



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

After years of waiting, months of planning and countless hours of preparation our school community finally got the opportunity to enjoy a St. Patrick's School Fete. I have been involved with many school fetes in the last 35 years working in Catholic Schools in Broken Bay and it would be difficult to find a fete with that amount of community spirit that was carried throughout the day. I whole heartedly acknowledge and congratulate the fete committee for facilitating an outstanding school fete on Saturday. There was so much on offer and such a huge crowd there to enjoy a smorgasbord of food, fun and games, entertainment galore, and things to win or buy.

We were well supported by Local, State, and Federal representatives including Mayor Philip Ruddock and Councillors Nathan Tilbury and Warren Waddell, State Treasurer and local member Matt Kean and Federal Member Paul Fletcher. They all acknowledged in their discussions with me the wonderful event they were a witness to.

Thanks also goes to our sponsors and stall providers who provide an important service and financial base to allow the fete to proceed. I am sure they are more than happy with their fete experience on Saturday.

A huge thank you goes out to our fete committee led by our tireless P&F President David De-Fina and ably assisted by a team of highly committed and determined parent group. Each member of the committee can be rightly proud of what they have achieved. Thanks also goes out to our parent community, our staff and many current students and ex-students who also came out in good numbers to set up or pack up, support stalls, or provide entertainment.

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My favourite moments came from seeing our current and ex-students having the opportunity to play their part in supporting the fete. From assisting with the set-up or pack-up, the school band and some even playing with the Golden Kangaroos Band to just enjoying all the fun activities on offer. I am sure it will be an experience they will never forget.

The number one goal was to provide an event to bring people together and celebrate as a school community which was well and truly achieved. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Kiss and Drop

I have placed a parking advisory sign on the school fence to remind parents of the rules around using the no parking zone when dropping off children in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon. I ask that parents who are picking up by car have a card with their family name clearly printed to assist with the calling of children to be collected. This is particularly valuable during wet weather as the children are gathered in the hall which causes further delay.

Please be aware of the following rules in place when using a NO PARKING and BUS ZONES:

NO PARKING: You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers.

If no spaces are available, you cannot queue on the roadway or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.

BUS ZONES: You must not stop or park in a BUS ZONE for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.

Staffing

I would like to congratulate Mrs Rebecca Daly who in recent days has secured a permanent teaching position commencing in 2023. Bec's position will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Waitara. Bec began teaching at St. Patrick's in 2015 and along with her family have had a strong positive presence both in our school and parish community. I acknowledge Bec's passion for teaching and thank her for her commitment to the school. Bec has taken on many teaching roles over the years even taking on the librarian role while Mrs Walton was recently on leave but often working in partnership with Mrs Ward. We wish her well in her new school next year.

I also congratulate Mrs Caroline Walton on her decision to retire from teaching at the end of this year. Caroline has been at St. Patrick's since 2016 as our teacher librarian and has been teaching in schools in the Sydney, Paramatta and Broken Day Dioceses for the past 35 years. That is an enormous commitment to catholic education and a wonderful legacy that she should be very proud. In her time here at St. Patrick's, Caroline has taught every child in the school each week as well as built and managed the library resources, so they are accounted for, well maintained and quality literature is ready and available for the children to read.

I would like to thank and acknowledge Bec and Caroline for their outstanding service to our community.

The school is now in the process of finding suitable candidates to join the teaching staff for 2023.

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Enrolments for 2023

We are pleased with the flow of new enrolments that we have received during Term 3 and into Term 4, particularly for our Kinder classes for 2023. The numbers continue to grow with both classes having close to 20 students at this point with the opportunity to grow further by the end of the term. In coming weeks, we will hold three Kinder Transition Sessions on Thursday 10th, 17th & 24th November (9am-10:30am) for the children beginning school at St. Patrick's in 2023. We look forward to continuing this exciting journey to starting 'Big School' with both children and parents.

St. Leo's Priority Feeder Schools Program

Apart from the wonderful opportunities provided by our school through quality education and being part of a faith community, some parents may not be aware of the Priority Feeder School arrangement we have with St. Leo's College at Wahroonga.

As a Catholic system of schools, we encourage parents to select Catholic primary schools for their children and wish to attract families back from the public system by making it clear that they are gaining a preferred or priority application status into St Leo's for high school. I am also aware that St. Leo's has a waiting list of families wishing to enrol for next year and beyond. This won't be a concern for families who attend St. Patrick's who wish to enrol at St. Leo's.

I was fortunate to have a tour of the new facilities at St. Leo's and came away very impressed by their modern, contemporary learning spaces and new facilities they have. I will say that I was more impressed by the students I met and the future school curriculum that is occurring there. I invite parents to share this information with local families you meet outside of school who are considering their options for high school.

Year 5 Leadership Camp

Next week, the children in Year 5 will be undertaking a Leadership Camp in preparation for their leadership roles as they head into Year 6 next year. They will travel to Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen and participate in a range of leadership experiences and outdoor activities. I am sure the Year 5 students will enjoy their time away from school as they prepare to take on the roll as student leaders and look to select student candidates to represent them and our school as badged leaders.

I look forward to an exciting Term 4 with many things to come.

God Bless you and your families

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Upcoming Dates

Friday 28th October - Socktober

Tuesday 1st November - The Dish

Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th November - Yr 5 Leadership Camp

Sunday 6th November - Stage 2 Family Mass

Wednesday 9th November - School Disco

Thursday 10th November - Kindy 2023 Transition 1

Thursday 8th December - Yr 6 Graduation Mass

Thursday 15th December - End of Year Mass

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

Friday 16th December - Staff Development Day

REC - Kylie Lloyd Jones

World Mission Month and Socktober

On Friday 28th October St Patrick's will be celebrating World Mission Month with a Socktober Celebration.

Children are encouraged to wear crazy socks and bring a gold coin donation. Year 6 will be hosting soccer sporting events for each class with the sockballs they have made from recycled materials as a response to the Pope Francis' call of sport at the service of humanity so children can build an understanding of the haves and the have-nots.



Let's kick goals for good!

Join us at our Socktober Event Day on

Friday 28th October

as we raise funds to support children facing malnutrition and food insecurity in Ethiopia.

Wear your sports uniform and your favourite crazy coloured socks, and don't forget to sign up online!

socktober.org.au



Visits from the Parish

This term Father Biju and Father Joy will be visiting classes to support Religious Education Lessons. This week Father Biju visited Stage 3 to discuss Mission Month and how it is our responsibility to spread the message of the Gospels.

Thank you to Pat Smith for visiting Stage 2 to discuss the history of the parish, in particular the history of St Patrick's church.

The Dish

Thank you to all families who have contributed to The Dish this year. Your support is greatly appreciated and the meals have been enjoyed by the many people who attend the Dish. Our final evening for the year is next Tuesday 1st December.

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St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Christmas is a time of hope, joy, and of giving from the heart.

Christmas hampers are a beautiful gift. They are given to individuals and families who have called upon the help of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Vinnies is committed to making Christmas a time to renew hope. This year if you are interested in helping out there are a few different ways in which you and your family could do this. This year we will be supporting the Asquith Conference of St Vincent de Paul by providing hampers of Christmas goodies. Each class will be making a hamper containing the following items if you are able to donate please send items into school by Friday 21st November. Hampers will be collected by a representative from St Vincent de Paul on Monday 28th November.

- Lollies (no chocolate)
- Christmas cake or pudding
- Packet of Pasta
- Couscous or rice
- Tin of Tuna
- Long Life Milk
- Gravy Mix
- Long Life Custard
- Jar of Jam or vegemite
- Jar of Pasta Sauce
- Tin of Ham
- Tea Bags
- Tinned fruit
- Soup
- Jelly Crystals
- Sweet Biscuits
- Savoury Biscuits
- Tinned vegetables
- Jar of Coffee
- Cereal
- Christmas Decorations



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Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



No act of
kindness, no
matter how small,
is ever wasted.

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 4 Weeks 3 and 4

We are respectful learners that
take turns, include others and play
fairly

Why is it important to develop this skill?

This week we remind the students of their responsibility in being 'Respectful Learners'. Our school community has confined spaces, but it does not stop us from enjoying the playground to its full potential. The only way this is achievable is through the students being able to play fairly, being inclusive of others and taking turns in activities. It is an expectation we hold highly at St Patrick's.

Students who speak and play respectfully with each other allows an appreciation for the diversity of our school community. They learn so much from each other, and through play, social skills are nurtured.

These skills are invaluable as students get older such as listening to others, showing empathy and being 'upstanding' in the face of adversity. Showing respect, means showing understanding and all this is slowly filtered into their learning and play.

Be inclusive
and kind



Making sure they are including
all their friends in online games.

Listening to each other and taking turns
talking around the dining table

Problem solving at home.

How can you
help develop
this at home?

Letting siblings join in their
games.

Including children in tasks at
home - cooking, cleaning.

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

Student Achievements

Congratulations to all the students who sat the Spelling Bee, Science and Writing ICAS Competitions in Term 3. We had some wonderful results in these areas.

Spelling Bee

Distinction	Credit	Merit
Yiming S Yr 5 Andrew D Yr 6	Craig A Yr 2 Alice C Yr 3 Esha D Yr 3 Grant D Yr 4 Gabriel D Yr 4 Tyler S Yr 5 Michael S Yr 5 Julienne U Yr 6	Rose M Yr 3 Mia N Yr 4 Gauri T Yr 4

Science

Distinction	Credit	Merit
Andrew D Yr 6	Freya A Yr 3 Grant D Yr 4 Julienne U Yr 6	Charlie S Yr 4 Aaron Z Yr 4 Yiming S Yr 5

Writing

Distinction	Credit	Merit
Gauri T Yr 4 Julienne U Yr 6	Rose M Yr 3 Isabella S Yr 3 Thomas H Yr 4 Mia N Yr 4 Tyler S Yr 5 Piper C Yr 6	Alice C yr 3 Andrew D Yr 6

A big congratulations to our amazing artists who will have their creative artworks Displayed in the Year 6 Stairwell and the Hall for all to enjoy.

K Gold Belle L Micah C	1 Green Louis Mc Alessandro M	1/2 Gold Mina M Annalise W	2 Green Ruwinka D Nicola S
3 Green Isabella S Layla B	4 Green Oscar B Liam D	4 Gold Sooji K Joshua M	5 Green Vibha L Ashleigh I
5 Gold Ava L Harsh N	6 Green Angus C Alexa R	6 Gold Bathan M piper C	

Student Achievements

The U12 Mt Colah Super League Team managed to get the win to be the No. 1 U12 community team in NSW in the Football NSW Champion of Champions tournament. It was a really tough game against a very good team and ends 5 weeks of the knockout tournament.



From the Parish

Parish Children's Choir is gaining momentum, heading towards the end of the year, Advent and Christmas. Our last rehearsal and Christmas party will be on 9th December - save the date! Some Choir members will also be making a guest appearance at the Year 3/ 4 Family Mass coming up in November. There's still plenty of room for new people to join, especially Year 2 children at this time. The Choir practises every Friday during school terms, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. All welcome! Further information:

Patricia Smith
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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/



**SIGN UP
TODAY**



Play Cricket

Girls Only Cricket Master Blasters Hub 2022-2023

Come and join the local Girls Only Master Blasters cricket hub!

*14 week introductory program - providing the opportunity for girls aged 7-10 to learn all the skills of cricket in a fun and social setting at Parklands Oval, Mount Colah from 6.00-7.30 pm on Friday evenings.

*Girls who register with Mount Colah CC will combine with participants from some other local clubs.

*Sessions run from Friday 21st October, 2022 and will continue through to late February, 2023. Registrations are welcome throughout the season.

*Come and try the first session for free!

For more details and registration links go to:

www.mountcolahcc.com



YOU COULD PLAY FOR FREE!
Claim your Active Kids voucher today

