



# 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

Saturday Vigil – 6.00 pm

Sunday – 8 am, 10 am, 6 pm

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sunday - 9.00am

## NEWSLETTER Term 4, Week 10, 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, Carers, Girls and Boys,

After speaking to parents and staff last week, it is apparent that many in our school community have already experienced the challenges of the virus firsthand during the holiday break while many have not.

This week I advised parents via Compass that a member of the school community had recently tested positive to Covid-19. I expect that over the coming term that these alerts will become more common. To assist parents and carers, [NSW Health has provided advice on testing and isolation recommendations for the community following exposure to COVID-19](#) that should be considered when making decisions for your child and family.

I thank parents and carers who have supported the current restrictions by maintaining the usual Covid-safe practices at drop-off and pick-up each day and continuing to utilise the RAT kits before school Monday and Wednesday morning. These combined efforts will slow the spread of the virus and assist the school to manage the school site and maintain the learning over the coming weeks.

This week we received the next two-week supply of RAT Kits. A box of 5 test kits will be labelled with each children's name and sent home with them today.

I remind parents to make sure they follow the Covid-safe guidelines:

If a student or staff member receives a **positive** RAT test, they need to

- record the positive RAT result through the [Service NSW website](#) or [Service NSW app](#)
- **notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible**

follow [NSW Health advice](#) to isolate for 7 days

## Welcome New Families

I sincerely welcome all our new families in 2022. It's always wonderful to see new faces amongst the children and parents joining St Patrick's Asquith for the first time. I encourage our existing families to extend a smile and welcome when crossing paths. We welcome the following new families to St Patrick's: Ananoria, Banicevic, Barcega, Creswick, Dixit, Griffiths, Hamilton-Smith, Harrison, Henao Vila, Hooper, Kennedy, Klich, Lee, Lumley, Mazacotte, Manickam, Mutimbe, Rahul Dass, Ross and Shen

## P&F News

**P&F General Meeting Tuesday 15 February 7pm via zoom join us to find out more and how you can be involved.**

**Link:** <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/68619765669?pwd=R3Q4NVZNSmtxUnYxMmdxUS84YnErdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 686 1976 5669

**Password:** 497707

After many difficulties organising events and activities throughout the past couple of years, the St Patrick's P&F is looking forward to being able to recommence getting together as a school community throughout 2022 .

To assist in coordinating the P&F we would love for any parent who would like to be involved in helping out the school community and contribute, to contact us. In particular we would love parents from K-2 class groups to come forward and support the P&F executive in roles that are not very time consuming but will greatly enhance the ability of the team to put activities in place that will be of benefit to all.

Please contact [pandfstpats@gmail.com](mailto:pandfstpats@gmail.com) or join us on line to find out more.

## School Events

Traditionally our school has many events scheduled throughout the year where our community can gather to support the efforts of the students in their learning, presentations and sporting events or celebrating together through our school liturgies and events like our annual P&F Welcome BBQ. Sadly, under current restrictions we are unable to hold these events as we would normally.

Adjustments will continue to be made while our world lives with the Covid-19 Pandemic as the safety and well-being of our community is our highest priority. In response we will continue to put in place the necessary adjustments where required.

## School Mass

Our Beginning of Year School Mass is scheduled for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm. The limited number of attendees allowed in the church and the lack of a large covered (weatherproof) space in the school does make planning and staging school liturgies more challenging.

I acknowledge that the Beginning School Mass is usually well attended by parents however the church has a limited capacity of 200 under the current Covid-safe restrictions.

This will allow for some grades (Kinder, Year 4, 5 & 6) and staff to attend while also maintaining cohorts and other Covid-safe practices. Years 1, 2 & 3 will attend virtually via Zoom.

The traditional Year 6 blessing of the Kindergarten children is under consideration. Disappointingly, it is likely that it won't be able to go ahead in its usual format due to the Covid-safe restrictions in place.

Year 6 leaders will also be acknowledged at the mass. I expect that a maximum of 2 family members for each school leader will be able to attend. More information will be sent to these families soon.

Parents wishing to attend virtually can use the following link and access codes.

**Link:** <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/65958558676?pwd=VXVCNoVEOXBESzFMZEFuK2RBSVYoQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 659 5855 8676

**Passcode:** 467578

When entering the meeting I ask parents keep their camera and microphone switched off.

### Communication Methods & Protocols

Communication is an important and crucial aspect to our work as partners. Each year the communication protocols are provided to the community to support that vital partnership between home and school. The school values strong and respectful communication and when we get this right, the children are best supported.

#### If you wish to speak to a teacher:

- You can make contact through the school office staff by phone, via email or in person. The office staff will pass this message onto the teacher concerned. The teacher will either confirm an appointment, or phone to talk within a reasonable timeframe (usually 24 to 48 hours or the following Monday if contact is made on a Friday). Often a return call might come earlier, but for practical reasons, at least one day's grace is required.
- Under the current guidelines provided by the NSW Government, no visitors are allowed to visit school sites for the first 4 weeks of Term 1. Please be aware that other options including phone, email or video conferencing through Zoom are available and may be more convenient to parents and have an added benefit of providing a non-contact Covid-safe environment.

#### If it is a matter to be conveyed in writing:

- Please either send a note to the teacher/staff member or an email to the front office.
- Emails will be forwarded to the teacher within normal hours and in a timely way. If confidential, please send as an attachment and mark as confidential. The school email address is: [spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au)
- I ask that parents don't email teachers/staff directly. Emails received late at night or on weekends can impact on a staff member's personal and family situations and add to their stresses, especially if the matter is emotive or subjective. Also, if a staff member is on leave, delays in response can result.

I thank all parents in advance for adhering to and respecting these protocols and for your continued support.

## Parent Information Meetings

Parent Information Meetings will take place online via Zoom next week on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity at the start of the school year for parents and carers to collectively meet their child's teacher. It will also allow teachers to provide information to parents and carers about class, grade and school routines and expectations, curriculum topics and planned events. Each grade will provide a brief summary of the information that will be presented.

The times for the sessions are:

Time	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>
6pm	Kinder	Years 1 & 2
6:30pm	Year 5 & 6	Years 3 & 4

Further information about the Parent Information Meetings schedule and links to access each meeting will be provided to each grade/stage separately.

Parents who have important information they wish to communicate to their child's class teacher are encouraged to make an appointment through the school office or communicate information via an email to the school office to be passed on to the class teacher.

## Parking, Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pickup

At this time of year it is often busier than usual, with many parents re-establishing routines for a new year. The increased traffic will impact on parking, drop-off and pick-up. Ultimately patience will be required from parents, grandparents and others as it won't be possible to be in and out quickly on most occasions. I ask parents to adhere to the procedures in place as a streamlined process benefit everyone.

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. If you require a new card please contact the office via email to request a new one.

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 regarding current parking and traffic road rules around schools.

## Swimming Carnival

The School Swimming Carnival was an overwhelming success thanks to the efforts of parents and teachers who supported Miss Fryar 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 Elizabeth and James for being crowned Champion House and to Xavier (Green) House led by Natalie and Charlie for claiming the Spirit Trophy.

## 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/61022185802?pwd=VzRsUUVBLzlxV21pUUlGdjJNK2JGZz09>

Meeting ID: 610 2218 5802

Passcode: 497455

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

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

## OFFICE News

### HATS.

Please note as of tomorrow the 11th February we will no longer be handing out office hats. This would be a good opportunity to encourage your child to pack their own school bag with their hat, lunchbox, drink bottle etc for their daily needs.

### SCHOOL BELL.

School commences at 8:45am, please have your children here by 8:40am, before the bell ready to line up and start the day.

If you have any changes for the afternoon pick up, unless unavoidable could you please phone the office by 2pm.

### RAT

A box of 5 tests were handed out to your children today. Please look out for them.

### FEES

Invoices were emailed out on Monday. Please email Cheryl in the office if you have any questions.

## REC— Kylie Lloyd Jones

### Opening School Mass

Next Thursday 17th February we will celebrate our opening school mass. Due to COVID Restrictions, Year 6, Year 5, Year 4 and Kindergarten are the only classes to attend. Classes still at school will join via zoom. Unfortunately we are unable to invite all families to attend due to number limitations. Parents of school leaders will receive a special invitation to attend.

### Sacramental Program 2022

Enrolment for Year 4 students to participate in the Parish Sacramental Program for **First Reconciliation** and **First Communion** is this weekend February 12th & 13th in the St Patrick's Hall.

Saturday February 12th from 5-6pm

Sunday February 13th from 9-10am

All children in Year 4 or above who have been both Baptised and Confirmed are eligible to enrol for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Those who made Confirmation last year should have received an email from the parish about enrolling. If you are new to the parish or did not receive an email, forms can be downloaded from the parish website.

See parish website for full details or contact the Parish Sacramental Team: [kccpsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:kccpsacraments@gmail.com)

Attached is the application and information.

### Dates for Term 1

Thursday 17th February	Opening School Mass (Year 4-6 and Kindergarten to attend)
Wednesday 2nd March	Ash Wednesday Mass: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 to attend Class Liturgies: Kindergarten, Year 4 and Year 5
Thursday 17th March	St Patrick's Day
Sunday 20th March 10am	Parish Celebration of St Patrick's Day families invited to attend.
Tuesday 22nd March	The Dish- Fusion Hornsby
Week 11	Holy Week Liturgies



## The Dish 2022

St Patrick's has once again offered to assist with The Dish in 2022. We would love to have as many families that we can offer to help serve our local community throughout the year. Please [click on the link](#) to register for The Dish in 2022.

Term 1 - Tuesday 22nd March

Term 2 - Tuesday 7th June

Term 3 - Tuesday 19th July

Term 4 - Tuesday 1st November

## Kylie Lloyd-Jones

**REC/ Year 6 Teacher**

**St Patrick's Asquith**

Please take note that there is a wedding being held at the church this Friday at 3pm. Please be mindful if walking past that you do so quietly as a sign of respect. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Many thanks



Living out our  
challenge for  
discipleship



St Patrick's prides  
itself in being a  
community which not  
only looks after each  
other through support  
and encouragement,  
but also one in which  
the value of 'RESPECT'  
is of prime importance.

## PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 1 Weeks 3 and 4

We are respectful learners who  
speak and listen respectfully

### Why is it important to develop this skill?

Developing respectful speaking and listening skills amongst our students is a journey that will not only encompass their time at St Patrick's but will continue as they navigate through their future academic, social and eventual work experiences. Their family, peers, teachers, and in time workplace will become a 'hub' of communication.

Becoming 'active' listeners helps us to become 'respectful' speakers, conversing and responding with more understanding and appreciation of those around us.

### Active listening



Ask your child "What makes you  
a good active listener"?

Use eye contact when speaking

Ask your child how they feel  
when you have "actively  
listened" to them.

How can you  
help develop  
this at home?

Explain what 'active listening' is  
to your child, help them to  
understand its importance.

Be your child's role model and  
use the language of 'active  
listening' at home.

Take Care and be kind to yourselves,  
Hannah Fryar  
Wellbeing and Sports Coordinator





# Hornsby Lions Netball Club



MONTVIEW NETBALL COURTS  
6-week program for 7- to 9-year-olds  
Commencing Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022  
4.30 – 5.30pm



THE COST OF THE PROGRAM:  
\$80 which includes  
a Woolworths NetSetGO netball,  
t-shirt and insurance\* for your child  
for the complete 2022 season

(\* a saving of over \$60 if you register  
for the 2022 NetSetGO Winter Comp)



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