

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2022



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Parish Clergy

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Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith	St Bernard's Berowra Heights
Saturday Vigil 6pm	Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm	Sunday 9am



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it to the last school day of 2022. I again acknowledge and congratulate our school community for an outstanding year of opportunities to reconnect after a very challenging time. I thank our school community, parents, staff and particularly the children, for their efforts this year. I wish everyone a safe, happy and holy Christmas. Enjoy some much-needed downtime with family and friends.

Christmas Masses

If possible, please take the time to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas by celebrating with our parish at one of the 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.

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



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Year 6 Graduation

Last week we had a beautiful celebration of the achievements of our Year 6 graduating students at the Graduation Mass and Supper. It was so good to celebrate mass together with Fr. Joy, the Year 6 children along with the parents and our staff and acknowledge the Year 6 children as they received their graduation certificate and candle.

Following the mass, we gathered in the hall and school grounds for a Graduation Supper. As well as speeches from myself, the school captains and the Year 6 teachers, we acknowledged the excellent service of our school and vice captains and selected students for their outstanding personal achievements including:

Matt Kean Award for Citizenship - Sophie R and Danny P

Academic Excellence Award - Marieta T and Abigail F

Creative Arts Award - Andrew D

Vanessa Anderson (Sporting Achievement) Award - Sienna F and Gemma T

We finished the evening with a wonderful photo reflection of the children's journey over the years.

Thank you to our Year 5 Parent Volunteers

I also acknowledge and thank the amazing band of Year 5 parent volunteers who decorated the hall for the Graduation Dinner as well as prepared and served food throughout the evening and helped tidy up at the end of the night.

Our Year 5 parents did a superb job of creating a lovely space for the Year 6 children and parents to complete their celebratory evening and make the evening function smoothly while working busily in the background. I also thank our staff, particularly our Year 6 teachers Mrs Kylie Lloyd-Jones, Miss Fryar, Mrs Pugsley and Miss Gane along with Mrs Cheryl Taylor and Mrs Liz Chan for all the preparation and effort to make the graduation an outstanding success.

Year 6 Leaders for 2023

Last Friday we announced our student Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains as part of our student leaders for 2023. I also acknowledge all our senior students who have important leadership roles next year. Congratulations to all who were elected as our captains for 2023.

School Captain	School Captain	School Vice-Captain	School Vice-Captain
Emma D	Fynn E	Catherine M	Noah D
Mercy House	Coolock House	Xavier House	McAuley House
Natalia S & Will F	Daniela T & Archie M	Angela R & Tyler S	Ashleigh I & Archer W



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End of Year Mass and Kinder Blessing of Year 6 Buddies

Yesterday we celebrated the End of the School Year Mass where we gave thanks for the gifts that each one of us brings to our school community. We also acknowledged and thanked those in our community who are leaving us. During the liturgy the Kindergarten children gave a special blessing to their Year 6 buddy. This is a wonderful tradition that is heartfelt and valued in our school. We also farewelled families, and staff as they move on to other endeavours. We wish them every success in the future.



Guard of Honour

Yesterday we also said farewell to Year 6 and other leaving students with a Guard of Honour as their final moment at St. Patrick's. It was a wonderful occasion to acknowledge and wish our leaving students and their families every happiness as they go on to new beginnings.

Staffing for Classes in 2023

Last week, our Kinder to Year 5 students had the opportunity to step up into their 2023 classes for a short time and meet their teacher for next year. The teacher allocated to each class for 2023 are:

Class	Teachers
Kinder Gold	Mrs Melissa Barker & Mrs Belinda Wickham
Kinder Green	Miss Hannah Fryar
Year 1 Green	Mrs Doris Russell
Year 1/2 Gold	Mr Jim Maher
Year 2 Green	Miss Caitlin McArthur
Year 3 Gold	Miss Amy Supple
Year 3 Green	Mrs Loretta Rapa
Year 4 Green	Mrs Monica Medeiros & Mrs Simone Hayward
Year 5 Green	Miss Laura Gibson
Year 5/6 Gold	Mrs Kylie Lloyd-Jones & Mr Jordan Barlow
Year 6 Green	Miss Megan Furlong



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Please continue to 'talk up' your child's teacher for 2023. It is the best way to ensure a positive build-up to next year.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents to please check the requirements for school uniform before making purchases during the Christmas break. The error sometimes made is purchasing school shoes that are not fully black or are a totally different colour. I ask parents to respect the agreed uniform code and purchase only items that align with our uniform policy. I have provided a link for your convenience- [School Uniform](#).

Dates for 2023

Friday 27 January is allocated for Staff Development Day.

Monday 30th assigned as a day for MAI assessments for Years 3-6. The booking process for MAIs (Mathematics Assessment Interviews) through COMPASS is available now.

The first day for Years 1-6 is Tuesday 31st January. Kinder commence on Thursday 2nd February following the allocated days (30th & 31st January and 1st February) for Best Start Assessments. The booking process for Kindergarten Best Start through COMPASS is available now.

First day for Years 1-6 Tuesday 31st January 2023

First day for Kinder 2022 Thursday 2nd February 2022

Mathematics Assessment Interview Assessment (MAI)

The Mathematics Assessment Interview Assessment day for Years 3-6 will be held on Monday 30th January. I encourage all parents to make a booking to reserve a time for your child/ren to complete the assessment. The assessment time slots are for 1 hour duration. Please note that your child may be assessed by any of the teaching staff at St Patrick's. The MAI provides teachers with valuable information before the year begins regarding each child's understanding of mathematical concepts which will support teachers to make informative decisions when planning lessons for the coming year.

2023 Swimming Carnival

The permission form for the 2023 Swimming carnival is now available via Compass. Parents will have received an email with the link as well as having access your Compass home page. Year 1 parents, please note that the permission form is only for students who will be turning 8 in 2023.

Again I wish everyone a very safe, happy and holy Christmas break.

God bless you and your families.
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

