



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH  
Fr Joy Thomas OSH  
Administers of the Parish

St Patrick's Asquith  
Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

## Weekend Mass Times

St Bernard's Berowra Heights  
Saturday Vigil 5pm  
Sunday 9am

*We recognise the Traditional Owners of the land of Hornsby Shire, the Darug and Guringai peoples, and pay respect to their Ancestors and Elders past and present.*



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers, Girls and Boys,

This week we celebrated the Opening School Mass. I acknowledge and thank Fr. Joy for presiding what was a lovely celebration that marked the beginning of the school year but also ask for God's blessing for the year ahead. Fr Joy challenged each of us by declaring that even though we may not be able to do great things that have an enormous effect on everyone, we can do small things with great love and if we continue to make these small actions in our community it will make a big difference for those around us.

I have witnessed this time and again with the care and generosity from our Year 6 students when they support their Kinder buddy. This was in action during mass when the Year 6 students gave a special blessing to our new Kinder students as we welcome them in an official way into our school and parish community.

We also acknowledged our new Year 6 students as student leaders who along with the badged captains made a pledge to lead the school with dignity and integrity. It was a proud moment for our school, and I am sure for our selected leaders as parents presented them with their leadership badges. Congratulations to our badged leaders and we wish them every success in their leadership roles in 2023.

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

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Information meetings this week. It was a nice opportunity at the start of the school year for parents and carers to collectively meet their child's teacher as well as provide information to parents and carers about class, grade and school routines and expectations, curriculum topics and planned events.

Parents who have important information they wish to communicate to their child's class teacher before the Individual Parent/Teacher Meeting takes place later in the semester are encouraged to make an appointment through the school office. Parents can also communicate information via an email to the school office to be passed on to the class teacher.

## P&F BBQ

Each year the P&F host a Welcome BBQ that is well attended by families in our school community. It is an opportunity for families to reconnect in a relaxed social setting after the summer holiday break. This year's Welcome BBQ is scheduled for Friday 3rd March from 5pm. We look forward to enjoying a sausage sizzle, jumping castle for the kids and other events.

## Uniform Shop

We are very thankful for the dedicated service provided in recent years by our Uniform Shop volunteers Florence, Fabiola and Lita. They have indicated that they will step away from the role during the year. In preparation for this, the P&F are seeking new volunteers to take on the role of running the Uniform Shop. The Uniform Shop volunteers provides a wonderful service for our school community that keeps the prices as low as possible and the ability to offer the quality second-hand uniform shop sales. I ask parents to consider creating a team with your friends in our parent community to take on this role. Please refer to the information included in this newsletter.

## Canteen- Subway Special Lunch Order

I thank our canteen supervisor, Megan Rose, for her dedication in her volunteer role in setting up the canteen and keeping the service running each school week with the support from our P&F and volunteer parents to help serve.

This year there are some special lunch order days being organised with a Subway Lunch Deal being our first on Tuesday 28th February. For \$5.50 your child will receive 1 x Subway sandwich (choice of three fillings), 1x Cookie (choice of two flavours) and a popper. All orders can be made through QKR Only (sorry no cash). Please order by Tuesday 21/2/23 as late orders cannot not be accepted.

## Internet Agreement

Internet Agreements were provided this week for all students to take home. A vital aspect of the ongoing work each school does is to facilitate a safe online working space for the children and staff to operate in. To support this the school has developed and seeks to communicate clearly understood protocols for our children, which are known and reinforced by parents and teachers. Such discussions and common understandings are crucial in keeping our children safe, as well as having clearly understood expectations and rules.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

The school has sent home paper copies of the user agreement created by CSBB for the safe use of technology at St. Patrick's Asquith. Whilst we seek all families to return the signed documents to school next week, the value and importance lies not simply in returning them but engaging closely in the conversations about rules and expectations.

I urge all our parents to set time aside for these discussions as we do at school. In partnership, we send the children the important message on all fronts when this takes place and enable them to learn firsthand the important responsibilities each has.

I ask that the signed forms are returned to school by next Monday 20 February 2023 to allow your child/ren to continue to have access to digital technology at school.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal



## Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 21st February - Pancake Day
- Wednesday 22nd February - Ash Wednesday Mass - 9.45am
- Tuesday 28th February - Subway special lunch order day
- Friday 3rd March - P & F Welcome BBQ - 5.00pm
- Wednesday 15th March - Naplan Begins
- Friday 17th March - St Patrick's Feast Day Mass
- Wednesday 22nd March - School Cross Country
- Thursday 23rd March - School Photos
- Friday 31st March - Easter Hat Parade -K, 1 & 2
- Thursday 6th April - Holy Thursday & End of Term 1
- Friday 7th April - Good Friday
- Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday

# Religious Education

## Opening School Mass

Yesterday we celebrated our Opening School Mass for 2023 and it was a wonderful opportunity to gather as a school community to pray for the year ahead. Congratulations to our school leaders and Year 6 students who received their badges.

A true highlight was the tradition of Year 6 students offering a special blessing to their buddies.

Thank you to Miss Pugsley and the Choir for leading us with the music.

## Sacramental Program

Those Candidates who completed the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2022 (or earlier) are invited to enrol now for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Candidates must be in Year 4 or above and have completed the Sacrament of Confirmation.

enrolment for both sacraments should be completed and sent back by Monday 20th February. The form is available to download on the [Parish website](#).

There is a mandatory Parents talk on Sacraments on Thursday 23rd February.

For more information please contact: Sacramental Co-ordinators:  
kccpsacraments@gmail.com

## Parish News

Click on this link for the Kuringai Chase [Parish Bulletins](#)

## Pancake Tuesday

A reminder that pancake orders are due in tomorrow via QKR. Thank you to the helpers for making this fundraising for Project Compassion possible.

## The Dish Tuesday March 14th



St Patrick's will again be supporting our local charity The Dish this year. The Dish is an initiative that supports disadvantaged people in the Hornsby area through food and friendship. It serves a hot meal 5 nights a week with Fusion Hornsby to over 40 people, distributes fresh food from local businesses that would otherwise go to waste and operates a food bank.

St Patrick's is rostered to support 4 times in a year by providing a hot meal and dessert. We require volunteers to help us to prepare the meal by cooking something at home that could be shared on the evening. Popular options include curry and rice, stir fried rice, or pasta dishes. Containers will be sent home and we ask that these either be returned to school on the day of the dish or dropped to Fusion in Jersey St Hornsby at 5:30pm. A few volunteers are also required on the evening to help serve the meals and distribute hot drinks from 5:30-6pm.

Other ways that you can help is through donations of fresh fruit (always very gratefully received), coffee, tea or milk.

The Mercy Action Group students will continue to work together at lunch time on the day of the dish to prepare dessert.

Please complete the Google Form by Friday 24th February by [clicking this link](#). A roster for March 14th will then be emailed out to those parents and families.

Many hands make light work, the more helpers the better. This is a great way to show our children the meaning of compassion and that even little actions can make a difference.

### Dish Dates 2023

Term 1 Week 7: 14th March  
Term 2 Week 5: 23rd May  
Term 3 Week 8: 5th Sep  
Term 4 Week 10: 12th Dec

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday 22nd March Ash Wednesday 9:45am  
Sunday 12th March Kindergarten and Year 6 Parish  
Family Mass 10am St Patrick's Church  
Friday 17th March St Patrick's Feast Day 9:30am

# PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Living out our  
challenge for  
discipleship



"Never stop  
learning because  
life never stops  
teaching"  
-Unknown

## PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 1 Weeks 3-4

We are respectful learners who  
learn and let others learn.

### Why is it important to develop this skill?

As we now head into Week 3... we have started developing classroom expectations and routines for learning. The focus this fortnight is so students recognise their importance in contributing to the classroom learning environment, not only for themselves but in order to also help others learn.

We encourage children to establish good learning behaviours in the classroom and routines at home to continue learning, whether it be through homework or everyday learning e.g. cooking, making, and creating. Working together with siblings or friends outside of school can help develop those problem-solving and relational skills with others.

Establish some good homework routines for independent learning.

Read at home with a parent each night or when possible.

Get older siblings to teach younger siblings new concepts.

### How can you help develop this at home?

Tell your child something new about your life they might not know or teach them about a new concept they are interested in.

Develop time management skills to complete tasks around the house in accordance with other commitments.

Learn your best!



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

# ST PAT'S SPORTS REPORT



## St Pat's Swimming Carnival 2023

Back in Week 1, we held our annual swimming carnival at Hornsby Pool. The children had a splashin' day and started the school year off with a spirit-filled experience for all! We were blessed with fantastic weather and they had an absolute ball cheering each other on. Well done to our winners this year, Mercy House and McAuley House who won Spirit points.

We thank all our students for their amazing efforts in the pool as well as all the staff who helped put the day together including Mrs. Taylor Mrs L-J and Ms MacMahon. As well as all our wonderful parent volunteers and supporters, especially those Year 6 parents who have helped out at numerous Swimming Carnivals over the years, with this one being their last.

Good luck to all the students who have made it to the next level and will be competing in the North Shore Cluster Carnival in Week 5 (list of students below). Information and permission will be sent out on Compass this week.



# SPORTS REPORT

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## North Shore Cluster Swimming Names

- Darius A
- Matthew B
- Oliviamarie G
- Ira A
- Holly M
- Joanna Y
- Alice C
- Charlotte A
- Evie W
- Liam D
- Jacob U
- Thomas S
- Mia N
- Charley B
- Roisin S
- Emma D
- Thomas H
- Annabel A
- Natalia S
- Noah D
- Catherine M
- Fynn E
- Oliver K
- Tyler S

We will acknowledge and announce all our age champions at at next Friday's morning assembly.

## BROKEN BAY WINTER SPORT TRIALS

Broken Bay Winter Sports Trials are being held in Feb/March. The sports covered are Rugby League, AFL, Hockey, Touch Football, Netball and Soccer.

Each school is only permitted to send 4 suitably experienced students to these trials. If we have more than 4 suitable students to attend a particular sport, we will need to conduct school trials. Soccer and Netball are particularly competitive as they are widely played and have a range of representative pathways

Students need to be at least in a representative team, academy, development squad or Div 1 in any of these sports to be able to attend Broken Bay trials.

Information will be distributed to those students who express interest and meet these representative standards. Mainly those students in Years 5 or 6, as trials are open age groups (i.e. students attending are anywhere up to 12 years of age).

Students who play competitively in the other winter sports (Diving, Golf, Girls Rugby 7's) please see Miss Fryar for more information.



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



# SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



The current edition we will be closing on Monday 20th February.

There is a link that parents can access - a parent guide to book club that explains how book club works:

[https://issuu.com/scholastic\\_australia/docs/scholastic\\_book\\_club\\_parent\\_guide?fr=sODVIMDM0NDU5MDI](https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/scholastic_book_club_parent_guide?fr=sODVIMDM0NDU5MDI)

## SCHOLASTIC Book Club

### Three **Easy** Ways To Pay

- 1 CREDIT CARD** Your School is in the LOOP! When you order and pay by LOOP, do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the app:  
- 2 CASH** If your school accepts cash payments, please enclose cash with completed order form and return to school.
- 3 CHEQUE OR CREDIT VOUCHER** If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. Attach cheque or voucher to completed order form and return to school.

## Playgroup

Playgroup will be returning on Monday 27th February (Week 5) and will continue to run during the school term every Monday from 9-10:30am in our Parish Meeting Room. Playgroup offers a creative and nurturing environment and provides opportunities for unstructured play and story time for children up to the age of 5 years. It is a wonderful chance for pre-schoolers to get a feel of 'big school', and parents to find support. We look forward to seeing you there.



## PARISH CHOIR

Parish Children's Choir has begun 2023 with a wonderful Mass last weekend with lots of singing and movement, instruments and actions. We'd love you to be part of this. With the new school year beginning, you've probably lined up sporting and cultural activities for your children, but this is a unique opportunity for creative and spiritual development.

Being part of the Children's Choir means singing at 10am Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, as part of a lively, creative team. The Choir practises every Friday afternoon during school terms from 4 to 5pm in the church, and everyone from Year 3 and up is welcome. Come to our next practice and register, and stay to sing and learn and play games and get to know some great young people! If you need further information call Patricia Smith 9482 7935



# ***VOLUNTEER UNIFORM SHOP COORDINATORS***

***WE NEED YOUR HELP!***

## **Position Details**

- 2-4 hours per week
- Choose your own days to suit you
- Stock ordering online
- Prepare and distribute orders
- Open uniform shop for in-person collection
- Coordinating second hand sales



**More info:**  
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# OPEN DAY


**SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023**  
**10AM - 1PM**


 Mercy Catholic College is part of the Catholic Schools Broken Bay system. It is built on the rich tradition of the Sisters of Mercy. We are an inclusive community that offers girls from Year 7 - 12 an authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion.

 Located in the heart of Chatswood the College is a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses, trains and the Metro.


 The College is committed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and families. We have integrated and structured Pastoral Care and Wellbeing programmes overseen by specialised staff who all work closely with students and families to support learning and flourishing.

 Recognising that student needs are diverse, curriculum and pedagogy is dynamic and responsive to accommodate different learning styles.

 Offering a comprehensive range of electives in addition to mandatory studies from Year 7, leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate credential in Year 12.

 Outstanding results in 2022 HSC  
Mercy Catholic College is ranked in the top 15% in the state of NSW.

 The College enjoys modern facilities and state of the art technology in classrooms designed to cater for 21st century learning.

 Interested in the development of the whole person, we offer opportunities for students to participate in over 30 programs including a variety of Sport, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.



***Inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning,  
to use their talents to be the very best they can be.***

*If your child is currently enrolled in any CSBB Primary School you are eligible for priority enrolment.*

# EXTRA CURRICULAR



Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134  
Office: (02) 9745 1170

## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Patrick's Primary School (Asquith) is held on Fridays from 1:15pm to 1:55pm, starting on 10 February 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

### COME AND TRY

#### Rugby League & League Tag

All ages Tackle Boys, Girls & Mixed  
u6 Mixed Tag  
u12, u14 & u16 Girls Tag

Monday 27th Feb  
Storey Park  
Asquith

Go to the website

## REGISTER WITH ASQUITH FC TODAY!

Get a group of friends together to play with The Friendly Club

Asquith FC caters for all skill levels from beginner to Academy with Junior and Youth teams available in all ages from U6 - U18.

### U6 & U7 \$0 REGO FEES

when you apply your Active Kids Voucher

### GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN - WITH THEIR FRIENDS!

Join the Friendly Club - Aust and NZ will host the 2023 Women's World Cup and this is her chance to join the fun with her friends.

All new U8-U18 female registrations receive a \$50 rebel voucher. Conditions apply.

Sapphires (U6-U11) • Girl's Youth (U12-U18)  
Women's All Age • Women's O35

The Friendly Club

For further information  
[registrar@asquithsc.org.au](mailto:registrar@asquithsc.org.au)  
[www.asquithsc.org.au](http://www.asquithsc.org.au)



## Registrations open

NetSetGo is an introductory netball program for 7 to 10-year old girls and boys.

When: Friday 10 February - 17 March, 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Where: Montview Netball Courts, Hornsby Heights

Cost: \$85 (includes a players membership fee and Netball Australia fee for 2023).

[www.hornsbylionsnetball.com](http://www.hornsbylionsnetball.com)

Each NetSetGo participant also receives a netball and t-shirt.

### Come and try a free trial session!

Email: [registrar.hornsbylions@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.hornsbylions@gmail.com)  
or register through our website