



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,

It is typical at this time of the year for our patience to wear thin and for the children to experience some squabbles between their friends or be less compliant at times. It is important to recognise that the children, teachers, parents and even the principal are tired after a very busy few months of increased activities.

After such a busy term we are utilising Well-being Week this week to have some time off homework and focus on celebrating and rewarding good behaviour. By focusing on the positives we see around us and celebrating the goodness in our community we hope to keep our smiles and enjoy the final weeks of term.

Each day this week, the children receive raffle tickets when they are noticed being good by the teachers. We have a daily draw and a spin of the prize wheel where the children can win a reward for themselves, their friends, their class or even everyone in their stage.

During Week 9 and 10 the school behaviour focus is 'caring for our environment' and I encourage parents to talk to their children about how they can care for their environment at home. One practice way the children have been challenged is to have waste free lunch boxes. Our aim this week was to have a waste free Wednesday. There is a great reward for the class who achieves the highest count for waste free lunches.

It has also been a delight in recent weeks to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of students who have earned 50 or 100 stamps by demonstrating great learning behaviours in class or by their kind and caring actions towards others. We should have many students reaching the 150 stamps in the coming weeks and hope that some children will reach the ultimate goal of 200 stamps for a special principal award at the end of the year. Each recipient has enjoyed a morning tea and extra play to celebrate their success.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Public Speaking

It was a great experience watching and listening to our finalists for the school public speaking competition on Wednesday. The quality of speakers was excellent and I witnessed some outstanding talent in our young finalists.

I thank parents for the hard work and effort to support their children to write and sit through multiple rehearsals of your children's speeches. Not everyone enjoys speaking publicly but it is a worthwhile activity for the children to experience and with yearly opportunities they will develop the skills and confidence to improve each year.

I also thank Mrs Kylie Huggins for all the preparations for such a successful event and the teachers for facilitating the class and grade finals.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that we are transitioning over the coming weeks from the children wearing the Winter uniform to wearing the Summer school uniform. While the weather stays a little cooler many parents may choose to continue having their children wear the full Winter Uniform but have the choice to switch to the full Summer uniform when the days are warmer.

As we move towards the end of the year and students grow out of their shoes please remember, as per our uniform policy, that all school shoes must be completely black for all uniform types. Please also ensure that students are wearing the correct socks, particularly when wearing sports uniform.

Although I have had to speak to a number of students recently about wearing their school uniform correctly I acknowledge that the majority of students do the right thing each and every day without exception. I thank parents who continue to support the school by making sure their children are dressed in the correct uniform each day.

Tell Them From Me Survey Parent Surveys

Please note that the parent survey closes this week!

I again invite all parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey called the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. The survey is an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School Asquith.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You can access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/stpatsasquith2022>



The parent survey will close this week on Friday 16 September 2022 (4:30pm AEDT)

Kinder Screeners

Today we welcomed our second group of new Kindergarten students for 2023 as they participate in a Kinder Screener Session. It was another great chance for us to get to know them while they get to know the school environment and meet and spend time with some of their new classmates.

As we build our numbers for Kinder 2023 with enough students to make two classes I again appeal for more enrolments so I encourage our parents to keep inviting families that you know have children ready to begin school next year to consider St. Patrick's as the best school for their child.

In Term 4 the children will return for three transition sessions scheduled for the mornings of Thursday 10th, 17th & 24th November (between 9am to 10:30am).

Play Group

Next Monday will be our last Paddy's Playgroup Session for the Term with the theme of Seasons. We will start up the Playgroup in Term 4 on Monday 17th October (Monday Week 2) as the first Monday of the term is a SDD. On that day there will be no children attending school while teachers participate in important professional learning on that day.

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

A reminder that we have planned staff development days in Term 4 to do some of the work required to support the professional learning of teachers for new syllabus documents for English and Mathematics using resources provided by CSBB. The following dates will be Staff Development Days:

Monday October 10th

Friday December 16th

The last day of attendance for Term 4 for all children will be Thursday 15th December.

As a result, these days will be student free days. 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.

Please be mindful of our neighbours and do not park across their driveways. Further ahead is more information and attached is a flyer to remind you of the appropriate distance for a parking near a driveway.

God Bless you and your families

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 18th September: Confirmation

Wednesday 21st September - Mufti Day for Basket Collection

Thursday 22nd September - Public Holiday to Commemorate the Queen

Friday 23rd September - Last Day of Term 3

Monday 10th October- Term 4 Staff Development Day

Tuesday 11th October - Term 4 - First day Students

Sunday 6th November - Term 4 - Stage 2 Family Mass

Thursday 15th December - Term 4 - Last Day all Students

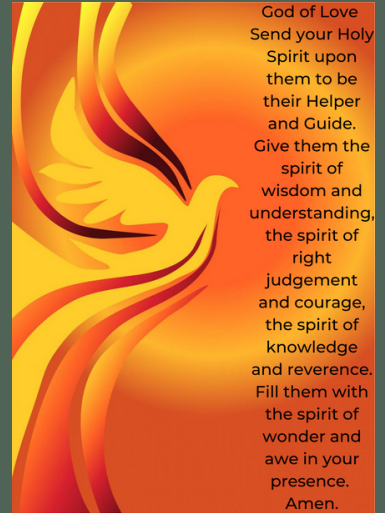
Friday 16th December - Staff Development Day

REC - Kylie Lloyd Jones

Confirmation

Please keep these children in your prayers on Sunday as they receive the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation.

Freya A	Isaac T	Lila B
Willow E	Isabel H	Evie W
Layla B	Amy F	Holly M
Ethan C	Christiano G	



The Dish

Our final turn of hosting The Dish will be Tuesday 1st November. If you would like to offer your assistance, in particular to help with the serving of meals in 4. Please complete the Google Form by clicking this [link](#)



Kylie Lloyd-Jones
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Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



"Try to leave the
world a better place
than when you found
it."

-Sidney Sheldon

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 3 Weeks 9 and 10

We are responsible learners who
care for the environment.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

Over the course of this term we have been looking at how we can all do our little bit to help out the world and environment, through our bread bags and bread tags initiatives. Thank you to all our families who have got "on the bandwagon" and have been collecting these at home and sending through.

With "Wellbeing Week" this week, we hope to continue this theme and reiterate the message of care for the environment. We have asked you to consider the "Waste-Free Wednesday" concept - thinking about how we can better pack our school lunch boxes to reduce the amount of plastic waste in them. As well as, looking out for Environmental Warriors on the playground and in the classroom.

Caring Actions



WASTE- FREE WEDNESDAY

The benefits of packing a rubbish free lunch are wide-ranging:

- Reducing your environmental footprint
- Teaching you about the need to reduce, re-use and recycle
- Having fun creating delicious lunches and snacks
- Looking after your health
- Providing you and your parents with an easy lunch packing solution.



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

From the Office

Mufti Day on Wednesday the 21st of September. See the flyer coming home with your Children today. Bring in a donation for our hampers and wear your Mufti clothes.

Check out our amazing sponsors and show them your support.

As the term comes to an end we have a large amount of lost property . If your child is missing an item please check the baskets outside the staff room.

Cheryl & Liz

Council Info

Council has recently been receiving a higher than usual number of complaints from local residents, in relation to school parents or carers parking across or obstructing access to resident's driveways, with some refusing to move their vehicles when asked.

Please see the attached flyer on how to park safely and considerately in our streets.

The illustration explains what the rules are when parking near driveways, footpaths and pedestrian kerb ramps.

The rules as explained with the illustration are:

Parking near driveways

- When parking legally near a driveway, you must ensure that no part of your vehicle blocks the driveway or access to the property at any time.
- A vehicle can be parked up to the wings of the driveway.
- A driver can drop off or pick up a passenger in front of a driveway, however it is an offence to leave a vehicle unattended or to not move their vehicle at the request of the property owner.

Parking near footpaths and pedestrian kerb ramps

- When parking legally near a footpath or pedestrian kerb ramp, you must ensure that no part of your vehicle blocks access to the footpath or kerb ramp at any time.
- A vehicle can be parked up to the wings of the pedestrian kerb ramp.
- By parking correctly and considerately, you allow other vehicles and pedestrians to access properties or footpaths easily and safely, creating a safer environment for other road users.

Council's Traffic Ranger's patrol all school zones in the Hornsby local government area on a roster system. Unfortunately, they are unable to attend every school zone, every day.

Kind regards

Lesley Tipping

Road Safety Officer | Traffic Engineering & Road Safety | Hornsby Shire Council
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Band News

BAND DISCOVERY LESSONS OPEN TO YEAR 1 CHILDREN ONLY

BAND Discovery Lessons are intended to introduce your child to the wonderful world of Instrumental Music and Concert Band.

If your child is interested in participating in BAND Discovery lessons commencing in Term 4 - lesson will be on Friday 1.30pm - 2.00pm in Studio 21 (Room above the School Hall) the cost is \$100 - Service NSW Creative Kids Vouchers are accepted. If your future musician is interested in BAND DISCOVERY LESSONS please email me at studio21band@gmail.com

TERM 4 - CHANGE OF BAND REHEARSAL DAY

Intermediate & Senior Band will combine for rehearsals ALL of Term 4. Rehearsals will be held on Friday mornings 8.00am in Studio 21. There will be NO Intermediate Band rehearsal on Tuesday mornings.

SCHOOL FETE

Saturday 22nd October

Combined Intermediate & Senior Band will be performing at our School Fete

Assembly Time 12.30pm # Sharp

Performance Time 1.00pm

What to Wear Mufti

BUSKING

If you would like to Busk at the Fete, please see me for a Busking Form.

2022 BAND RECRUITING CONCERT

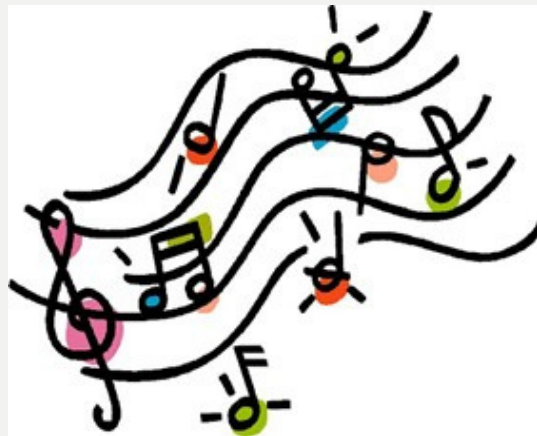
Friday 11th November

Combined Intermediate & Senior Band

Performance Time 2.15pm

Location St Patrick's School Hall

Parents are invited to attend this concert



Yours Musically

Helen Jacobsen

Band Director

St Patrick's

studio21band@gmail.com



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/

Student Representative Council News



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.

Re-made
in Robe at
Transmutation



 aussiebreadtags@gmail.com  ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au

 @aussiebreadtags

Local Contact:

Community Sport

A great effort from our Year 6 St Pat's students playing for the Hornsby Lions Netball Club. The girls Marieta T, Alexa R, Gloria S, Sophie B, & Stephanie F, made the Semi-Final of the U12 Div 2. They came up against their closest rivals, Mount St Benedicts (Yr 7 Students), who they had not won against the whole season. It was a rainy start to the day, however by game time the clouds had cleared. The whole team stepped up and by half time, were only down by 1. At ¾ time The Lions were ahead by 1, a nail biting last quarter finishing at 12-12. The girls then went on to play another 5 minutes at 13-13. Final 5 minutes saw MSB score 4 additional goals to win. The girls were disappointed however should be very proud of how they played and the great sportsmanship they displayed.



From the Parish

Parish Children's Choir gathers every Friday afternoon during school terms at 4 till 5pm in the church, to sing and learn new skills in music, to build community in a multi-age learning setting, talking about faith and life. We sing at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. All young people are welcome to join, from Year 3 up to the final years of high school. NB: from the beginning of term 4, Year 2 students may come along and try out! No fees, no audition, just a willingness to listen and learn in a supportive community. For further information call Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or Kuring-gai Chase parish office 9456 2450.



Fete News

St Patrick's School Fete

We NEED your help to make the school fete a success! We are asking ALL families to volunteer at least 1 hour on Fete day. Check out the stalls that NEED your help and the available times slots than click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

www.signupgenius.com



The poster features a green background with a string of colorful triangular bunting at the top. On the left, a circular frame contains a cartoon leprechaun with a beard, wearing a green suit and hat, holding a shamrock. To the right of the leprechaun, the text 'ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL FETE' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, 'SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER' is written in white. To the right of the date, '10-3PM' is written in white. A list of activities is displayed in various colors: 'PETTING ZOO' (red), 'FIRE ENGINE' (blue), 'FACE PAINTING' (black), 'PADDY'S SALON' (yellow), 'SNOW CONES' (blue), 'SHOWBAGS' (red), 'INFLATABLE RIDES' (yellow), 'CHOCOLATE WHEEL' (black), 'CAKE STALL' (red), and 'GAMES & PRIZES' (blue). On the left side, there are icons for a colorful castle, a BBQ grill, and a rabbit with a chick. On the right side, there is a blue and white striped umbrella and several green shamrocks. At the bottom, the text 'COME & JOIN THE FAMILY FUN' and 'EVERYONE IS WELCOME' is written in yellow. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'FAITH' with a cross and the text 'ST PATRICK'S ASQUITH' and 'ROYSTON PDE, ASQUITH'.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL FETE

SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER

10-3PM

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SAFEGUARDING MONTH *families*

SEPTEMBER 2022



CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
BROKEN BAY

BUILDING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS IN EVERY FAMILY

The Diocese of Broken Bay promotes awareness of Safeguarding each September.

We invite all families to share with us your experiences of how you connect as a family in the form of a story, a video or a photo during Safeguarding Month of September.

Some suggestions might include exercising together, bushwalking, baking or play a game.

Scan for more activity ideas



bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/engaging-with-your-family

The most creative and inspirational entries will be showcased on our Diocesan Safeguarding Month webpage.



SCAN TO ENTER



Entries will be open September 1 to September 30.

*Submission of entries will be taken as consent to share

Holiday Fun

Free family
fun at the
Parliament
of NSW

Friday
7 October
10am to 3pm

FREE
ENTRY

Welcome!



Cartooning workshop

Draw people and objects with the award-winning illustrator and cartoonist Eric Lobbecke.
Every half hour from 11:00am, finishing at 2:00pm

Vote for me!

Learn how to vote with the NSW Electoral Commission.
Every half hour from 10:00am

Mock Committee Hearing

Have your say as a participant in our committee hearings.
Every half hour from 10:00am

AUSLAN
interpreters
available

\$4
Democracy
Sausage

The
Public Café
open

Visit us at Australia's oldest Parliament as it opens its doors for **Family Fun Day**, an open day packed with free, fun activities for children from 4 to 12 years and their families. In addition to the above, there will be many activities on offer for families to enjoy, including craft, tours of our historic chambers, roving musicians and more...! (You might even get to meet some very important people.)



BOOK NOW



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

P: (02) 9230 2047

E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au

WHERE

6 Macquarie Street, Sydney - opposite Martin Place

MORE INFORMATION

www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/events