



# 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



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

### Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been busily preparing for the second half of the Christmas Concert today with our guest performer Drew Lane. Along with the other planned performances of Christmas Carols, it is looking like an exciting evening of entertainment and celebration for all families.

Please remember that the Sausage Sizzle (pre-orders only) begins from 4pm. Parents are encouraged to arrive early so you can find a park, pick-up your sausage sizzle order and find a good place to sit to view the concert. Families are welcome to bring along a picnic for their family to enjoy.

We will begin the concert with some favourite Christmas carols led by our school band prepared by Mrs Jacobson and school choir. Mrs Pugsley will also lead a few Christmas Carols performed by each Stage Group. Following this our guest performer, Drew Lane, will facilitate the remainder of the concert with the live performance of items prepared during the day.

### P&F AGM

On Monday 5th December at 7:30pm we will have our AGM for our P&F. We are blessed at St. Patrick's to have a vibrant and energetic parent body, as we work together to support our community, especially the children. 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.

I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Parent Council and P&F who have provided loving service to our community. It is important we have a generous and continued succession of parents and so I ask everyone to give consideration to engaging with our school and joining the P&F committee.

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As we are now enjoying getting back to more social gatherings, we hope the opportunity for more community events will be available next year. Would you like to be a part of organising social events, building the St Pats parent community? There are lots of opportunities for you to share your skills and get involved. Send an email [pandfstpats@gmail.com](mailto:pandfstpats@gmail.com) and let us know how you would like to be involved or just let us know what ideas you have for parent and family social gathering or activities.

## St. Vinnie's Christmas Appeal

We had a fantastic response from families for the annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. We had so many bags full of items generously donated by our parent community. These items will go a long way to supporting many families in our local area to enjoy the Christmas period.

## Leadership Assembly

A reminder that we will hold our special Leadership Assembly on Friday 9th December (Week 9) 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.

Link: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/64298707530?pwd=eEM5cUFta0RvMDNFk3lYdHNJSnJuUT09>

Meeting ID: 642 9870 7530

Password: 574053

## Semester 2 Reports

The class teachers have been busily finalising the Semester 2 Reports which will be available soon through your COMPASS App. This semester report will provide information on your child's achievement in the various curriculum area and their learning dispositions for Term 3 and Term 4. Parents are encouraged to contact the office if you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher.

## 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. These students are a wonderful group that we are very proud of, and we all look forward to creating some memorable moments during their final days.

On the evening of Thursday 8th December, 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 their time here at St. Patrick's.

On Tuesday 13th December, the Year 6 children will have a fun day together participating in 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.

I thoroughly congratulate our Year 6 students for successfully completing their primary schooling at St. Patrick's and we hope to hear about their wonderful achievements in the future.

## Year 5 Parent Group Support

I also acknowledge and thank the Year 5 parent group for supporting The Year 6 Graduation. Traditionally our Year 5 parents pay-forward their generosity to the current Year 6 group through donations for the Year 6 Graduation as well as set up, decorate, serve at the supper and clean up after the event.

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The generosity of our current Year 5 Parent Group will be repaid by next year's group when their children graduate from Year 6. Year 5 parents who are able to provide support with the Year 6 Graduation are encouraged to make contact with the school.

## 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.

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

## End of Year Dates

Our final Staff Development Day will occur on Friday December 16th (last day of Term 4). As a result, the last day of attendance for Term 4 for all children will be Thursday 15th December.

As Friday December 16th is a student free day our excellent before and after school care provider, Royston Kids, will provide supervision for children on that day. This service will only be available if a minimum of 15 students attend. Parents who wish to use this service for the last day of term are asked to notify Royston Kids by Friday next week. Parents can contact the service via email: [roystonkids@hotmail.com](mailto:roystonkids@hotmail.com) or by phone: 0431 383 981.

## Headspace National- webinar

Headspace National is offering a new webinar for parents and carers – Supporting young people in school holidays: practical tips for parents and carers.

A flyer is attached that provides more details including a QR Code to register. The first 5 session dates are:

- Monday 12 December, 12-1pm
- Tuesday 13 December, 6-7pm
- Wednesday 14 December, 12-1pm
- Monday 19 December, 6-7pm
- Tuesday 20 December, 6-7pm

More sessions will be schedule in the new year, so please encourage people to keep checking back

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

