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Rev Dr Biju Jose, 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



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers, Girls and Boys,

We are rapidly approaching the end of another school year and 2022 will soon be a memory. It has been wonderful that this year, parents along with the school and the children have had more opportunities to gather as a community as we adjusted to a new normal living with Covid.

We have had many great events through the year including some recent standouts with our school fete and our Christmas Concert. I would like to acknowledge the great support we continue to receive from the parent community and your ongoing commitment to seeking a Catholic education for your children. I would like to acknowledge and thank our P&F Executive,

 and P&F Organising Committees including the Fete Committee. Each have been outstanding in their commitment and resolve to support the school. I particularly thank our P&F President Mr. David De Fina for his leadership and tireless commitment to supporting the school.

As we prepare to say goodbye to 2022 and the staff and students leaving and moving onto other adventures, we also look forward to the celebrations of Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Below is a list of Christmas Masses here in our Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish. I urge our families to come to Mass over Christmas to celebrate as a family. I pray the peace and joy of the newborn Jesus gives all our families hope for the New Year and holidays.



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

CHRISTMAS-MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24 December

5pm St Bernard's Vigil Mass for Children (Outdoor in school grounds), Carols & BBQ ~ bring a chair

6pm St Patrick's Vigil Mass for Children (dress up as Angels & Shepherds etc)

9pm St Patrick's Youth Vigil Mass

Christmas Day - Sunday 25 December

12 am St Patrick's 'Midnight' Mass

8am St Patrick's Mass

9am

St Bernard's Mass

10am St Patrick's Mass

NO evening Mass Christmas Day

Christmas Concert

What a great turnout and a wonderful celebration we had at the Christmas Concert. The children had such a good time performing their items and there was an obvious joyful spirit amongst everyone gathered. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Concert especially Mrs Pugsley and Mrs Jacobson but all the staff and parents who made the event run so smoothly.



Staff News

This week we acknowledged Mrs Dianne Drake, Miss Gane, Mrs Ward and Mrs MacMahon for leaving St. Patrick's at the end of this year. As a result, the school has needed to work quickly to find suitable teachers to replace them in classrooms. I also acknowledge that this will bring about some changes for 2023. There will be some restructuring of the class groupings with the need to have some within stage classes as a result of the teacher allocation provided to the school and other factors.

Step Up

Tomorrow we will be providing an opportunity for the children step up into their 2023 classes and to meet their class teacher for next year as well as the classroom they will occupy next year. We seek to provide this opportunity so that the children know who their teacher is before heading into the holidays and possibly make some connections with them in the coming week. This opportunity and these simple interactions before the year ends can often settle the nerves before it is time to return to St. Patrick's for 2023. Please 'talk up' your child's teacher and potential options in the lead-up to this date. It is the best way to ensure a positive build-up to next year.

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 Reports will be available to parents soon via Compass. I thank our dedicated staff for the long hours and effort to provide parents with a review of each child's achievements and efforts over the last two terms. I ask parents to read their child's report carefully and encourage parents to talk constructively and positively with your child focusing on his/her successes and challenges outlined in the report. Parents are encouraged to contact the office if you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher.



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Key Dates for Year 1-6 in 2023

The first week back at school in 2023 will be busy with a number of events scheduled. The annual MAI Assessment Day on Monday 30th January will precede the first day of school for Year 1-6 children on Tuesday 31st January.

Booking a time for a Maths Assessment Interview (MAI) will be done via Compass and will be advised at a later date.



School Swimming Carnival 2023



Recently, parents received a Google Form (information & permission note) for the Annual School Swimming Carnival scheduled for Week 1 Friday 3rd February 2023. I ask that this form be completed as soon as possible so that the organisation of the carnival can be completed before the end of this school year.

Key Dates for Kindergarten in 2023

Kindergarten Best Start Assessment: Monday 30th January, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February 2023, Kinder students will be participating in the "Best Start" Kindergarten Assessment. From Thursday 2nd February 2023, Kindergarten students will commence full day school attendance with a slightly earlier pick-up from 2:40pm to support the establishment of the pick-up routine.

Year 6 Celebrations

Our Year 6 students are looking forward to celebrating their achievements during their time at St. Patrick's with events scheduled over the coming weeks. This evening, they will celebrate their graduation mass in the church with their parents, followed by a special supper with their classmates, parents and teachers in the school grounds and school hall. It is a special time to acknowledge and thank the Year 6 children for time here at St. Patrick's.



Next week they will enjoy a fun day together with a program facilitated by Motiv8 Sports. Finally, during the End of Year Mass on Thursday 15th December the Year 6 children will receive a special blessing from their Kinder buddies. Following the mass, we will finish their time at St. Patrick's with the traditional guard of honour. We look forward to celebrating their final days at St. Patrick's and thank them and their families for their contributions to our school community.

Leadership Assembly

A reminder that we will hold our special Leadership Assembly this Friday, 9th December, from around 2pm. The Leadership Assembly will acknowledge and thank our current badged leaders and we will announce and congratulate our newly chosen leaders.

Parents are welcome to attend the Leadership Assembly at school or view it online via Zoom. Below are the access details for those needing to attend online.

ZOOM LINK

Meeting ID: 642 9870 7530

Password: 574053



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Whole School End of Year Mass

We will be celebrating our End of School Mass on the last day of term on the 15th December at 11:30am. This celebration will acknowledge the successful year we have had at St. Patrick's but also acknowledge, bless and thank our leaving Year 6 students. As is the tradition, our Kinder students will give a special blessing to their Year 6 buddy as they prepare to leave St. Patrick's and start a new learning journey in high school next year. We will also acknowledge and thank our leaving teachers.

Parents are very welcome to attend the End of Year Mass.

P&F AGM

On Monday held their Annual General Meeting. The meeting was a chance to reflect on the past year and thank and congratulate the members of the committee and other key members of the groups who support so many initiatives in the school.

Thanks to our P&F team David, Eileen, Jacky, Nick, Dicta, Katie, Wendy, Maegan, Sally, Mark, Florence, Lita, Fabiola, Monique, Julia and Cecilia for your outstanding work, time, and commitment this year.

I also broadly acknowledge and thank our P&F and in particular the Uniform Shop with Florence, Lita and Fabiola for the extra funds to support making the Year 6 gift of the new mural a possibility.

I also acknowledge and thank all parents for their support as many of the events and happenings around the school would not have been possible without their ongoing support.

At the conclusion of each year, we often have many of the parents continue in their role, but also a few changes as others step down or transitioning from their current role. As a community, we owe our team of parent volunteers an enormous vote of thanks for their time and tireless continued advocacy for the school.

**God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal**



There are 37 reindeers hidden around this newsletter - How many can you find?

Upcoming Dates

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

Third Week of Advent

We light a candle of Joy. May it light the way.

Over the past few weeks we have been led in prayer by Year 1 Green and Year ½ Gold to recognise that Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. The final prayer assembly for the term will be led by Kindergarten on Monday morning at 8:45am in the hall. We celebrate that on Sunday we lit the pink candle, a candle of Joy. It recalls the joy we have in knowing, loving, and following Christ – no material possession or gift can take the place of the joy we have in friendship with Jesus.

THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS ~ Reflections for Advent

The new Diocesan Advent resource is now available.

Written by Fr David Ranson, (our Vicar General and PP of Chatswood Parish), it offers reflections based on the Gifts of Christmas that are represented by the Advent candles, these being Hope,

Faith, Joy, and Peace. Advent is a time for preparation and anticipation and this resource helps you along the way with scripture verses, reflections and prayers.

The resource can be accessed on the [Broken Bay Website](#).

[Link to Ku Ring Gai Chase Parish Bulletin](#)



Academic Achievement Awards

At St Patrick's we greatly value teaching and learning. Over the last few weeks we were able to acknowledge those students who have achieved academic growth in Creative Arts, Physical Education, Italian and Library. We congratulate all award recipients for their efforts throughout the year.

Class	Physical Education	Creative Arts	Italian	Library
K Gold	Felix H	Micah C	Spencer W	Darius K
1/2 Gold	Halle B	Korbin E	Michael S	Jessica P
1 Green	Myles R	Samuel Z	Alessandro M	Maesalina M
2 Green	Hugo B	Anamaria D	Oliviamarie G	Himaya V
3 Green	Evie W	Elizabeth K	Ethan C	Esha D
4 Gold	Jaimie W	Gauri T	Elissa M	Mia N
4 Green	Liam D	Oscar B	Lucy H	Aaron Z
5 Green	Fynn E	William F	Ben A	Fynn
5 Gold	Archer W	Emma D	Karl C	Elena K
6 Gold	Bethan M	Andrew D		Anastasia S
6 Green	Sienna F	Abigail F		Julienne U

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ICAS Competition Results 2022

Congratulations to all children who participated in our Mathematics ICAS Competition in Term 3.



We had some amazing results as follows:

Merit	Credit	Distinction	High Distinction
Esha D - Yr 3 Joanna Y - Yr 3 Liam D - Yr 4 Gauri T - Yr 4 Noah D - Yr 5	Craig A - Yr 2 Freya A - Yr 3 Charlie S - Yr 4 Thomas H - Yr 4 Daniela T - Yr 5 Julienne U - Yr 6	Alice C - Yr 3 Grant D - Yr 4 Yiming S - Yr 5	Aaron Z - Yr 4

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC & BAND NEWS

Our musicians have been busy this year - ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day, School Fete, Recruiting Concert, Christmas Concert, Flute Ensemble, Public Speaking Finals, Assembly, Pre-School Visits, - it's great to have "live" music back.



2023 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

If you have not yet registered your musician at studio21band@gmail.com for lessons / Band in 2023 please do so before 26th January, 2023.

2023 TRAINING BAND

We are looking forward to welcoming our new musicians in 2023.

YEAR 6 MUSICIANS

I have been teaching some of you for 5 very long years, I hope you have enjoyed learning your instrument. St Pat's will miss you all. Year 6, I wish you all the best with the continuation of your musical studies.

Merry Christmas Musicians (& Family) – Enjoy the holidays.
I am looking forward to More Merry Music Making in 2023.



Yours musically
Helen Jacobsen
Instrumental Music / Band Teacher

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A big congratulations to both our Maths Games (Years 3 and 4) and our Maths Olympiad teams (Years 5 and 6). Throughout this year the team have developed their understanding of a variety of strategies to promote flexibility in their problem solving and I am very proud of their efforts.

Maths Games Team 2022 - Yr's 3 & 4	Maths Olympiad Team 2022 - Yr's 5 & 6				
1st place - Liam D Equal 2nd place - Aaron Z Equal 2nd place - Grant D Equal 2nd place - Alice C 3rd place - Thomas H	1st place - Marieta T 2nd place - Joshua W 3rd place - Andrew D 4th place - Yiming S 5th place - Daniela T				
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LIBRARY NEWS

PRC Gold and Platinum Award recipients for 2022



2022 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the 153 students who completed the Challenge this year. This is an amazing effort from the students as well as the many parents and teachers who assisted them in submitting reading lists online. The students have been acknowledged at an assembly and certificates have been distributed to students in class. * Please see list of recipients below.

This year 16 students will be receiving special awards for completing the Challenge over a number of consecutive years. Gold awards (for 4 consecutive years) will be presented to Cristiano G. (Year 3), Mia N., Francheska P., Gauri T., Jacob U., Siya W., Lily W. and Wanting Z. (Year 4), Edward W. (Year 5) and Piper C., Sienna F.S., Marieta T. and Megan W. (Year 6). Three students are receiving Platinum awards (for 7 consecutive years) Andrew D., Matteo D. and Danny P. (Year 6). These awards will be presented to students at assembly next week.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Thank you to all the students who have returned their books over the past few weeks.

FELICITATIONS, AU REVOIR AND JOYEUX NOEL!

Teaching here at St Patrick's for the past 7 years, and being a part of this community, has been an extremely rewarding experience. I thank you and wish you all the very best.

Caroline Walton
Teacher Librarian

Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate Recipients

Kindergarten: Sylvester A., James B., Leo B., Gisella G., Eve H.S., Clara H. and Violet K. **Year 1:** Eva B., Leonardo B., Halle B., Casey M., Louis M., Alessandro M., Koby R., Kiera S., Michael S., Sophie V.S. and Willow W. **Year 2:** Darius A., Hugo B., Matthew B., Sophie C., Anamaria D., Oliviamarie G., Oliver H., Natalia P., Jessica P. and Annalise W. **Year 3:** Freya A., Lila B., Layla B., Yanfei C., Ethan C., Lachlan C., Esha D., Zahra F., Elise H., Elizaveta K., Holly M., Rose M., Anthony P., Isabella S. and Evie W. **Year 4:** Annabel A., Liz B., Oscar B., Charley B., Luca C., Emma C., Liam D., Zhichang D. Gabriel D., Willow E., Anya G., Thomas H., Lucy H., Isabel H., Melissa H., Harley J., Sooji K., Joshua M., Elissa M., Luke M., Talita M., Dylan M., Thomas S., Benjamin S., Charles S., Sophie S., Chelsea S., Adam T., Joshua T., Oscar T., Isaac T., Nathan W., Jaime W., Haowen Y. and Aaron Z. **Year 5:** Ethan A., Cyrene A., Karl C., Niall C., Emma D., Noah D., Fynn E., Jacob E., William F., Polevia F., Gavin G., Benjamin G., Jacob H., Isabelle H., Oliver K., Zeyu L., Vibha L., Archie M., Catherine M., Angela R., Natalia S., Tyler S., Michael S., XieanT. And Daniela T. **Year 6:** Blake A., Ella B., Isla B., Sophie B., Angus C., Emily C., Matthew C., Noah E., Abigail F., Stephanie F., Aston G., Lachlan H., Curtis H., Stella H., Natalie H., Alice J., Antonio M., Bethan M., Elizabeth M., Hayley N., Luke P., Colin P., Keith P., Alexa R., Sophie R., Charlie R., James S., Gloria S., Anastasia S., Liam S., Gemma T., Luke T., Julienne U. and Joshua W.