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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 2, Week 1, 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

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Jesus has risen! We are now in the church season of Easter. This commenced on Easter Sunday, and it is where we remember the time that Jesus spent with his followers before he returned to heaven on the Feast of the Ascension.

I do trust the holidays were a welcome opportunity for some much-deserved family time and break from routine.

Kinder Enrolments 2022

We are now at the next step of the process of meeting families who have applied for enrolments in Kinder 2022.

I warmly encourage parents who are seeking enrolment, or families you know who are seeking enrolment for Kindergarten 2022 and haven't yet applied, to do so in the **next few weeks**. Please pick up an application package from the office, or [download here](#) to receive one.

Prime Minister's Spelling Bee

Last term the children in Years 3-6 participated in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee. The children taking part in the Spelling Bee were given 30 random words from their reading level word list with 25 seconds to spell each word. The children may not have been familiar with all the words they are asked to spell, however, exposing them to new words and their definitions will help expand their vocabularies and encourage them to continue reading.

Today at our morning assembly we acknowledged and congratulated our class and school spelling champions. We also congratulate Charlotte K and Anthony G for qualifying for the next stage of the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee.

St. Patrick's Spelling Bee Champions:

Year 3 Green	Liam D	Year 3 Gold	Nathan W
Year 4 Green	Samuel A	Year 4 Gold	Anthony G
Year 5 Green	Julienne U	Year 5/6 Gold	Gracy B
Year 6 Green	Charlotte K	School Champion	Charlotte K

Anzac Day Commemoration

Anzac Day this year takes place this coming Sunday. Our school has a strong tradition of being well represented at the Dawn Service, however, under current restrictions we are restricted to two representatives. Our school captains Sophie W. and Jake F. will proudly be representing us and lay a wreath on behalf of our school at the commemorative service organised by the Hornsby RSL Branch.

On Monday we will commemorate ANZAC Day with a ceremony at morning assembly at 8:45am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten Family Mass

Our first School and Parish Family Mass will be for our Kindergarten families on **Sunday 2 May** at 10am. It will be a lovely opportunity for Kindergarten families to celebrate the Eucharist together. All families are most welcome!

Mothers, Muffins and Maths Morning

We are inviting all mothers, mother figures and women role models in the lives of our children to come along on **Friday 7 May** from 8:00am as part of our Mother's Day celebrations. This year we will begin the day with a cuppa, muffin, and a chat from 8am followed by a Mother's Day Liturgy after morning assembly and some fun Maths activities in the classrooms as part of a Maths morning. This is hopefully the start of many opportunities we can create under current Covid-safe restrictions to support our community. We warmly encourage all mums to come along and stay for as long as you can on the morning. I ask that you register your attendance for catering and Covid-19 Safe planning purposes. Please [click here](#) to RSVP.

Uniform

We are now into the 'phase in' period towards Winter uniform. Students may wear either **full Summer** or **full Winter** uniform (but not a combination) for the first four weeks to begin the term. Students should be in full Winter uniform by Monday 17 May. Please [click here](#) to see expectations about uniform. Thanks to the students and parents who adhere to this.

Behaviour Focus and Awards

Each fortnight throughout the year, the school will have a behaviour focus to remind the children of our expectations to support their learning. This fortnight we are focusing on the behaviour goal of 'Learn and Let Others Learn'. The children will be discussing this in class from time to time and in addition have a lesson specifically focused on what it means to achieve this behaviour goal. I encourage parents to support this in your conversations at home.

The teachers also acknowledge the children when they have consistently demonstrated the expected learning behaviours at school through individual stamp books that lead to achieving the various behaviour awards. Our first level is the Bronze Award which is achieved after 50 stamps are collected by the children. The first recipients of our Bronze awards will be handed out at this Monday's Morning Assembly.

North Shore Cluster Cross Country

We will have around 60 children representing us at the North Shore Cluster Cross Country next Tuesday 27th April. The children will be competing against 10 other schools at Rofe Park Hornsby Heights. We congratulate these children on their efforts and wish them well in their event.

God Bless you and your families

Todd Vane-Tempest

REC—Tahnee Reynolds



WE MUST CARE FOR THE EARTH
SO THAT IT MAY CONTINUE
AS GOD WILLED,
TO BE A SOURCE OF LIFE FOR
THE ENTIRE HUMAN FAMILY.

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS



EARTH DAY NETWORK

ANZAC Day

On Sunday our school captains will be laying a wreath at the Hornsby Dawn Service on ANZAC Day (25th April). We will have a liturgy at school in the playground on Monday 26th April at 8:45am. All families are welcome.



Mother's Day

This year we will celebrate Mother's Day at school with a Mothers, Muffins and Maths morning on Friday 7th May. We will begin the morning with breakfast at 8am in the playground. This will be followed by a Mother's Day Liturgy at 9:15am. Following our liturgy, we invite all mothers and mother figures to engage in some Maths activities with their children in the playground and classrooms.



Project Compassion

Thank you to our incredible school community for your contributions and generosity towards our Project Compassion campaign for this year. We raised a total of \$1058!

Kindergarten Parish Mass

On Sunday 2nd May Kindergarten families are invited to attend the 10am Mass at St. Patrick's Church. A note to indicate attendance was sent home in Week 10 last term, please return this to indicate your attendance so we can plan for student participation in the Mass. Families from all grades are most welcome to join Kindergarten.

Class Weekday Parish Mass

Year 6 will attend Mass on Thursday 6th May at 9am (Week 3). Year 1 and Year 2 will attend Mass on Thursday 13th May at 9am (Week 4). All families are welcome to join their classes at the weekday Parish Mass.

The Dish

This term, we will take part in 'The Dish' program on Tuesday 22nd June (Week 10). A roster of volunteers will be sent out in the coming weeks. Thank you once again for your constant offer of assistance and support.

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](#).

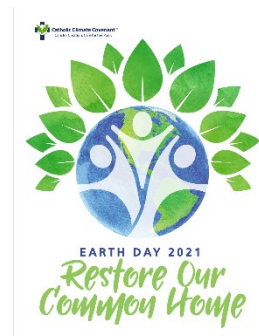
From the Parish – Confirmation 2021

Confirmation 2021 will be celebrated within Masses on Sunday 5th September 2021 at 2pm and 4pm at St Patrick's. For more information, please contact the [Parish Office](#).

Important dates for Term 2:

Monday 26th April - ANZAC Day Liturgy 8:45am
Sunday 2nd May - Kindergarten Parish Mass 10am
Thursday 6th May - Year 6 Weekday Parish Mass 9am
Friday 7th May - Mother's Day Celebrations 8am - 10:30am
Friday 7th May - Mother's Day Liturgy 9:15am
Thursday 13th May - Year 1 and Year 2 Weekday Parish Mass 9am
Monday 24th May - National Mass for 200 years of Catholic Education
Friday 11th June - School Mass - Feast of the Sacred Heart 11:20am
Sunday 20th June - Year 1 Parish Mass 10am
Tuesday 22nd June - The Dish

This week, we keep in mind that it is International Earth Day on Thursday 22nd April. There are many ways that we can contribute to caring for our environment. These could include encouraging the use of environmental lunch boxes and drink bottles, rather than disposable ones or collecting soft plastics and returning these to collection bins in Coles or Woolworths - the [Redcycling program](#).



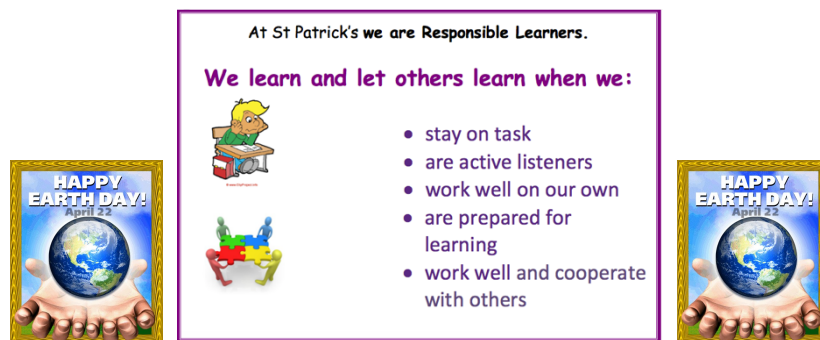
Wishing you blessings and joy,

Tahnee Reynolds

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS (Doris Russell)

PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS – WEEKS 1 & 2– TERM 2



At St Patrick's we are **Responsible Learners**.

We learn and let others learn when we:

- stay on task
- are active listeners
- work well on our own
- are prepared for learning
- work well and cooperate with others

The central box contains a cartoon character at a desk and colorful blocks. The side posters say 'HAPPY EARTH DAY! APRIL 22'.

Welcome to our second term of school. I hope you had the opportunity to spend some quality time with your family during the recent holidays. Remember that resting the mind, soul and body is the best gift we can give to ourselves, especially when we are surrounded by those we love.

During Week's 1 & 2 we will be focusing on being a **'Responsible Learner'** by allowing ourselves **to learn and to let others learn**.

After completing Term 1, bonds have been created between teachers and students highlighting the expectations required to achieve quality learning in their classroom environment. The students responsibility is not only to themselves but to all those around them creating a cohesive and cooperative learning space.

A positive mindset is the key and I will look forward to visiting teachers and students at some point during the term to inquire about their journey in learning and personal growth.

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!

Students following these expectations will be acknowledged through the whole school stamp book system. Each week a student from each class will also receive an award for following our school expectations.

God Bless and travel gently

Doris Russell (Pastoral Care Coordinator)

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Patrick's Primary School (Asquith) is held on Fridays from 1:15pm to 1:55pm, starting on 23 April 2021.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

STUDENT AWARDS

Week 8

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Kiera S	Harry W
K Green	Arudra L	Myles R
1 Gold	Annalise W	Merric M
1 Green	Eva P	Messic M
2 Gold	Freya A	Evie W
3 Gold	Grant D	Wanting Z
3 Green	Joshua T	Adam T
4 Gold	Natalia S	Anthony G
4 Green	Polly F	Ollie J
5 Green	Emily C	Julienne U
5/6 Gold	Natalie H	Rebecca C
6 Green	Louis S	Charlotte K

Week 9

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Samuel Z	Corbin B
K Green	Maesalina M	Halle B
1 Gold	Matthew B	Natalia P
1 Green	Anamaria D	Ruwinka D
2 Gold	Charlotte A	Rose M
3 Gold	Josh M	Dylan M
3 Green	Sooji K	Luke M
4 Gold	Edward O	Mia R
4 Green	Ava V	Samuel AR
5 Green	Ella B	Joshua W
5/6 Gold	Natalie H	Rebecca C
6 Green	Max H	Zasha E

Library News



NSW Department of Education

2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens Monday March 1

Challenge closes for student entries Friday August 20

Artwork by Dr Bronwyn Bancroft

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

St Patrick's is off to a flying start this year with a number of students having already completed the challenge. Congratulations to the early finishers: Eudora T. (Year 6), Hayley N. (Year 5), Anthony G, Fynn E. and Will F. (Year 4) and Mia N. (Year 3).

The following students are in line for special certificates on completion of the challenge: Eudora T, Matthew T (Year 6), Alexa R, Angus C (Year 5), Liam D (Year 3) Gold awards and Sophie W (Year 6) the Platinum award.

All students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 have been registered for the Challenge and class teachers have been given their students' usernames and passwords. Students in Years 3 – 6 have been given their passwords during Library lessons and have been shown how to logon and submit their books on the Premier's Reading Challenge website. The PRC website can be accessed here.

Challenge closes for students: Friday August 20, 2021 and certificates are sent to schools at the end of Term 4.

Please contact me if you need any assistance.

LIBRARY BORROWING

Students are given the opportunity to borrow books from the Library each week during Library lessons (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) as well as Tuesday lunchtimes. It is essential that students bring their

library bags/satchels and **return their books** each week.

Happy Reading!

Caroline Walton

Teacher Librarian

P & F news

The Parents & Friends Association invites your family to come for a portrait by Lasso Studios on Sunday 16th May. Portraits will be conducted in the school hall. Families will pay \$20 for a 30 minute session. Photos are then available to view and purchase, no obligation.

This fundraiser for St Pat's is a way for your family to receive a beautiful portrait at an affordable price.

Pets are welcome too for the portrait, but they must be well behaved!

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Capture the Moment

\$20.00 Portrait Fundraiser

10'x13' Family Portrait & wallet photo- one per family

RAISING FUNDS FOR: St Patrick's Primary School

DATE: SUNDAY 16th May 2021

BOOK ONLINE AT: www.trybooking.com/BJEZA

CONTACT: P&C, Marcela. Mobile 0417 245 733

LOCATION: 1 Royston Pde, Asquith

Families Photographed on location

Additional poses & digital files available

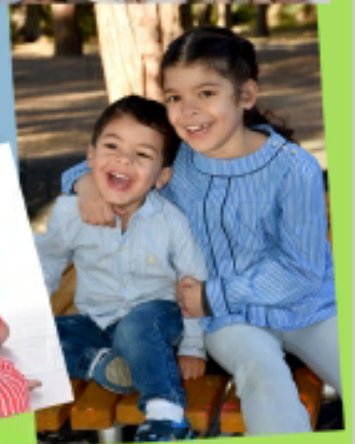
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Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays and Fridays between 8:30am to 9:00am. Early time slots 8:10am and 8:20am can be booked via <https://www.picktime.com/stpatsuniformshop>

Thank you!

Florence

Uniform Shop Volunteer

LIMITED ADDITIONAL PLACES FOR
YEAR 7 2022
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Term 2, 2021

Welcome to the School Zone Newsletter for Term 2, 2021.

This edition looks at taking responsibility as a road user when accessing school zones. These days school zones are congested and busy. Consider a proactive approach to dropping off and picking up your children.



How good is Anna?



Anna works fulltime. Drives her children to school. Wonders why the congestion around school is so chaotic these days. Especially on rainy days and particularly when she's running late. While waiting for a space to open in the 'drop-off and pick-up' zone, Anna thinks back to her childhood and can't recall ever being driven to school. Anna wonders if she is part of the problem...

That weekend Anna decides to walk with the kids from home to school. They chat, laugh, wonder why they don't do this more often. After the park Anna shows the children how to navigate the busy intersection safely and once on the other side, they stop for a coffee and milkshakes. The walk has taken less time and been more fun than anticipated.

Anna realises there are alternatives to driving the kids to school. They agree to trial variations in the upcoming weeks. There are days the kids will walk alone, days Anna will drive them to the park and walk with them, and on "those" days... Anna will brave the congestion while remembering to stop hitting snooze on the alarm clock.

In the coming months Anna wonders how to share her Active Travel enthusiasm. Anna:

- Speaks to the Principal
- Speaks to the P&C President
- Invites a couple of other parents to join her

Anna has heard about a school in Melbourne that has banned cars from driving within 200 metres of the school gate!! Anna reads about how to set up a Walking School Bus. Anna hears about a neighbouring school that was granted funding to create an Active Travel Map. Anna applies for the same funding.

Anna accepts that getting her kids to school safely is her responsibility and is a crucial teaching opportunity in the development of her children's life skills.



A message from the Department of Education - Road Safety Education

Parents and carers are responsible for their child's safety on the way to and from school.

Did you know that most students in NSW travel to school by car even though they live less than two kilometres from their school? That means many NSW children could be missing out on the physical, social and mental benefits of active travel - walking, riding or using public transport.

What is active travel?

Active travel means walking, cycling, scootering, skateboarding or any similar transport where physical activity is used to travel. The health benefits of active travel are well recognised, particularly as an alternative to motorised forms of transport.

Using public transport almost always includes walking to and from destinations, and therefore also can be considered as active travel.



Benefits of active travel

- **Physical** - it gets you moving early in the day and again in the afternoon. In a world of high screen usage, physical movement is even more important for general health and wellbeing.
- **Social** - gives you the opportunity to spend time with your young child. Older students (age 11 and above) enjoy the opportunity to talk with their friends.
- **Mental** - being physically active can improve concentration and self-esteem and increase independence.
- **Environmental** - less cars means less traffic and congestion around schools which reduces pollution.

Active travelling with primary school-aged children

Walk, ride, scoot or skate with your child to and from school. If you do have to drive, then park and walk. This is, park away from the school and walk with your child for the rest of the way.

At the end of the day meet your child at the school and walk together to your car, parked away from the school.

Use this time to talk about their day as well as how to be a safe pedestrian.

Encourage your older children to actively travel to school for these benefits, if it's safe to do so.

At school, your child will learn about road safety as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

More information:

- Visit the Department of Education's website to find out more [about safe travel](#).
- Help keep all children safe when travelling to and from school, be a champ of [#gettingtoschoolsafely](#).
- Visit [Safety Town](#), an online resource available to teachers, students and parents to support the quality teaching of road safety in NSW.

