Chips 28 grams.....	\$1.00
Honey Soy Red Rock Deli Potato Chips 28 grams.....	\$1.00
Cheese Mamee Monster Rice Sticks 20 grams (Gluten Free) .....	\$0.60
Salt & Vinegar Delite Rice Crackers 20 grams (Gluten Free) .....	\$0.60
Sea Salt Popcorn Piranha 25 grams (Gluten Free) .....	\$1.00
Sweet & Salty Popcorn Piranha 25 grams (Gluten Free) .....	\$1.00
Traditional Breadsticks Vita Vigor approx. 5 per bag.....	\$0.30
Jatz Crackers Mini Pack 3 per bag.....	\$0.20

#### Sweet Snacks

Choc Chip Mini Chunkies Cookies 25 grams.....	\$0.50
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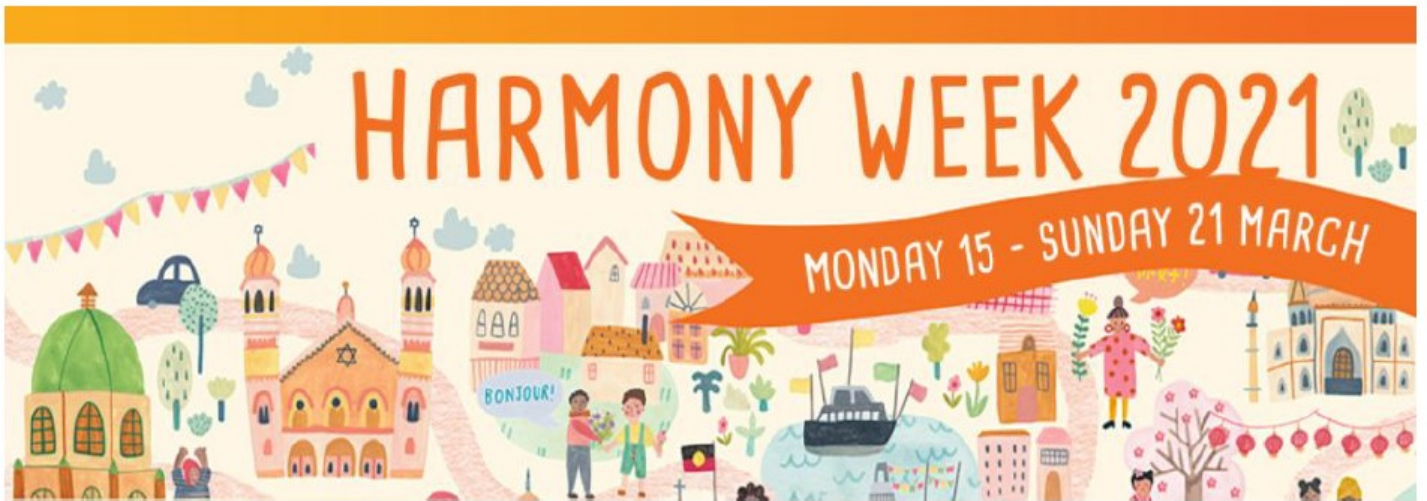
#### Frozen Treats

Lemonade Juicies Tube 100% Juice (Dairy Free) .....	\$0.80
Tropical Juicies Tube 100% Juice (Dairy Free) .....	\$0.80
Quelch Stick 100% Fruit Juice Icy Tubes (Dairy Free) .....	\$0.40
Chocolate Moosie Dairy Treat.....	\$0.80
Strawberry Moosie Dairy Treat.....	\$0.80
Banana Moosie Dairy Treat.....	\$0.80

#### Drinks

Apple Juice Cup 100% Apple Juice 110 ml.....	\$0.50
Apple & Raspberry Juice Bomb 99.9% Sparkling Fruit Juice 250 ml.....	\$1.20
Orange & Passionfruit Chill J 100% Sparkling Fruit Juice 250 ml.....	\$1.20
Raspberry Chill Iced Tea (Caffeine Free) 250 ml.....	\$1.20

# HARMONY WEEK 2021



## Harmony Week 15th-21st March 2021

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background.

The message of Harmony Week is **Everyone Belongs** .

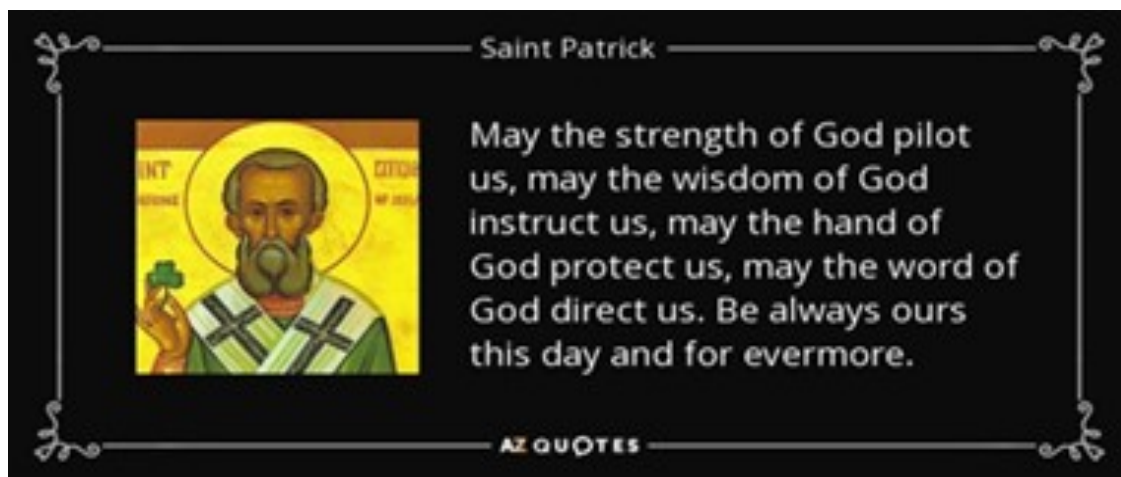
**During the week** - students will engage in learning activities which communicate the importance of cultural diversity. The lessons aim to encourage values, promote participation and provide some fun ways to learn.

**Monday, 15th March** - students will receive a Harmony Week wristband. Students can wear these all week.

**Friday, 19th March** - students are asked to wear mufti clothes with a touch of orange colour. Traditionally, orange is the colour to represent Harmony Week. We can choose to wear something orange on this day to show our support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. There will also be a short Harmony Week assembly to be held during the Friday morning assembly.

**Harmony Competition Posters** - for students who are working on these at home they are due to the school office by Friday 19th March.

*Please bring a gold coin donation for Project Compassion.  
Thank you*



### St Patrick's Day

Next Wednesday 17th March we will celebrate St Patrick's Day, our school feast day. Year 2-6 will start the day by celebrating Mass at 10.00am. Kindergarten and Year 1 will hold a Liturgy with their classes. After morning tea students will learn more about St Patrick himself in their classrooms. All students are to wear their full sports uniform on the day along with a green top or accessory (to be worn after mass). We will also celebrate with a sausage sizzle and ice block at lunch time. Due to Covid restrictions, unfortunately there will be no parents attending this mass.



### Mercy Action Group

We had a wonderful response of students from Stage 3 who showed an interest in joining the Mercy Action Group (MAG). The students will be presented to the school and blessed at our St Patrick's Day Mass next week. A video of the commissioning and blessing will be shared to our school community.

### Project Compassion

We have made a great start to our Project Compassion campaign. Thank you for your contribution so far. We currently have a total to \$303.70. For more information go to: <https://lent.caritas.org.au/>

### Harmony week

Let us also keep in mind that during Week 8 we celebrate Harmony Week. Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

**On Friday the 19th of March we will be celebrating Harmony Day, students can wear mufti (something orange is the theme). Don't forget your gold coin donation for Project Compassion.**



## Class Masses and Reconciliation

In week 9 Year 1 and 2 Gold will attend Mass on Tuesday 23rd March at 9am. Year 3 will attend Mass on Thursday 25th March at 9am. All families are welcome to join their classes at the weekday Parish Mass.

5 Green and Year 4 will attend Reconciliation on Thursday 25th March at 10am.

## The Dish

Thank you to the many volunteers who returned forms to express their interest and availability in assisting with The Dish this year. A roster for March 23rd (Tuesday Week 9) will be sent home to those parents and families who have offered their time.

If you haven't had a chance to return the form, it's not too late to volunteer some of your time for Term 2, 3 or 4. Please complete the Google Form by clicking [this link](#).

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.

## Important dates for Term 1:

**Wednesday 17th March - St Patrick's Day Mass, Liturgy and Celebration**

**Friday 19th March - Harmony Day - Mufti day and gold coin donation**

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



Next Saturday, it is 'International Day of Happiness' – and this year's theme is 'Keep Calm. Stay Wise. Be Kind'. Thinking about the year that has been, this year's focus gives us the opportunity to think about positive ways to look after ourselves and those around us. Everyone wants to be happy - and life is happier when we're together. It is a chance for us to BE MORE!

*Wishing you blessings and joy,*

*Tahnee Reynolds*

*Acting Religious Education Coordinator*



# PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS (Doris Russell)



## PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS – TERM 1 – 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



During Weeks 8 & 9 our focus is to be a 'Responsible Learner' by caring for our environment. It is a part of our journey to living the **discipleship challenge**.

Last week the students acknowledged 'Clean up Australia Day.' Each year it is an opportunity to give back to our environment what we often take for granted; clean water, uncluttered coastlines, unlittered parks and bushland, clean safe environments, neighbourhoods and learning environments. Our responsibility is to show respect for the earth, as it is a precious and life-giving entity made more fragile by the way we are disrespecting its use and the gifts it provides. In the previous week our children worked together to clean up our playground, to make sure that there were no papers, plastic or non-environmentally friendly objects... this needs to be the norm rather than a reminder **SO** in the next few weeks we will encourage the students to take responsibility of their learning environment.

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.
- **Recycle** the packaging you bring to school so it can be used in an **environmentally friendly** way.
- **Take responsibility** for your **belongings** by:
  - Putting your name on your belongings (jumper, hat, lunchbox, drink bottles)
  - Putting your lunchboxes in designated areas
  - Putting things in lost property or returning to owner
- **Tidying up after yourselves** in the classroom or playground – **returning** equipment, tidying workspaces, keeping classrooms clean

*Some quotes from St Francis of Assisi the Patron Saint of Animals and Environment (Remember we can do this .....*)



### 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)



# Sports News

## Cross Country

On Thursday 18th March, St Patricks will be holding their annual Cross Country trials at Mills Park Asquith. The event will be held from 9.30am - 11.30am.

The scheduled program is 9.30am - 11.30m

**Order of events** – 1km Year 2, 2 km 8yrs girls, boys 9yrs girls, boys, 10yrs girls, boys. 3 km events - 11yrs girls, boys, 12yrs girls, boys.

The first six place holders in each age group will qualify to compete at the North Shore Catholic Schools Cross Country on Tuesday 27th April 2021.

A permission note will be available to complete this week. We will need to have parent helpers to stand around the course to guide the children around the course. If you could please indicate on permission form if you can assist it would be greatly appreciated. Parents are welcome at the carnival and will be allocated a spectator area, you may like to bring along a chair.

## Cluster Swimming Carnival/Diocesan Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 3 March St Patrick's students attended the Cluster Swimming Carnival at Hornsby Pool. The students represented our school well as they swam against 12 other primary schools from the North Shore Cluster. Well done to Liam D and Gemma T who placed in two of their events.

Congratulations to Liam D who went on to compete at the Broken Bay Diocesan Swimming Carnival, representing the North Shore Cluster, last night. although he didn't place in the top three swimmers in his event, he was outstanding in his attitude and effort. **Congratulations Liam** on your wonderful achievement and for representing our school so well.



## Community News

Asquith Magpies are offering a great opportunity for your child to come down and try out our great sport.

Its all about fun, fitness and friendships.

Professional coaches and trainers will give everyone a chance to play Junior Rugby League in a safe and encouraging environment.

Junior Rugby League is open to both boys and girls and also offers the opportunity to play League tag for girls aged 9 to 13.

Check out our website, [www.asquithmagpies.com.au](http://www.asquithmagpies.com.au) for more info and contacts or just turn up to one or more of the come try days this week.

Hope to see you there ☺

# **FREE** Come Try Days

## Berry Park Mt Colah

★ Tue 9th 5pm, 4 to 9yr old Boys and girls

★ Thur 11th 5.30pm, 10 and up Boys and Girls

## Storey Park Asquith

★ Fri 12th Girls all ages Tackle and League Tag, 5pm



*Asquith*  
**MAGPIES**

[www.asquithmagpies.com.au](http://www.asquithmagpies.com.au)

Register now for free with the Magpies for the Girls League Tag 2021 season.

Don't miss this great offer!

Offer ends March 12th

**Girls League Tag**  
u11's & u13's  
Free Registration  
Played on Saturday Afternoon

**NSW**  
Rugby League

*Asquith*  
**MAGPIES**

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

[www.asquithmagpies.com.au](http://www.asquithmagpies.com.au)

**Come Try Session Thursday 11th March 5pm at Storey Park**

# St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga

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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)