



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Parish Clergy

Father Shaju John OSH

Parish Priest of Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Parish

Fr Joy Thomas OSH

Assistant Priest of the Parish

Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 9am



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a busy Term 2 comes to an end, I would like to acknowledge and thank the parents and staff for all the effort and support given to provide the children all the wonderful opportunities they have experienced. With the relaxation of many of the Covid-safe restrictions the school community have enjoyed events such as, Mother's Day stall and celebration, Grandparent's Day, Gala days, ANZAC liturgy and school and parish masses, School Open Day, Men in the Morning, grade presentations at school assemblies, Walking Excursion to Mills Park, Girls Just Want to have Fun- father and daughter evening and excursions to Canberra, Bathurst and The Rocks in Sydney.

We look forward to more events next term. In the first week of Term 3 we will farewell Fr. Shaju and conduct our Spelling Bee Grand Final. We also look forward to the school athletics carnival, gala days for soccer, league tag and netball, Public Speaking Competition, Wakakirri- song and story competition, Book Week including a live performance and parade, liturgies to celebrate St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Let's Hear it For the Boys- mother and son evening and the Father's Day stall and celebration. We as a staff are looking forward to sharing these events with our students and families.

Semester 1 Reports

The Semester 1 School Reports are now available as an electronic report through COMPASS. I strongly urge all parents to have a conversation with their children about the report, both the 'achievement' but importantly also their 'effort'.

Although we scheduled Parent-Teacher interviews across the school in Term 2, parents are most welcome to seek a further interview to discuss the reports more specifically. Please email the school office in the first instance with some requested availability times, and the class teacher will make direct contact to negotiate a mutually suitable time. I again take the opportunity to thank our parents and teachers for working together to support the children and to ensure strong reporting processes are in place.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Stage 1 School and Parish Mass

A great number of our Year 1 and 2 children joined the parish to celebrate mass together last Sunday. It was a lovely celebration of the Eucharist and provided a chance for families to catch up and connect with each other. It was impressive to see the number of children from our families taking on ministries at mass. I acknowledge and congratulate Catherine M. Matteo D. Andrew D. and our Stage 1 children who were well prepared in reading and singing at mass as well as many others in the choir. Thanks to the Stage 1 teachers who prepared the children to sing and perform a movement as a thanksgiving with such confidence.

I also thank and congratulate parents for their commitment to supporting their children's faith. Many in the parish highly value the involvement by the children through their presence and participation which continues to strengthen the connections and relationships with our St. Patrick's parish.

Planned Industrial Action on Thursday 30th June

As you are aware there is a full day of industrial action by IEU union members on Thursday. As a result of this there will be a shortage of staff, the school will provide supervision only for children attending. I thank parents and carers who were able to adjust and make other arrangements for their children and acknowledge that this does come with some inconvenience to our families.

Postponed Gala Day Events- Netball and League Tag

A reminder to all parents and carers of Years 3-6 students that the League Tag and netball Gala Day Events scheduled for this Thursday 30th June have been postponed to a date to be decided in Term 3 due to the planned industrial action this Thursday. More information will be provided once a new date has been set.

Staff Development Day- Friday 1st July

The staff of all diocesan catholic schools will be attending a professional learning day on the last day of Term 2, Friday 1st July. As a result, this day will be a student free day.

Parents needing supervision for their child/ren can contact our excellent before and after school care provider, Royston Kids who will provide supervision for a limited number of children on that day. Parents can contact the service via email: roystonkids@hotmail.com or by phone: 0431 383 981.

Covid-19 Update

The school is sending home more RAT kits to each family to support the health and safety of our school and wider community. Please use these kits as required.

St. Leo's College Wahroonga- Priority Feeder School Initiative Year 7 2023

Any Year 6 parents still considering St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga for Year 7 next year who have not yet advised of their interest by applying to the College, please note the 'priority' placement window will soon close.

St Leo's has now made several rounds of offers including to all Priority Feeder School applicants and has a substantial waiting list for 2023. If you have not yet completed the Online Enquiry Form to notify the College, you should be aware the 'priority' placement window for 2023 for all students from Priority Feeder Schools will close on June 30, so any that new applications after that date will go onto the waitlist. To apply, simply complete the online form on the St Leo's website, or email the College Registrar on joanna.gower@dbb.catholic.edu.au if you are unsure about an application.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

If you are interested in St Leo's but have not yet applied, please do so by June 30 to ensure your priority place. There is no application fee to do so.

If you have received an offer and not yet accepted, or your circumstances have since changed, please contact the College as soon as possible to assist with finalising enrolments. Thank you.

Please note we are resuming College Tours in Term 3, with priority for 2023 applicants.

Canberra Reflection

Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students have been given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

Here are a few snapshots and memories of their trip;

In the AIS(Australian institution of sport) I can hear my classmates laughing, cheering, talking and having fun. I feel hot and sweaty from all the running around. I see a whole bunch of fun video games for sport, and my classmates on them having fun. I see memorabilia from Australia's sporting greats. I wonder if I will ever go there again because it was fun.

Lizzie

I heard respectful silence to commemorate the people that went to war. I heard the eternal flame sizzling. I heard what the soldiers would have heard when they were going into battle. I heard the tour guide telling us the stories of those brave heroes. I saw mud from world war I on Derek Williams's army suit. I saw the eternal flame that will never go out. I saw a massive room with the unknown soldier's tomb in the middle. I Saw the names of the many people who died in WW1 and WW2.

Luke

I saw a monumental building, rich with history. I heard the voices of our tour guide telling us what had happened in the Secretive meeting place. I felt anxious thinking about how much all this would have cost. Goosebumps shivered down my spine thinking about how easy it would be to get lost in the maze of rooms. I wondered if I would get to meet Scott Morrison. It felt like a dream come true to go to Canberra.

Alexa

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate was paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



God Bless you and your families
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

Dates for Your Calendar

Below are some dates to remember for various school events. Please place the following dates in your calendar.

JULY

Friday 1st July - Pupil Free Day (Diocesan Staff Development Day) (Week 10). This day will be a student free day.

Monday 18th July - First day Term 3

REC - Kylie Lloyd Jones

Confirmation

Sunday 18 September 11:30am St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith

Enrolment for Confirmation 2022 Enrolment is open to any child who is over the age of 8, in Year 3 or above and has been baptised in the Catholic Church.

The Enrolment form and schedule are available on the Parish website and from our Churches.

Enrolments for Confirmation will take place after the masses on July 16-17, 2022 in the Fr McMaugh Hall at St Patrick's Asquith. The form can be downloaded from the Parish website and emailed to kccpsacraments@gmail.com if you are unable to attend Mass on this weekend. (Sat 16 July 5pm up to 6pm Vigil Mass / Sun 17 July : after 8am Mass up to 10am)

Please NOTE THIS Important DATE IN YOUR DIARY: A mandatory Parent Talk will be held on Wednesday July 27, 7.30 - 8.30pm (Term 3 Week 2) at St Patrick's Church, Asquith. If you cannot attend, or miss this talk, you will be required to make an appointment with Father to discuss non-attendance and why permission should be given to allow your child/ren to proceed to making the Sacrament.

Stage 1 Family Mass

The Stage 1 Family mass was a huge success it was wonderful to see so many of our Stage 1 families at Mass. Thank you to Mrs Russell, Mr Maher and Mrs McArthur for preparing the students.

Stage 2 and Year 5 will have Masses later this year when we have more details about our new parish priest.

Father Shaju Farewell Mass

St Patrick's will celebrate a special farewell mass on Tuesday 19th July at 12pm to farewell Father Shaju before he takes up his new role as Vicar General of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart in India. Parents are welcome to join us for this celebration.

The Dish

Our next turn for 'The Dish' program is Week 1 Term 3 -Tuesday 19th July. A roster of volunteers will be sent out in the coming weeks. Thanks once again for your constant offer of assistance and support. 'The Dish' now regularly serves meals to over 40 people each evening, in addition to providing a food pantry

If you would like to offer your assistance, in particular to help with the serving of meals in Term 3 or 4. Please complete the Google Form by clicking this [link](#)

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Thank you for the generosity of your donations. We were able to pass on many bags of food, clothing and blankets to be distributed to those in need this winter. Mr Worthington who accepted the donations on behalf of the Asquith St Vincent De Paul Conference was overwhelmed by the number of donations that we had collected. Luckily he brought a helper with him as we filled two cars with our donations.

Kylie Lloyd-Jones
REC



From the Office

Happy Holidays

Have a wonderful holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all relaxed and rested for Term 3!

First day back Monday 18th July.



Student Representative Council News

The SRC are leading the way with recycling at our school. We are continuing to recycle plastic bread tags that will be delivered to a company called **AUSSIE BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS**. This company recycles the bread tags into products. These products are sold and the proceeds are used to purchase wheelchairs, mostly for those in need in South Africa.

This will continue for the remainder of the school year.
Kindergarten Gold and 5 Green have collected the most so far.

The SRC are also supporting the recycling of bread bag soft plastics. We ask that you save any bread bag, shake out its crumbs and send it into school. There is no need to wash your bags. We will collect them here at school. Our first goal is 5kg. This is about 14-16 bread bags filled with bread bags! St Patrick's... WE CAN DO THIS! For every 5kg's, our school will get 500 points to be used towards the purchasing of sports equipment made from the recycled plastic. For every 5kg we collect, we can feel proud that it has been kept out of the ocean and landfill.



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



We collect bread tags Australia-wide. These are recycled in Robe, SA to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa. Save your tags and drop them off at one of our collection points. Get your school or local café to help!

Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.



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Transmutation



aussiebreadtags@gmail.com

ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au

Local Contact:

From the Parish

Parish Children's Choir @St Patrick's was delighted to be there to support the Stage 1 Family Mass last weekend, especially since some of the Choir members were readers and took part in the Thanksgiving movement. We also congratulate three of our young members who received 1st Eucharist recently, and welcome them into full participation in our Church family. The Choir has its final practice for this term this Friday, at 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. There will be NO practices during the holidays, on 8th or 15th July. Practices will resume as usual on Friday 22nd July. The Choir WILL be singing on Sunday 10th July, at 10am Mass. For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

A Special Invitation for all singers and instrumentalists, adults and children, to be part of the music for Fr Shaju's farewell Mass on Sunday, 10th July at 10am. We'd love to have you help make this a very special celebration to give thanks for Fr Shaju's time with us.

Rehearsal at 9am before the Mass.

ICAS Competitions

St Patrick's will be participating in the ICAS competitions this year.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition for children in Years 2-6 that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

ICAS
assessments



Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Learn more about ICAS [here](#).

The dates for the competitions will be as follows:

Digital Technologies - Tuesday 9th August

Writing - Thursday 11th August

English - Thursday 18th August

Science - Tuesday 23rd August

Spelling Bee - Thursday 25th August

Mathematics - Thursday 1st September

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](#)
2. Go to Parent Portal [here](#)
3. Enter our school's access code - **QDX795**
4. Enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

Please note that the ICAS tests shown for selection are at the school's discretion.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

We will confirm the date(s) that we run ICAS at the school and when your child's ICAS results are ready. You and your child can access the results once released via the Reports Portal using the TAP ID and pin found on the back of the ICAS certificate.

Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year.

The cut off date for sign up is 18 July 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office 9477 3800 or Mrs Drake if you have any questions.

St Patrick's School Fete Newsletter Issue 1



Our Fete is a great opportunity for St Patrick's and the surrounding community to come together and RECONNECT. It is a time to be a part of something fun and entertaining locally.

The fete is also an opportunity to raise money for the school and its success depends on the St Patrick's community working together. There are many things that you can do to help make the fete a huge success.

Fete Committee

Fete Coordinators

Candida Fernando

Stallholder Coordinators

Marcella Frutschi & Renee Mangion

Sponsorship & Raffles

Is it YOU?

Entertainment & Rides

Is it YOU?

Marketing & Communications

Belinda Wickham & Pia Scott

P & F Support

David De-Fina

Treasurer

Eileen He (Yongmei)

STALL HOLDERS WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to run stalls on the day. Why not grab a few friends and put your hand up for one of these stalls? Have another skill/ talent or hobby you want to see at the fete, get in contact and let us know!!

- Chocolate Wheel
- Lucky Balloons
- BBQ
- Cakes
- Gardening / Nursery
- Pies
- Devonshire Tea
- Face Painting
- Coloured Hair / Tattoos / Nail Polish



Register your interest via the [link](#)

DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIP

We always need prizes for our stalls like Lucky Balloons and the Chocolate Wheel. Donations of cash / equipment / materials / services are also very helpful.

If you own a business, know someone who does, or have any contacts that might be helpful, we would love to hear from you!

Get in contact: pandfstpats@gmail.com

WIN!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

We are looking for parents who can help with the face painting stall. If you are good with a paintbrush, why not put up your hand to help.

Contact us pandfstpats@gmail.com



We are still in need of sponsorship and entertainment committee helpers. Reach out to find out more about each role and how YOU can be involved

<https://forms.gle/LBswSNmEZ2Hw3Qj>

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