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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 2, Week 3, 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 and Carers,

Last weekend we had a wonderful community celebration with the first of our School and Parish Family Masses for 2021. It was our Kindergarten families turn to celebrate Eucharist together and it was such a lovely occasion. This was the first School and Parish Family Mass since I started at St. Patrick's at the beginning of last year and although I had to wait such a long time my patience was rewarded with a special celebration with our youngest students.

I thank all parents who attended with their families and supported our kinder students. It is great to see our parents continued commitment to the spiritual development of their families and the commitment to being part of our school and parish communities.

### Mother's Day Celebrations Cancelled

Following the recent NSW Covid outbreak, the NSW Department of Health has issued renewed COVID restrictions which has caused the cancellation of our School Mother's Day celebrations tomorrow.

Given a number of the [known hotspots](#) that are within our Diocese and the government advice and advice from Catholic Schools Broken Bay that "the community avoids mingling in large groups over the coming days", we have decided to cancel all of our planned Mother's Day activities for tomorrow.

This is a very disappointing but necessary action to reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection and maintain the health and safety of our school community. I thank you in advance for your support with this issue and apologise for any inconvenience caused to family arrangements.

### Covid-safe Restrictions

With the new Covid-safe restrictions coming into place from 5pm today I will send out a separate communication today to outline any adjustments to our current practices. In the meantime, please remember to maintain the hygiene and social distancing practices and remember to register using the Service NSW App when on site.

### Catholic Schools Broken Bay- Culture Survey

This week parents were invited to participate in a Culture Survey as part of the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Towards 2025 strategy for the Diocese of Broken Bay. The Culture Survey will help shape the culture of our school and diocese. The survey is open to all parents in our school community and will be available for completion until 14th May. To access the survey, please refer to the communication sent via Compass earlier this week.

### **Cookbook**

With so many parents scheduled to attend our Mother's Day Celebration of Friday we had planned to take the opportunity to relaunch our drive to create a St. Patrick's Cookbook. We will look for another opportunity to relaunch the cookbook but in the meantime, please read the news from our P&F in this newsletter about how to enter a favourite family recipe and be in the running to win one of our many fantastic prizes.

### **Matthew Tan**

Last week our school Vice-Captain Matthew Tan represented at the NSW Schools State Tennis Championships in the Polding. The tournament is for the top juniors and resemble a Davis Cup and Fed Cup competition, providing the opportunity to compete in a team environment.

The Championships use a round robin format with play offs for each team in the finals round to decide final standings. The Tennis tournament was held over 3 days and Matthew was amongst a team of 5 players within Northern NSW, who placed 3rd overall.

Matthew was selected from this tournament to be part of the NSW Tennis Team. This is an amazing achievement. We are very proud of your humble manner and wish you the best of luck for your tennis future.

### **Canberra**

Our Year 6 students are gearing up for their long-awaited excursion to Canberra in Week 5. The children have been learning about democracy as part of their history unit and this excursion will give them first-hand experience at the federal government level. It was a great disappointment that this and other overnight excursions were not able to take place in 2020, which makes this year's excursion all the more exciting. I thank our Year 6 teachers and Mrs Taylor in advance for the commitment they give to organising and the time they spend away from their families while attending the 3 day excursion.

### **NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy)**

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students complete the NAPLAN Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy. Although these assessments are only one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process, they do provide valuable data to parents and our school that assists when making decisions about the students learning. We wish all the students well with these assessments.

### **Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)**

Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). This is a nationwide census/survey of early childhood development held once every three years. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment and includes all children in their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC provides vital information to communities about how children are developing in the crucial early years. AEDC data is relied upon by schools, early childhood organizations, researchers and government to inform planning and improve services and supports for children and families.

The AEDC Instrument is completed by teachers about children in their first year of full-time school. The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test. The information collected gives a picture of how children are developing before they start school in five key areas or domains. It shows what is being done well, and what can be improved. This is why it is important for all children in their first year of full-time school to be included in the AEDC.

### **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with a Disability (NCCD) Year K-6**

The NCCD takes place in August each year. Please refer to link for information on what, why, how and most importantly the benefits of NCCD for students, *'The information collected by the NCCD helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability at school.'*

<https://www.nccd.edu.au/tools/fact-sheet-parents-guardians-and-carers>

Should you have any queries please direct them to the school office.

### **Behaviour Focus**

Our school behaviour focus for Week's 3 & 4 is on taking turns, including others and playing fairly. During this time the children will learn about being respectful by using our manners when joining in or inviting others to play. Including others in our games and being respectful by listening when we speak to each other.

I encourage parents and carers to support this initiative in your conversations at home. For more information please refer to the Pastoral Care Whole School Focus in this newsletter.

### Kinder Enrolments 2022

This week I have had the pleasure of meeting some of our new prospective Kinder families for 2022. This is an exciting time for these families as their children start the process of transitioning to big school. This process will be a series of small steps rather than one big leap with enrolment meeting occurring this term followed by screeners and transition days in the second semester.

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.

### Uniform

A reminder with the changeable weather we are experiencing at this time of year we are now in a 'phase in' period for 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.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

A reminder that the Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 will be celebrated within Masses on Sunday 5th September 2021 at 11.30am at St Bernard's ~ 2pm at St Patrick's ~ 4pm at St Patrick's. Under current Covid-safe restrictions these Masses are for candidates and incorporate ~ 1 child + 1 sponsor + 2 parents/caregivers only. Save the date!

During 2020, Bishop Anthony took the opportunity to make an adjustment to the age at which children in the Diocese of Broken Bay are eligible to make Confirmation. The Bishop advised that from 2021 Confirmation will be... *"celebrated with those who have reached the age of 8, and who are typically in Year 3."* and that *"Reconciliation and Eucharist will ... be celebrated with those who are 9 and in Year 4."*

### North Shore Cluster Cross-country

Last week our students proudly represented our school at the North Shore Cluster Cross-country on Tuesday. The children competed against about 80 other students in their age group from 13 other catholic primary schools at Rofe Park Hornsby Heights. We congratulate the following children who won through to the Broken Bay Diocesan Cross-country Carnival:

Age Group	Student	Place	Age Group	Student	Place
8 Year	Liam D	4	11 Year	Gemma T	2
9 Year	Natalie S	11		Helena S	19
10 Year	Catherine M	11		Lachlan H	17
	Stella H	12		Joshua W	19
	Emma D	17	12 Year	Tara C	9
	Noah D	7		Jake F	16
	Colin P	9			

These children will be competing against the best of the best across our diocese at the more challenging course at Fagan Park Galston on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### Sushi

A call has been put out to our Year 5 parents on the grade's Facebook page to assist with organising the Special Sushi Lunch Order for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May (Week 4). This year we will call on parents from each grade to assist with the organising of a special lunch order day during each term. Depending on the busyness of the school calendar, we intend to hold these on the Friday of Weeks 4 and 8. Our Year 6 parents did a fantastic job in organising the Sushi Lunch Order in Term 1 which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Orders are to be made through the school QKR App by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm. Thank you Yr. 5 parents.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal

# Office News

## Book Club

Issue 3 will close 9 May. Don't forget to put your order in.

## 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>

## Cross Country

Big Thanks to Mr Ward for helping to set up.



# STUDENT AWARDS

## Week 1

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
<b>K Gold</b>	Louis McC	Meadow E
<b>K Green</b>	Samyra N	Chelsea R
<b>1 Gold</b>	Emilie G	Phillip K
<b>1 Green</b>	Anamaria D	Hugo B
<b>2 Gold</b>	Isabella S	Kassidy C
<b>3 Gold</b>	Elvy Y	Isaac T
<b>3 Green</b>	Isabel H	Willow E
<b>4 Gold</b>	Vibha L	Gavin G
<b>4 Green</b>	Eric H	Zola B
<b>5 Green</b>	Sophie B	Matthew C
<b>5/6 Gold</b>	Hayley N	Danny P
<b>6 Green</b>	Bianca M	Eudora T

## Week 2

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
<b>K Gold</b>	Sophie VC	Daniel W
<b>K Green</b>	Sahaj W	Saatvik K
<b>1 Gold</b>	Himaya V	Vincent H
<b>1 Green</b>	Oliviamaria G	Ellyza E
<b>2 Gold</b>	Alice C	Joanna Y
<b>3 Gold</b>	Siya W	Charlie S
<b>3 Green</b>	Gabriel D	Harley J
<b>4 Gold</b>	Mia R	William F
<b>4 Green</b>	Abigail S	Samuel AR
<b>5 Green</b>	Bethan M	Abbie F
<b>5/6 Gold</b>	Elizabeth M	Altaf A
<b>6 Green</b>	Rosie O	Emily W





### **Mother's Day**

We wish all the mums, grandmothers and special carers a wonderful day on Sunday!

### **Class Weekday Parish Mass**

Year 1 and Year 2 will attend Mass on Thursday 13th May at 9am (Week 4). Year 3 will attend the Parish Mass on Thursday 27th May.

All families are welcome to join their classes at the weekday Parish Mass.

### **200 Years Catholic Education - National Mass**

On Monday 24th May we will be celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia. Students from Year 3 - 6 will celebrate Mass together, here at St Patrick's Church at 10:30am. Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will take part in the live stream for the celebration of the Mass by Bishop Anthony Randazzo at OLOR Cathedral at Waitara.

### **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](#).

## Important dates for Term 2:

Thursday 13th May - Year 1 and Year 2 Weekday Parish Mass 9am

Monday 24th May - National Mass for 200 years of Catholic Education - Year 3- 6 attending Mass

Thursday 27th May - Year 3 Weekday Parish Mass 9am

Tuesday 8th June - Kindergarten Weekday Parish Mass 9am

Friday 11th June - School Mass - Feast of the Sacred Heart 11:20am

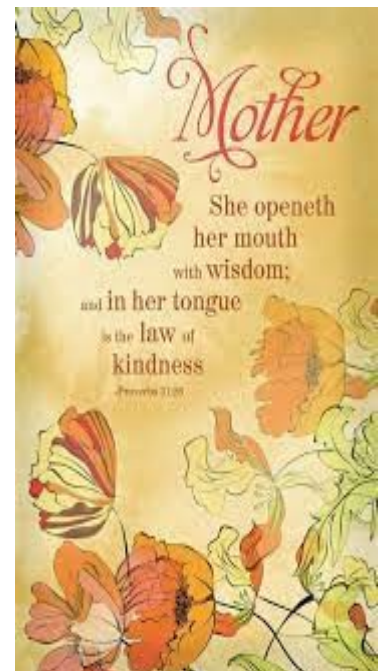
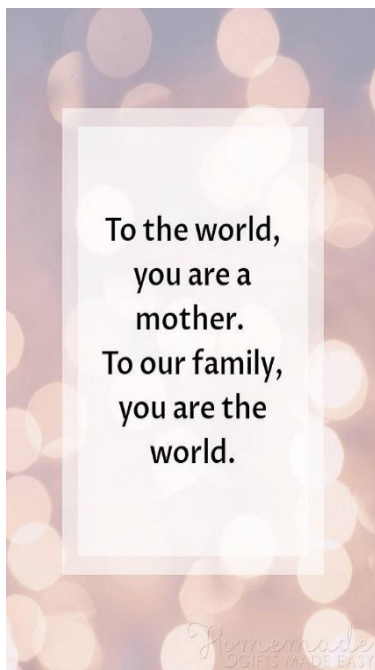
Tuesday 15th June - Year 5 Weekday Parish Mass 9am

Thursday 17th June - Year 4 Weekday Parish Mass 9am

Sunday 20th June - Year 1 Parish Mass 10am

Tuesday 22nd June - The Dish

*This week, we hold in our heart, mind and soul the precious gift of Mothers, Grandmothers and special women in our lives. No matter the situation or the challenges we face, we celebrate all that you do and all that you are.*



Wishing you blessings and joy,  
Tahnee Reynolds  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

# PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS (Doris Russell)



## PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS – WEEKS 3 & 4 – TERM 2

At St Patrick's we are Respectful Learners.

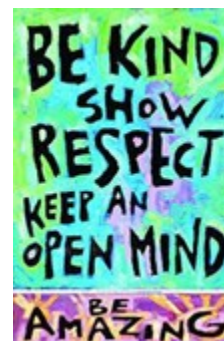
We take turns, include others and play fairly when we:

- smile and use manners when asking to join in.
- smile and use manners to invite others to join in.
- involve everyone in an activity.
- show respect by listening to others.

SOMETIMES IT IS MY TURN TO GO FIRST AND SOMETIMES IT IS NOT.

Taking Turns

Stop
Take a deep breath.
Think, "I can wait my turn."
Wait for your turn with a smile.



The focus for Week's 3 & 4 is on **taking turns, including others and playing fairly.**

During weeks 1 & 2 we focused on being responsible learners who let others learn. During weeks 3 & 4 we will redirect our mindset in developing behaviours as **respectful learners** by interacting positively with those around us. This should also be reflected in behaviours outside of school, as we strive to be the best we can be.

It is an expectation we hold highly at St Patrick's. Students who speak and play respectfully with each other allows an appreciation for the diversity of our school community.

Showing empathy, listening and being 'resilient' are skills that are invaluable as the student's journey through their early years of school. They learn so much about human interaction, and it is this that eventually nurtures both their mind and spirit.



### Fun at 'Let's do lunch'

**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**

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)**

### The St Pat's Cookbook challenge has started!!

We love to receive your recipes, family favs, international flavours, party specials, snacks, children's amazing forays into the kitchen, bloke's triumphs, and more.

We want to see what St Pat's families can produce!



Download our recipe maker at [www.bit.ly/recipe-maker-stpats](http://www.bit.ly/recipe-maker-stpats) to enter your favourite recipes.

If you prefer, please write on the template and bring it back to the office. This is also an option for anyone and especially our younger students (or Grandma) who may prefer to handwrite their recipes.

One lucky St Pat's cook will win a **\$30 voucher** from **Brew Ha Ha café** before the next newsletter! **Get your recipes in by Tuesday 18th May** to be in the draw for this **PRIZE** from Brew Ha Ha.

Upcoming Prizes for recipes include:

- **'Blokes Cooking'** - Coffee vouchers thanks to Savvy Coffee, Asquith & a 20 ticket swim pass to Hornsby Aquatic Centre.
- **'Green & Gold Children's Recipes'** - Cake & Milkshake prize for 7 lucky children's recipes donated by **Bite Me Bakehouse**, Mt Colah.
- **'5 Star Staff'** - Prize to be announced.
- **'Name our Cook Book'** - Submit any recipe & suggest a NAME for our Cook Book! Prize to be announced.
- **'Principal's Draw'** - All recipes are in the lucky draw for a **\$100 voucher** donated by The **Blue Gum Hotel**, Waitara.

YES, your family may win more than one prize. Up to five (5) recipes per family can be submitted.

More prizes include vouchers from **Officeworks**, a dining voucher from **Gia Hoi Vietnamese Restaurant** in Hornsby, and children's books from **Berkelouw**, Hornsby,

Our cookbook will be finalised at the end of Term 2. Enter your recipes as soon as you can! The earlier you enter, the more chance of winning a prize. Prizes to be awarded every fortnight this term!



Please be in touch if you have a prize to donate or a contact we can talk to seek a prize.

Happy cooking!

Susan Layton – President St Pat's P & F.



### Family Portrait day by Lasso Studios at St Patrick's

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.

Up to 8 time slots are still available. To make a booking go to: [www.trybooking.com/BJEZA](http://www.trybooking.com/BJEZA)

For more information please contact Marcella, St Pat's Parent, 0417 245 733

***Well behaved pets are welcome too!***

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- \*Limited offer one voucher per person/family*
- \*Parent/guardian to view own portraits or p&h applies*
- \*No refund for failure to keep appointment*
- \*Please note: you or any family member can only appear ONCE in the \$20 portrait fundraiser*

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**\$20.00 Voucher**  
**10'x13' Family Portrait & wallet photo- one per family**

**Low overheads = Great value professional  
portraits with additional poses and digital  
images also available**

***Thank you***

# **We are looking for a new**

## **CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR**

If you like being part of the school community and enjoy contributing to our children's wellbeing, then this role may be for you!

Basic duties required are:

- ✓ Ordering and stocktaking of items
- ✓ Communicating with school and support staff
  - ✓ Coordinating volunteers
  - ✓ Maintaining the canteen area

You can partner with another school parent or coordinate on your own. It is up to you!

Without a Canteen Coordinator the canteen cannot open. Please consider putting your name forward!

Any questions about the role, please feel free to call or email Ebony on 0419013752 or [ebony.ohagan@gmail.com](mailto:ebony.ohagan@gmail.com)