



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Fr Joy Thomas OSH  
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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,

Our school provides many opportunities for the students to showcase their talents. Last week the school awarded the Art Awards for Term 2 to students across the school who produced exceptional artwork. These artworks are of a high quality and will be proudly displayed around the school for everyone to appreciate.




 On Friday, our inaugural School Spelling Bee Competition came to its conclusion with students across each grade competing for the title of champion speller. I thank our resident Spelling Master Mrs Huggins for facilitating a fun and exciting event.

This week selected students from Years 3-6 will participate in the Maths Games and Maths Olympiad competitions, while many students have also opted to take part in the University of NSW ICAS Assessments that tests the knowledge of students across many curriculum areas.

In Term 3, we also have a selected a group of students to participate in the Tournament of the Minds Competition. Teams select from a variety of set challenges across various curriculum areas, each with a focus on teams working collaboratively, thinking creatively and problem solving.



 Later this term around 50 students from Years 3-6 will participate in the Wakakirri Song and Movement competition. These students have been working throughout Term 2 & 3 to bring together a performance that will tell a story focused on the environment.

Soon all students will have the chance to showcase their talents at our annual public speaking competition. In the coming weeks we will have selected Year 6 students participating in the interschool debating competition against other local catholic primary schools.

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## Athletics Carnival

Unfortunately, this week's School Athletics Carnival had to be postponed due to the wet conditions of the oval. The carnival has been rescheduled to Thursday 11 August. We will again be seeking the support of parents to assist at the carnival.



## 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 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](#)

## Paddy's Playgroup- Survey

Paddy's Playgroup is an opportunity for preschool aged children and their parents to get together for some fun play, story time and structured activities. It is a great chance for the children and parents to socialise and make new and stronger connections within our school community.



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](#)

## Covid-safe Update

Along with this update is more information from Catholic Schools NSW and Catholic Schools Broken Bay regarding the current settings to keep school communities operating safely. Please remember 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.
- If you visit a public testing clinic, check that your local clinic tests children 11 years and under.
- Close Contacts attending school will need 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.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest.

Principal

