

Friday 24th June 2022



# 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



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

After years of waiting on the sidelines while we battled Covid we finally had the chance to welcome, acknowledge and bless the grandparents in our school community. We had over 130 grandparents and parents join us to celebrate them and the important role they play in the children's lives. It was nice to meet grandparents from near and wide, with many coming from the local area or Central Coast while some travelled from Tamworth, others from Brisbane and even some from overseas including New Zealand and England.

I congratulate the students for their outstanding behaviour and enthusiastic efforts to bless and acknowledge our visiting grandparents. The day commenced with a liturgy followed by some time for grandparents to visit classrooms to see the wonderful things their grandchildren have been learning. After this our grandparents enjoyed a cuppa with some morning tea while enjoying some entertainment with a concert.

It was great to hear how impressed and proud our grandparents are of the children but also how excited the children were to showcase their talents.

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## Semester 1 Reports

As stated in last week's newsletter, we will be providing school reports as an electronic report through COMPASS during Week 10. I strongly urge all parents to have a conversation with their children about the report, both the 'achievement' but importantly also their 'effort'.

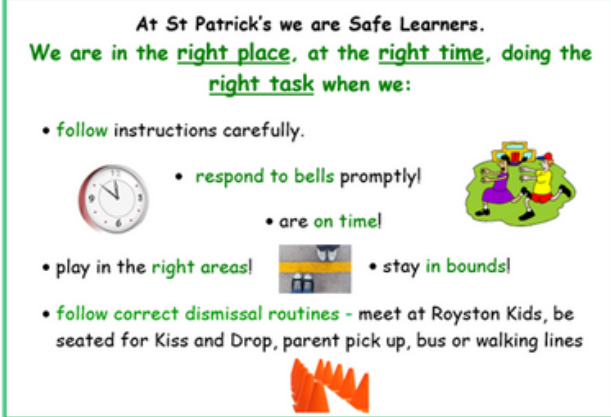
Although we scheduled Parent-Teacher interviews across the school in Term 2, parents are most welcome to seek a further interview to discuss the reports more specifically. Please contact the school office in the first instance with some requested availability times, and the class teacher will make direct contact to negotiate a mutually suitable time. I 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.

## Behaviour Focus

The behaviour focus for the remainder of the term is being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task ' I encourage parents to speak with their children about this important behaviour and see how you can focus on this behaviour at home as well. I challenge our senior students to show the way to our younger students by modelling the expected behaviour.

At St Patrick's we are Safe Learners.  
We are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task when we:

- follow instructions carefully.
- respond to bells promptly!
- are on time!
- play in the right areas!
- stay in bounds!
- follow correct dismissal routines - meet at Royston Kids, be seated for Kiss and Drop, parent pick up, bus or walking lines



## Stage 1 School and Parish Mass

Our Year 1 and 2 classes have been invited to join the parish to celebrate mass together at 10am this Sunday 26th June. We look forward to a lovely celebration of the Eucharist and provide a chance for families to catch up and connect with each other.

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. All families are welcome to join the school and parish mass.

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## **Planned Industrial Action on Thursday 30th June**

I alert parents and carers to the full day of industrial action by IEU union members on next Thursday, 30th June 2022. As a result of the expected staff shortages the scheduled Year 3-6 gala day events planned for this day will be postponed to a date in Term 3. Further information regarding school arrangements for next Thursday will be provided soon.

## **Staff Development Day- Friday July 1st**

As part of the Towards 2025 strategy in the Diocese of Broken Bay to ensure authentic, professional, Catholic education is delivered with care and compassion to all students enrolled in the Diocese's Catholic schools, 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. Our excellent before and after school care provider, Royston Kids 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.

## **Kinder Enrolments 2023**

If parents are aware of families that have children ready to start school next year, I encourage you to recommend our school and the offer to come and find out more information. Prospective parents can contact the school to have a private tour and pick up an enrolment pack from the school office or enquire online: **Enrol at St.**

**Patrick's Asquith**

**God bless you and your families.**

**Todd Vane-Tempest**

**Principal**