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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,

It was certainly a proud moment watching selected students from Years 3-6 present at the Wakakirri Story and Song competition at the Riverside Theatre Paramatta on Tuesday night. Everyone involved with the presentation should be rightly proud as the children gave a spectacular performance in front of a very appreciative audience. The children received a loud and rousing cheer and enthusiastic applause from the large group of parents, siblings and grandparents who witnessed an awesome display of teamwork and effort by students and teachers.

I thank and congratulate Mrs Huggins, Miss Fryar and Mrs Lloyd-Jones for their time, effort and leadership with this initiative as well as our dance teacher Sam for the direction and choreography. I also thank Miss Furlong and Mrs Ward for their support on the night. I also acknowledge and thank the supporting teachers and our fabulous parents who assisted with props and costumes and encouragement along the way. St. Patrick's won two special awards, 'Most creative reuse of materials for sets & props Award' as well as 'Best individual makeup and hair Award'. I am sure it will be a memorable moment for the students and their parents with many children performing on stage for the first time.



Book Week

A reminder parents and children that the Book Week Parade is to be held tomorrow morning Friday 26th August. The children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character. There will be a parade where each class will display their costumes at the morning assembly - parents are very welcome. Thank you to Mrs Daly for organising this and other events for Book Week including the colouring in and guessing competitions.

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Father's Day Celebration

We are inviting all fathers, father figures and male role models in our children's lives to our special Fathers Feed and Read morning, to be held next Friday, 2nd September from 8.00am at school. For catering purposes, please complete the form via the [link](#) by 4pm tomorrow (Friday 26th) to indicate your attendance

The morning will comprise of:

8:00am- BBQ breakfast (sausage sizzle) and a cuppa along with Men in the Morning activities

8:45am- Brief assembly and roll marking

9:00am- Liturgy to acknowledge and celebrate fathers (Church)

9:30am- Open classrooms and Reading time- all dads are invited to go into classrooms to see their children showcase some of their learning and spend some time with dad reading a book together.

The Father's Day Stall will also be available during the day. Gifts can be prepaid using the school QKR app. Gifts are \$6 each.



Public speaking

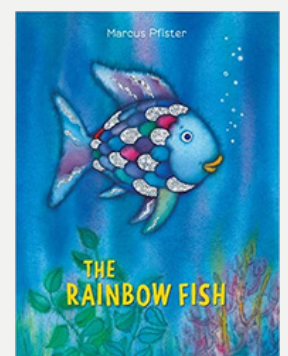
Yesterday I attended the North Shore Cluster Public Speaking Final to support our Year 6 representatives Marieta T and Danny P. Both students had to present a prepared speech with 10 other students from 5 local catholic schools. Following that they had to prepare an impromptu speech on a given topic with only 10 minutes of preparation time. Both Marietta and Danny were outstanding in their presentations and fantastic representative of the school.

All students should be preparing speeches as part of their homework ready for the class, grade and school finals later this term. Please refer to the communication provided on Friday 12th August by Mrs Huggins via Compass.

Play Group

We had a fantastic turn-out for the return of Paddy's Playgroup last Monday, with around 12 pre-schoolers and their parents coming along for a fun filled morning. We read the 'The Rainbow Fish' book, and we engaged in arts and crafts making our own beautiful jellyfish. We coloured pictures of sea creatures and played with all the various toys, puzzles, blocks and more. The beautiful weather even let us take our adventures outside and we played on the school equipment and rode tricycles.

Paddy's Playgroup will continue each Monday from 9am in the Parish Meeting Room with structured activities, craft and time for unstructured play where the children can socialise and use their imagination while they play with their new friends. Next week's theme will be Fairy Tales.



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Professional Learning and Planned Staff Development Days for the Remainder of 2022

Last week I communicated that our school is preparing for the implementation of new syllabus documents for English and Mathematics. In addition to this, Catholic Schools in the Broken Bay Diocese will be implementing a new syllabus document for Religious Education and adopting the newly developed Catholic Charter for the Broken Bay Diocese.

To support this the school have planned staff development days in Term 4 to do some of the work required to support the professional learning of teachers using resources provided by CSBB. The following dates will be Staff Development Days:

Monday October 10th- Day 1 Term 4 - Tuesday October 11th First day for students.

Friday December 16th- the last day of attendance for Term 4 for all children will be Thursday 15th December.

A reminder to parents that the Years 4, 5 & 6 Boys - Mum and Son Games night "Lets Hear it for the Boys" (aka Brilliant in Blue) is also available on QKR. The closing date is Monday 5 September 5pm. It promises to be a fun night out with a chance for our mums to catch up and connect with each other after many missed opportunities because of Covid-safe restrictions. Let's Hear it For The Boys is now on QKR

See What is happening at St. Patrick's

It has been a busy term with more to come! I encourage parents to visit the St Patrick's School Asquith Facebook Page to see all the wonderful initiatives that have been happening recently both small and large. The school Facebook page is a great way to catch up on all that has been happening and see the joy expressed in our students' faces from the positive experiences and successes they are having.

On this page you will see so many initiatives that the children are involved in. Just this week we have the Wakakirri Story through Song and Dance Competition, our recent Award Winners, Book Week Information, the environmental initiative to collect Bread Bags and Bread Tags and Paddy's Playgroup. I encourage you to share this page with others to promote our school amongst the wider community.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal



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