



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,

One thing that was immediately apparent to me when I started at this school is the real sense of community that exists here. It is one of the great virtues that our school is known for and is spoken about with pride by our community and often mentioned by prospective parents I meet during enrolment interviews.

Although Covid-19 has impacted on our ability to hold community events we are beginning to find our feet again with many activities planned during the second half of the year. One major event scheduled for this year is the school fete. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our school to come together and build stronger connections within but also, a chance to celebrate and showcase our school to the wider community.

There is a wonderful group of parents who are busily working towards the successful staging of the school fete in Term 4. The date Saturday 22nd October (Week 2 Term 4) is fast approaching. There are many things already planned for and organised, however the need for parent support is upon us. We all know the adage 'many hands make light work'. In that spirit, I now call all parents to find a way to support this significant community event. Without parent volunteers from all grades, it will be difficult for the event to be staged effectively.

How can I help? The next P&F General meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9 August at 7pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to come along and find out how you can get involved and be part of an amazing community event.



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Australian Government Capital Grants Program

Over the weekend I was contacted by the office of the local member to again confirm the success of the school in being awarded a grant from the Australian Government Capital Grants Program (CGP) for Non-government Schools.

As you know, at Catholic Schools Broken Bay we are committed to ensuring we develop and maintain the best possible spaces and facilities to support learning. We have recently been updating long term plans to help guide the next phase on investment and have been working with the Commonwealth Block Grant Authority to determine if our proposals might be eligible for grant funding.

I am delighted to reaffirm that St. Patrick's Asquith is the successful recipient of a significant government grant to support our capital works program.

The delegate for the Minister for Education under the Australian Education Act 2013 has approved an Australian Government Capital Grant of \$950,013 to assist our school with the refurbishment of existing classrooms to create contemporary, flexible learning spaces. Construction of a veranda extension and installation of a lift. Relocation of staff amenities, sick bay and refurbishment of some administration areas and refurbishment of existing library for multi learning spaces.

I met with architects and building engineers during the holiday break and early this term to continue the planning and preparation for this work. We are hopeful that this work will begin as early as the middle of 2023.

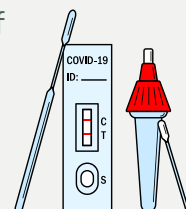


Covid-safe Update

Last week the school communicated the suite of actions required to reduce the risk of Covid-19 spreading in our school community. The layered measures include strongly advising mask-wearing, rapid antigen testing (RAT), strongly encouraging vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation, hygiene and cleaning. We have had a lift in Covid-19 cases in our school community over recent weeks. It is important that if your child is sick, parents must keep them at home. If a child develops symptoms of Covid-19 at school, parents will be contacted to collect them.

I ask parents to notify the school if their child does test positive to Covid-19 or is a close contact to family members who have Covid. Close Contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the 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.
- Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).
- 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.

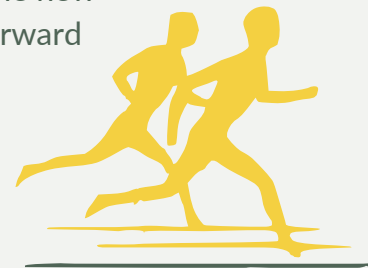


PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

School Athletics Carnival

The new date for the School Athletics Carnival is Thursday 11th August.

Again, we will require a band of parent volunteers to help support the running of the carnival. Parents who had volunteered but are now unable to attend the new date are asked to let us know. I thank the parents who had volunteered to assist and can change to support us on the new carnival date. I encourage other parents who are now available to put their name forward to volunteer on the new carnival date. New Parent volunteers can indicate their availability via the following link: [Athletics Carnival Parent Volunteer](#).



Paddy's Playgroup- Survey

A reminder that we are seeking to restart our Paddy's Playgroup this term. In preparation, the school sent out a survey to parents of preschool children in our school and local community who may be interested in joining our playgroup. Interested parents are encouraged to click the link and complete the survey: [Paddy's Playgroup Survey](#).



Kinder Enrolments 2023

Places are filling fast with one Kinder class confirmed for 2023 with the opportunity now to build for a second class. Current parents who have school aged children to start Kinder in 2023 are encouraged to contact the school office to enrol now.

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: [Enrolment Enquiry Form](#)

Catholic Schools Parents Australia 2022 Parent Survey

The Catholic Schools Parents Australia 2022 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning is available to all parents to complete. By completing this survey, you will be helping Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) to report to the Australian Government and Catholic education on existing and emerging concerns that parents/carers have in relation to the wellbeing and learning of their children. Please click on the link below to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CSPAParentSurvey>

God Bless you and your families
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

Term 3 Upcoming Dates

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

Thursday 11th August - Athletics Carnival

Monday 15th August - Mass Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday 23rd August - Wakakiri Performance

REC - Kylie Lloyd Jones

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 in addition to your classroom entry. Make sure that you have handed your entry to Mrs Lloyd-Jones by Friday Week 5. Contact Mrs Lloyd-Jones for more information.

Confirmation 2022

A reminder that preparation for Confirmation 2022 begins this week. The parish sacramental team should have contacted you with dates and times for the workshops. Please contact the Parish Sacramental Team if you wish for your child to be involved in the program this year.

Feast of St Mary of the Cross

On Monday 8th August we will celebrate the Feast day of Australia's first saint Mary Mackillop with a liturgy prepared by Stage 2. The liturgy will be at 11:15am in the church if you would like to join us to pray.

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 @bosaSHAREpoint.com/ites Towards2025Resources/SitePages/Religious-Creative-Arts-Competition-2022.aspx

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Broken Bay



Upcoming Dates:

Friday 5th August: Workshop 1 for Confirmation

Monday 8th August: St Mary of the Cross Feast Day liturgy and mufti day

Monday 15th August: Feast of the Assumption Mass 9am

Sunday 18th September: Confirmation

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



"We must teach
more by example
than by word"

-Mary Mackillop

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 3 Weeks 3 and 4

We are respectful learners who
speak and listen respectfully.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

Respectful listening and speaking are powerful tools in building peace and resolving conflicts. The process of listening impacts both the person being listened to and the listener. It is important for children to learn how to problem solve and communicate effectively with their peers and understand where the other person might be coming from in conflict situations.

This fortnight we also celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross. Mary Mackillop was a wonderful role model for how we can lead by example. She listened and spoke respectfully to all those around her and respected them no matter their background or circumstance. We can also encourage both children and ourselves to be those respectful role models, by always treating and showing others respect in our interactions.

Lead by example



Encouraging the use of manners

Taking turns and waiting their turn to speak

Listening to stories being read and
responding to them.

How can you help develop this at home?

Trying restorative justice when
solving problems with siblings -
how does it make them feel and
how might the other person feel
by their actions?

Inviting a new friend over from
school.

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

ST PAT'S SPORTS REPORT



Upcoming
events in sport
this term



Week 4

- **Wed 10th August:** NRL Florimo 7's Gala Day (Year 5 and 6)
- **Thurs 11th August:** Rescheduled Athletics Carnival

Week 5

- **Tues 16th August:** North Shore Cluster Athletics Carnival

Week 6

- **Tues 23rd August:** North Shore Soccer Gala Day (1 team Year 4 students and 1 team Year 6 students)

Week 7

- **Tues 30th August:** Diocesan Athletics Carnival
- **Thurs 1st September:** Rescheduled Netball and League Tag Gala Day (Years 3-6)



Gymnastics is Back!

Over the next 3 weeks on Tuesdays, Years K-2 will be participating in Gymnastics workshops as part of our Sporting Schools funding for the term.

We ask that students wear their Sports Uniform on Tuesdays from Weeks 3-5, with an extra day this Thursday 4th August.



Student Sports Highlight

Well done to Jacob H in Year 5, who has been selected by Phoenix Futsal (representative futsal club for North Shore/ Northwest) into their U12 team for the upcoming Football NSW Futsal season.

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Well done to the students who have been busy finalising their books for the Premier's Reading Challenge. So far we have 126 students who have completed the challenge. This is an amazing result. There are still two weeks to go so don't miss the opportunity to take part. Remember that once completed your name goes into a weekly draw to select a book from the current bookclub. Our winners so far are Josh M (4 Gold) Andrew D (6 Gold), Nathan W (4 Gold) and Emma C (4 Green). Another prize winner is Blake A (6 Green) who was the 100th student to complete the challenge in our school. Information can be found on the PRC [website](#). If you are unsure on how to participate please see Mrs Daly or contact her rebecca.daly@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Entries close Friday 19 August 2022.



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

Network by Stephen Michael King

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Congratulations to 6 Green & 6 Gold, every student has completed the challenge. They are amazing readers. 6 Green & 6 Gold won a reward of a Snuggle and Read afternoon this week which they thoroughly enjoyed. Well done 6 Green & 6 Gold. Which class will be next?



perform! EDUCATION

STORY QUEST

NSW TEAM B

JARROD EVERINGHAM-BRYAN

SIOBHAN CLIFFORD

CBCA BOOK WEEK 2022

ARTWORK BY JOHNNY STRONG © THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Book Week Live Performance Tuesday 9th August Week 4

In the lead up to Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week (Week 6, 20-26th August) the students at St Patrick's will take part in a live performance by Story Quest. Students will join Marley on her new STORY QUEST adventure as part of CBCA Book Week 2022 and celebrating the CBCA Book Week 2022 theme: "Dreaming With Eyes Open..." .

CBCA BOOK WEEK 2022

STORY QUEST

Dreaming with eyes open...

PERFORM! EDUCATION

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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

Parish Children's Choir celebrated their anniversary with our traditional Anniversary Party on Friday, with heaps of great food, conversation and running around. Thanks to all our parents/ carers who provided food and also made donations to our Caritas Australia appeal.

We raised over \$280! Thanks, everyone! Children's Choir@St Patrick's sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, and practises every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in the church. Singers from Year 3 to the end of high school most welcome to join at any time.

Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further information.

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](#).

ICAS
assessments



The dates for the competitions will be as follows:

Digital Technologies - Tuesday 9th August

Writing - Wednesday 10th 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

Gifted & Talented News

Art Awards

Congratulations to the students who received Art Excellence Awards at our Assembly on Friday. Each piece of art was amazing and very colourful, showcasing the brilliant Art work at St Patrick's. The artworks will proudly be displayed in the Hall, Year 6 Stairwell and in the office areas.

Students who received the Art Awards are:

Kindergarten Gold - Farai M , Clara HV, 1 Green - Samuel Z , Arudra L, 1/2 Gold - Darius A, Michael S
2 Green - Emillie G, Natalia P, 3 Green - Freya A, Cristiano G, 4 Green- Lucy H V, Isabel H, 4 Gold - Mia N,
Charlie S, 5 Green - Oliver J, Cyrene A, 5 Gold - Charlize L, Makayla M, 6 Green - Abbie F, Isla B,
6 Gold - Gemma T, Anastasia S



Writing Excellence Awards

Congratulations to all the students who entered the 'WriteOn' or the 'What Matters' Writing Competition last term. We have some outstanding writers who established their point of view on a topic that they were interested in, in an engaging way. Well done, your writing is an inspiration to all of us!

WriteOn Writing Competition

Michael S (Stage 1), Rose M (Stage 2)

What Matters Writing Competition (Stage 3)

Andrew D, Sophie R, Anastasia S, Marieta T, Abigail F, Noah D, Oliver J, Elena K, Archie M, Tyler S, Michael S, Daniela T, Abigail S

Spelling Bee

Last Friday we had the final of our first St Patrick's Spelling Bee. All classes from K-6 were involved in earlier rounds to find out our class and then grade finalists.

Thank you to Mrs Huggins who organised the competition and congratulations to all the students for trying so hard with their spelling. Some of the words were extremely challenging but everyone had a lot of fun!

Our winners of the Spelling Bee Competition 2022 were:

Kindergarten - Rayansh D, Year 1 - Samuel Z, 1/2 Gold- Sahaj W, Year 2 - Craig, Year 3 - Alice C, Year 4 -Sooji K
Year 5 - Yiming S, Year 6 - Andrew D





ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL FETE

SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER

10-3PM



- PETTING ZOO**
- FIRE ENGINE**
- FACE PAINTING**
- PADDY'S SALON**
- SNOW CONES**
- SHOWBAGS**
- INFLATABLE RIDES**
- CHOCOLATE WHEEL**
- CAKE STALL**
- GAMES & PRIZES**



COME & JOIN THE FAMILY FUN
EVERYONE IS WELCOME



ROYSTON PDE,
ASQUITH



Paddy's Kids Playgroup Is Returning!



We are seeking to resume Playgroup this term. If you are interested in attending or know anyone that is, please take part in our survey by using the QR code provided.



Are you following us on social media?

Our social channels are a great way to see our school in action! See regular updates, reminders and lots of pictures of events and our students. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram:



www.facebook.com/stpatsasquith



www.instagram.com/stpatricksprimary_asquith/

P & F News

A reminder that the P&F general meeting is being held this Tuesday 9 August at 7pm at school. It would be great to see as many parents as possible attend and join in the discussions about the school community. It is an excellent way to meet other parents and find out what has been happening in the school. You are also welcome to join us on line, a zoom link will be set up and provided prior to the night.

As you know the school fete is being held on Saturday October 22. The fete is a wonderful community event, it is especially loved by the children and creates wonderful memories of their time at St Patrick's. The P&F is holding this year's fete to provide an opportunity for the school to come together and have fun. We are raising some money for improvements to the school but this is not our main focus. What we really want is to provide a chance for everyone to enjoy being together again after all the disruption of the last few years. There will be rides, food and a wonderful line up of entertainment. For the fete to be successful it does rely on the contribution from everyone in any way they can. So please think how you can be involved and come forward to join in this great event.



Entertainment



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(02) 9745 1170
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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.





Try Baseball

@ Rofoe Park



Children of all ages welcome

www.rangersbaseball.com.au

Sat 13th Aug 10am

Thurs 25th Aug 5pm

Thurs 1st Sept 4:30

