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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 Parent and Caregivers, Boys and Girls,

Next week we celebrate St. Patrick's Day which is traditionally a big day on the Australian calendar but has major significance to our school community as St. Patrick is our school name and our school's patron saint.

St Patrick is one of the well-known saints around the world and is often celebrated outside of religious celebrations as well. Saints are people who have been recognised by the Church for living a life that focuses our attention towards God. We look to the saints as great models of Christianity, and we can model ourselves on the qualities the saints displayed.

For St Patrick, he was a humble, virtuous, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in Jesus is a shining example to each of us. He is well known for bringing Christianity to Ireland and using the shamrock to explain the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

Next Thursday (17th March), 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. NB Some accessories may not be appropriate to wear until after mass.
- Men in the Morning - dads, are welcome and encouraged to be on site and have some fun before school begins. You may arrive after 8.15am. More details to come early next week.
- All classes will celebrate mass together at 9am - parents are welcome to attend.
- Free sausage sizzle and ice block for lunch.
- Classroom-based activities during the day.

We are looking forward to a great celebration.

Covid Update

The school continues to have a rise in Covid-19 cases across the school community. I again thank parents for notifying the school and ask parents to watch for symptoms and maintain the usual Covid-safe practices.

Please remember that even though many of the Covid-safe restrictions have eased, children still need to stay at home and get tested if they have symptoms or if you suspect they may have the Covid-19 virus.

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

- o record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app
- o notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
- o follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days

Although masks are not mandatory for primary schools from this week staff and students will continue to be supported to wear a mask should they choose to do so.

Pastoral Care Focus

Each fortnight the school has a behaviour focus that all the children learn about. The behavioural focus during Weeks 7 & 8 is 'we are safe learners who use safe and caring actions'. The children will be explicitly taught what this looks like and sounds like in the school setting. This includes the acting in a safe and kind ways and using our hands to help, support and encourage others. I encourage parents to support this focus at home by discussing it as a family and acknowledging their child/ren when they get it right.

Well-being Week

Next week is Well-being Week which will have a theme of **Kindness**. There are obvious ways that our community can show kindness, as I witnessed today with the **generous donations of over \$525.00** made towards our Gumboots and Raincoats Flood Appeal or the ongoing support shown through the Lent Season toward the Project Compassion fundraiser.

For Well-being Week, the children will look at other ways they can be kind to themselves and to those around them and actively demonstrate kindness in their lives. I encourage all families to look for ways they can promote kindness throughout next week and beyond.

Harmony Week

Harmony Week is celebrated in Week 9 with many children taking part in the poster competition as well as other activities throughout the week. To celebrate Harmony Week the children will begin the week with a mufti day (with a touch of orange) on **Monday 21st March**.

School Cross-country

The school cross-country is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd March at Mills Park. Parents are welcome to come along and support the children and maybe lend a hand if required. Further information will be provided in the coming week.

School Open Day 2022- Postponed

A reminder that the School Open Day that was scheduled for Thursday 24th March has been postponed to a later date. If parents are aware of any families enrolling for 2023, I ask that you promote St. Patrick's for their consideration.

Canteen Launch

Yesterday we had a successful re-launch of the school canteen. There were lines of excited children ready to buy their favourite snack or icy treat. I acknowledge and thank again Maegan Rose for her dedication to the school community. I am sure the preparation and effort to reopen and manage the canteen long term is very much appreciated by the parent community. The happy smiles of the children expressed their joy in having the service operate again.

I also acknowledge and thank the parent volunteers who allow this service to be available for our school community. I encourage interested parents to click on the following link to volunteer your services for the canteen:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49acae2ea3ffc34-stpatricks>

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our Parent/Teacher Meetings will be scheduled for early next term during Week 2. If current Covid-safe restriction remain the same, and to provide some flexibility, the school will offer these as face-to-face meetings as well as via Zoom. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Parents who have important information they wish to communicate to their child's class teacher before the Individual Parent/Teacher Meeting takes place 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

North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who proudly represented St. Patrick's against 12 other Catholic Primary Schools at the annual North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival. The children were very supportive of their team-mates and showed great spirit throughout the day. I thank Mrs Ward and Miss Fryar for their organisation and supervision of the team as well as the support of those parents who were able to attend the event. Results from the carnival will be provided next week.

Friday Awards Assembly

Even though we can have parents onsite for our weekly assemblies we will continue to provide access via Zoom for our Friday Awards Assembly. Please use the link and access codes provided below.

Link: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/61022185802?pwd=VzRsUjVBLzlxV21pUUIGdjJNK2JGZz09>

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 next awards assembly.

God bless you and your families.
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal



OFFICE News

HATS.

Please note as at 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 START TIME REMINDER

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.

REC— Kylie Lloyd Jones



St Patrick's Day

Next Thursday 17th March we celebrate our patron saint St Patrick. We have an exciting day planned with our first Men in the Morning session for 2022. At 9am we will celebrate Mass for the Feast of St Patrick led by Stage 2 students. Parents are welcome to stay for a cup of tea after mass. Year 6 are selling green jelly for 50cents at Morning Tea to raise money for Project Compassion. A special treat at lunch will be a sausage sizzle for the whole school. All students are to wear their full sports uniform on the day along with a



We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about Anatercia, a 12-year-old girl living in a small village in southern Mozambique. She began to take on more and more adult responsibilities as her mother has chronic health issues. She did most of the household chores and had to travel up to five hours every day to collect clean water. Water scarcity also meant



With your support, Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Regional Chokwe, was able to help Anatercia's family to irrigate their farm to improve their food security. They also improved water access for households in the village, delivered sustainable farming training, and provided Anatercia with essential school supplies.

Anatercia's health, education and quality of life have improved, along with the outlook of her whole community for all future generations. Watch a short film about Anatercia's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au

Flood Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations towards our Flood Appeal. The money will be donated to St Vincent De Paul to be used for those in NSW affected by the floods. It was wonderful to see our Year 6 leaders proactively put our Mercy Values into action, by showing compassion and reaching out to others.

Parish Celebration of St Patrick's Day

On **Sunday 20th March** families are invited to the Parish Celebration of St Patrick as part of the **10am Mass**. If there are any children who would like to be involved in the mass as a reader could they please contact Mrs Lloyd-Jones.

The Dish

Thank you to the many volunteers who returned forms to express their interest and availability in assisting with The Dish this year. The Dish is a vital service supporting the vulnerable in the Hornsby area. Providing not only food but also a sense of community and belonging, helping each person know they are valued. In the past year the number of people attending the Dish each week has increased and the Dish is now serving over 40 people each time it is hosted.

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, or pantry items to restock the community pantry or assist with distribution at Fusion Hornsby (Jersey Street) from 5:30pm.

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



The Golden Rule
(Matthew 7: 12)

"Treat others as you
would like to be
treated."

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 1 Weeks 7 and 8

We are safe learners who use safe
and caring actions.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

Given the changing nature of our school over the past couple of weeks due to this weather... Our Pastoral Care expectation for this fortnight is 'Use safe and caring actions'. This enables students to think about ways we should be safe in new and existing learning spaces as well as with each other. The merging of the Pastoral Care Focus, Wellbeing Week, St Patrick's Day and our Lenten season sees a parallel of seeking to do good for others, ourselves, and our world.

Our hands can 'action' good deeds by encouraging, supporting, creating, and giving to those around us, especially those affected by the events of the last few weeks in our country and around the world

Using safe actions



Choose to do small acts of
kindness at home.

Help out at home or take on a
new responsibility

Reinforcing safe play and use of
spaces at home.

How can you help develop this at home?

Participate in Project
Compassion, Flood fundraiser
Day etc - giving to those outside
of yourself.

Using safe and caring actions
with siblings - encourage one
another.

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

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David Millar at president@hjruc.com.au or 0407660104

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