



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Parish Clergy

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,

Welcome back to a new term. I trust many families had the opportunity to have some rest and recharge during the holiday break. We begin this term looking forward to great opportunities for learning mixed with other events to celebrate, get involved and be active.

Some of the events scheduled for this term include the school athletics carnival, celebration of Mary MacKillop and The Assumption of Mary Feast Days, Wakakirri Song and Movement for Years 3-6 students, Sporting Gala Days, Gymnastics, Father's Day Breakfast and classroom visit, Mother and Son Fun and Games Evening, Book Week Performance and Book Week Parade, and Public Speaking and Debating.

Farewell Fr. Shaju

This week we celebrated mass to thank and farewell Fr. Shaju. I take this opportunity to congratulate Fr. Shaju on his new role as a leader in his order as well as two large schools when he returns to India. We have been very fortunate to have such a humble servant to our school and parish community who possesses great talents to lead and care for us. I personally thank Fr. Shaju for his wonderful support and active promotion of our school. We wish him every success in the future.

Athletics Carnival

Next week we hope for fine weather as we look forward to our first athletics carnival since 2019. It should be a wonderful day for all the children to be involved in getting to test their skills running, jumping and throwing in traditional athletic events as well as some fun novelties. I thank those parents who have volunteered to take on an active role at the carnival. The carnival could not operate without the support of parents, and I encourage other available parents to assist by volunteering.



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

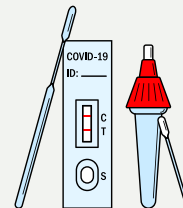
Kinder Enrolments 2023

Since the School Open Day we have had a steady stream of individual tours and applications for Kinder enrolments for 2023. We will continue to hold enrolment interviews this term in readiness for the Kinder Screener Day later this term and Kinder Transition Days scheduled for next term.

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](#)

Covid-safe Restrictions

This week I communicated the Covid-safe restrictions that had particular emphasis on close contacts. We have already had a few staff effected again by the covid virus at the beginning of this term and we are hearing reports that covid cases will rise in the coming month. I ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate the challenges of staff shortages during this time.



Please remember to follow the guidelines in place:

- If your child is sick, keep them at home.
- For primary school-aged children with symptoms of COVID-19, contact your GP (doctor). If the GP recommends a rapid antigen test, follow the NSW Health advice on getting tested for COVID-19 launch.
- If you visit a public testing clinic, check that your local clinic tests children 11 years and under.

Close Contacts

Close contact isolation has eased; this will enable students and staff who are close contacts and have no symptoms to continue to attend school if they follow guidelines agreed with NSW Health.

Staff and students who have confirmed COVID-19 in the last 4 weeks do not have to comply with the following guidelines if they become a household or close contact and are not required to self-isolate or test unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms.

Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the [NSW Health guidelines](#).

- They must notify the school, including their outside-of-school hour's care provider if they intend to return under this provision.
- They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- They (if in a secondary school setting) must wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising.
Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- No apprentices, trainees or students on placement or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to attend settings identified as high risk by NSW Health (healthcare, aged care, disability care or correctional facilities)
- Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times. Schools should consider if the visit can be conducted virtually.

I will be providing further information regarding Covid-safe restrictions soon.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Repairs and Maintenance

In the coming weeks, the school facilities will be receiving a freshen up with some scheduled repairs and maintenance works with a particular focus on painting. Catholic Schools Broken Bay have allocated resources for these works, and you will notice a team of trades working around the school during this time. There will be some small disruptions to the usual class routines as we make adjustments to learning spaces and timetables to allow the works to be carried out.



Building Works Update

I have had meetings during the holiday break and early this term with the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Facilities Team, architects, engineers and building consultants to continue the process for the planned upgrade of facilities associated with our Commonwealth Government Grant. The priority will be upgrading the learning spaces and providing contemporary learning resources.

The heavy rain events this year have again exposed some of the shortcomings the school site has with drainage. Since arriving at the school, I have had many conversations with experienced parents who have come to know about these issues over time. In response, I have been in discussion with the CSBB Facilities Team with the hope of finding a permanent solution to these issues. As a result the diocese is also seeking to upgrade drainage and flood mitigation on the school site as part of the scope of works.



Pastoral Care

Our focus these first two weeks is being responsible learners who take care of their property. I encourage parents to take the opportunity to speak with their child/ren about this focus and include it into the family routines during the next fortnight.

At St Patrick's we are Responsible Learners.
We care for our property when we:

- take care of our belongings and the belongings of others
- label all our property
- put our property in the right place
- ask a friend before borrowing their property



God Bless you and your families
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

Term 3 Upcoming Dates

Monday 18th July - First day Term 3

Thursday 28th July - Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 2nd August - Wakakirri Cake Stall

Monday 8th August - Mary Mackillop Feast Day (Mufti Day)

Religious Creative Arts Competition

The 2022 Bishop's Art Prize is open and this year there are 5 categories;

- Visual Arts
- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- Short Film

Many classes this term are participating and creating their responses during school time. However if you would like to explore the theme of courage and express it in one of the mediums listed above at home as well entries are due by Friday Week 5.

Contact Mrs Lloyd-Jones for more information.

Kylie Lloyd-Jones
REC



2022 ENTER NOW

RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

ANNUAL ART PRIZE

RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

In 2022 the competition theme is **COURAGE**. The art prize has been re-imagined. It will now include segments in visual arts, dance, drama, music and short film.

Showcase evening featuring artworks and performances by finalists **18 October 2022**

- Industry professionals as judges
- Great prizes

COURAGE

"Be strong and courageous..., for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

PRIZES

Special Major Prize announced on the night.

Segment Prizes \$50 - \$200

INFORMATION

For more information, also visit cbbsau.sharepoint.com/sites/Towards2025Resources/SitePages/Religious-Creative-Arts-Competition-2022.aspx

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Broken Bay

From the Office



School photos are coming home today. Please check your child's bag



Please remember to label all your child's clothing as the lost property is growing. Remember to check the buckets outside the kindy classrooms for anything you are missing.



Cold and flu season is still upon us, so please make sure your child is washing their hands and using hand sanitiser when needed. If feeling unwell please stay home

Many thanks from Mrs Taylor and Mrs Chan



Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



The Golden Rule:
"Treat others
(things) as you
want to be
treated"

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 3 Weeks 1 and 2

We are responsible learners that
take care of all property.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

This fortnight we remind children how to take responsibility for their own property and respect the property of others and the school. Going to school is the beginning of their independence, they start to be responsible for their own choices and decisions each day. Part of that is taking care of their own uniform and property. We ask children to check they put away jumpers or hats in the right place when they are not needed. Put labels on their uniform so that they can be returned safely to them if they do become lost and to be responsible for their school property or items they bring to school.

Children are also given the privilege of access to school property, such as iPads, sporting equipment and school supplies. Children are asked to think about using these respectfully and responsibly as if they were their own. "Treat others (and things) the way you would want them treated".

Taking care of property



Reiterating asking to use toys
and games at home that are not
theirs.

Being respectful items in public
places e.g. Church, shops, doctors

How can you help develop this at home?

Sharing things with siblings or
friends that come over.

Cleaning up after themselves
and putting things back where
they need to go.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Students from St Patrick's have been participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge for many years. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10. Information can be found on the [PRC website](#)

This week each student has been given their login details and a note explaining how to input their books for the challenge. There is only a few weeks left of the challenge so keep reading and recording your books. All entries must be done by Friday 19 August 2022.

Students can enter the books themselves via the PRC website using their login details or alternatively they can write a list of their books on a piece of paper and return that list to Mrs Bec Daly at school.



NSW Department of Education

2022 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

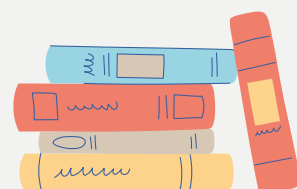
Key dates for students in K-10:
Challenge opens
Monday 28 February
Challenge closes for student entries
Friday 19 August

Artwork by Stephen Michael King

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



Congratulations to 4 Gold, the first class to have every student complete the challenge. Do you know that means that 4 Gold have read over 400 books in total? What incredible readers we have in our school. 4 Gold have won a reward of a Snuggle and Read afternoon next week. Well done 4 Gold. Which class will be next?



HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR MARY MAC'S PLACE

An educational opportunity for our schools and community



MUFTI DAY

MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2022

Mary MacKillop Feast Day



**PLEASE BRING
A GOLD COIN
DONATION**

Mary Mac's Place supplies a nutritious two course sit down lunch daily and a place to shower and to wash clothes. We offer friendly support and companionship plus access to outreach services like Legal Aid, homelessness support services, emergency relief and health assistance.



**Homelessness and social isolation can be overcome by working together
- CatholicCare and Catholic Schools Broken Bay - as one community.**

We receive no funding and rely 100% on community support!

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/mmp-schools

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 5kgs 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.

 aussiebreadtags@gmail.com

 ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au

 [@aussiebreadtags](https://www.facebook.com/aussiebreadtags)

Local Contact:



Re-made
in Robe at
Transmutation



From the Parish

Children's Choir @ St Patrick's is celebrating its anniversary this weekend! At 10am Mass, there will be a special blessing for the Choir, and presentation of certificates. The Choir was founded in June, 2005, and is still continuing its work of praising God in song, leading parish liturgies and spreading the Good News in the most joyful way possible!

Members of the Choir come from a diverse range of local primary schools and high schools. They rehearse every Friday afternoon during school terms, from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and sing at 10am Mass twice a month throughout the year. Many of them have been committed for years and regularly come to practices and sing at Mass while keeping up their study and sporting and family commitments. Every one of them is a blessing to our community, and we thank them and their families for the hours they have given so generously to make this ministry vibrant and joy-filled, and the wonderful way they bring so much beauty and delight to our celebrations. Congratulations!

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.

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.

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

Please print out the form [here](#) and return to the office by Friday the 29th of July

WAKAKIRRI



Tuesday, 2nd of August

BAKE SALE

50c

\$1.00



Please support our children heading to Wakakirri on Tuesday 2nd August by purchasing a yummy treat from the Bake Sale



22nd October
2022

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL FETE

Live Entertainment
International Food
Rides & Games
Show bags
Face Painting

1 Rouston Parade, Asquith



Entertainment

A bit of fun!

The first completed find a word handed into Mrs Taylor in the office will win a prize.

Name: _____

St Pats

G	Z	K	C	G	M	P	K	N	C	F	O	F	B	V	U	C	N
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R	N	U	E	B	O	C	R	D	U	R	M	X	L	G	W	O	G
S	X	N	A	R	O	L	C	C	D	S	S	M	A	Q	G	V	B
T	F	C	D	E	C	Y	O	A	Y	Y	T	D	U	V	P	E	X
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Y	I	P	N	D	U	S	U	S	K	L	D	R	S	J	I	E	Z
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X	L	E	A	R	N	I	N	G	U	M	P	H	O	T	O	S	Q

Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ATHLETICS
BAND
BOOKS
BREAD TAGS
CHURCH
CLOVER
COMMUNITY

COOLOCK
FAITH
FETE
LEARNING
LUNCH
MCCAULEY
MERCY

MRS TAYLOR
PADDY
PHOTOS
READING
STUDENTS
XAVIER

Entertainment



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info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Patrick's Primary School (Asquith) is held on Fridays from 1:15pm to 1:55pm, starting on 22 July 2022.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



**HORNSBY
JUNIOR Touch**

CUBs
**REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN**

BOYS + GIRLS
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

STARTS 14th SEPTEMBER

\$45 including shirt
At Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah
4:10pm - 4:50pm

AGES 4 - 7

FOXGLOVE OVAL, MT COLAH



SCAN ME

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NSW GOVERNMENT
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FOXGLOVE OVAL, MT COLAH

JUNIOR COMP
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

STARTS 14th SEPTEMBER

\$70 per player including playing shirt
All Games at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah
Family Discounts

BOYS + GIRLS
DIVISIONS

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