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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



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school fete is only days away with an exciting program of events, rides, food, and stalls to visit and purchase items. A great range of food will be on sale to satisfy even the pickiest of eaters including the traditional pie or sausage sizzle as well as Indian, Thai, and treats such as Devonshire Tea, snow cones and ice-creams. There will also be fun activities including entertainment on the stage, chocolate wheel, disco, inflatable rides, face painting, petting zoo, dunking machine, games and prizes to name a few.

This will also be an opportunity to invite the local community into our grounds to showcase our wonderful school. I am sure you will warmly welcome them as well as special guests including the Mayor and our local Federal Member when they visit.

A final reminder to park safely and considerately for our neighbours in our local streets. I ask that you do not park across driveways blocking access to and from homes. There will be an increased volume of traffic around the streets, and it is important that this event is supported by our community without being a test to those in the local neighbourhood.

A huge thanks goes out to the fete organising committee and everyone who has supported the facilitation of what promises to be a fun day out for the family and a great celebration of our school community.

Covid-19 Update

This week I communicated updated Covid-19 procedures via Compass. Even though isolation rules have changed, the main message is those who test positive to Covid-19 should isolate from school until they are symptom free.

If a student is unwell and has any COVID-19 symptoms, even the mildest of symptoms, they should always test for COVID-19. If the test comes back negative for COVID-19, the student should still not return to school until either:

- The student no longer has any symptoms, or

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- A medical certificate is provided to the school confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis (such as hay fever)

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask.

We will continue to support families to use rapid antigen tests (RATs) if symptomatic or if they believe they have been exposed to COVID-19.

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 Students will be holding a soccer shoot-out at recess and lunch among other activities during the day to raise awareness of the work of Catholic Mission around the world and in particular their focus country this year of Ethiopia.

Stage 2 Family Mass

Year 3 and Year 4 families are invited to join with the parish community to celebrate the Stage 2 Family Mass on Sunday November 6th at 10am.

Pastoral Care Focus- Take Pride in Your Appearance

Our focus this fortnight is taking pride in our appearance. With the beginning of Term 4 all students should be wearing their full summer uniform to school. I thank parents for supporting their child/ren coming to school each day wearing the correct uniform. As the weather heats up it is not unusual for children to leave jackets in the playground or for hats to be misplaced. I encourage parents to check that their child/ren have these items clearly labelled with their child's name. It is impossible to return items without names or items that are second-hand uniform with names of students who have left the school.

Enrolments for 2023

We continue to build our numbers in Kinder for 2023 with two classes confirmed for next year. We still have interested parents making appointments to take a tour with the intention to enrol their child at St. Patrick's for next year in kindergarten and in other grades. I thank parents who recommend our school to prospective parents when they get the chance.

School Refurbishment

We are also looking forward to the refurbishment of classrooms going ahead some time next year with plans being finalised before the end of this year. The upgrade of learning spaces will be welcomed along with other works to remediate drainage across the school site.

I look forward to seeing you all at the fete on Saturday.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal