



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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,

Thank you to all the parents and children who supported the Kindergarten and Year 6 Parish and School Mass last Sunday. It was pleasing to have many families across all grades attending our first parish and school mass for this year. I know that the effort by so many families to support this parish and school initiative is very appreciated by the parish community.

I also acknowledge the families who have committed to supporting the development of their children's faith through their child's participation in the Parish Sacramental Program with children preparing to make their First Reconciliation.

St. Patrick's Day

Our St. Patrick's Day celebrations is on this Friday 17th March and we will have a host of activities throughout the day:

- The children can wear their sports uniform and something green e.g., t-shirt, ribbon, or another accessory. Some items may be appropriate to wear after mass.
- Parents in the Morning- mums and dads are welcome and encouraged to be on site and have some fun before school begins. I encourage parents to practice some handball or skipping to prepare for a fun morning.
- A coffee van will be onsite for parents to enjoy while catching up with each other.
- All classes will celebrate St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass together at 9:30am- parents are welcome to attend.
- Free sausage sizzle and green jelly and popcorn available for purchase.
- Classroom-based activities during the day.

We are looking forward to a great celebration.

Open Classrooms for Kindergarten Classrooms

We are very proud of the way our Kinder students have confidently transitioned to big school. We are now looking forward to welcoming our Kindergarten parents to visit their child's class next week either on Monday 20th or Friday 24th in the afternoon from 2:00pm. We will begin with a short check in meeting with parents before heading to classrooms to witness and celebrate their learning.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

We're Hiring a Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC)

If you are someone passionate about strengthening family, school, Parish, and Diocesan relationships the Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC) role might be the right opportunity for you!

Reporting to the Principal (with guidance from the Parish Priest), the PEC will have the opportunity to work across St. Patrick's school and Parish. This is a permanent, part-time (0.3 FTE) role. The suitable applicant can also work across two schools within the same Parish (0.6FTE).

If you have any questions about this role, feel free to contact Malik Ali on 0424 862 331. Closing Date: **19 March 2023**

P&F General Meeting

A reminder to parents that there will be a P&F General Meeting on Tuesday 21st March from 7pm. All parents are invited to attend the meeting and show their support for the P&F Team and the upcoming P&F initiatives.

The meeting will be held in person at school as well as on Zoom for those that have little ones at home. All parents are welcome to attend. At the meeting our Leadership Team will outline our major learning focuses for the year ahead as well as other initiatives including the scheduled school refurbishment. An online link will be provided soon.

Cross Country

The school cross country is scheduled for next week on Wednesday 22nd March between 9 am-11 am. The event will run more smoothly and be safer with the support of parent helpers by assisting with checkpoint supervision. Parents attending are encouraged to complete the form via the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/zYKXP7XS65> . Any help will be greatly appreciated.

School Photos

A reminder that the School Photo Day is next week on Thursday 23rd March. Although some classes normally wear their sports uniform each Thursday, all children are to come dressed in **full Summer school uniform** on School Photo Day.

Parents are able to find the instructions for ordering through the Compass Portal on the attached flyer.

School Open Day

Open Day is a wonderful opportunity to experience what our school can offer families through a school tour and meeting our staff. Our school Open Day is scheduled for Thursday 18th May with two sessions. Session 1 beginning at 9am and an evening session starting from 5:30pm.

Often it is parent recommendation that is the key promotional tool that brings new enrolments to our school. If parents are aware of families that have children ready to start school next year, I encourage you to recommend our school and the offer to come and find out more information from one of our Open Day sessions.

Registration for the Open Day can be done via the following link: [2023 School Open Day Registration Form](#).

St. Leo's Open Day- 22nd March

One of the advantages of enrolling at St. Patrick's is the clear Kinder to Year 12 pathway provided through our Priority Feeder School arrangement with St. Leo's Wahroonga. All students enrolled at St. Patrick's have a guaranteed place at St. Leo's.

I encourage all parents to check out the upcoming St Leo's College 2023 Open Day on Wednesday, 22nd March 2023, from 4pm to 7pm on the College grounds. Use the following link to find out more: [St. Leo's Open Day Information](#).

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 2 of Term 2 (May 1st-4th) with an evening session scheduled for Wednesday 3rd May. The interviews provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss their progress and set goals for the year ahead. More information will be provided soon.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with a Disability (NCCD) Year K-6

The NCCD takes place in August each year. Please refer to link for information on what, why, how and most importantly the benefits of NCCD for students, 'The information collected by the NCCD helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability at school.'

Fact sheet for parents, guardians and carers - Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (nccd.edu.au)

Should you have any queries please contact the school office.

Harmony Week

In Week 8 we will be celebrating Harmony Week. Harmony Week is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a week of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The theme this year is 'Living in Harmony'. On Tuesday 21st March, the students will be encouraged to wear something orange. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. We can choose to wear something orange on Harmony Day to show our support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

To celebrate Harmony Week, we encourage all families to send in a photo of their families to add to the display we will be creating in the library to showcase the cultural diversity at St Patrick's. All photos may be emailed to Mrs Huggins (kylie.huggins@dbb.catholic.edu.au). Photos may be sent starting this week and all throughout Harmony Week.

Easter Hat Parade

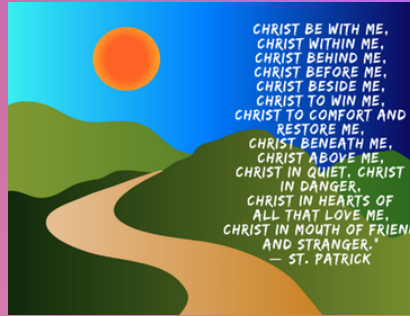
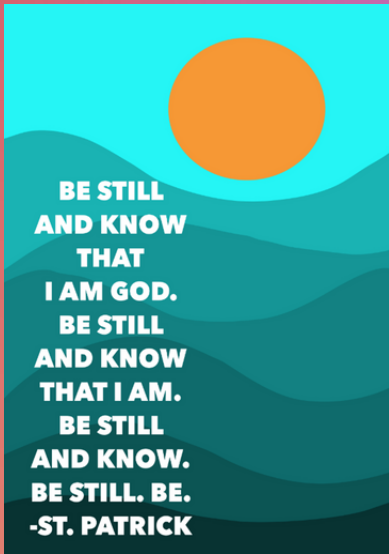
On Friday 31st March (Week 9) we will be holding our K-2 Easter Hat Parade. The parade will be held in the shade sail area, commencing around 9am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing the many creative Easter hats.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

Dates to Remember

Friday 17th March - St Patrick's Feast Day Mass
Tuesday 21st March - Harmony Day Wear something Orange
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



PATRICK

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Born in England, Patrick's father was a Roman magistrate in Britain. When he was 16, Irish raiders kidnapped him. Patrick became the slave of a druid priest and worked as a shepherd. After six years, he crept aboard a ship bound for Britain. He studied in France and England. At age 43, Patrick became a bishop. He felt God's call to return to Ireland and worked miracles that showed people the power of the Christian God. For 30 years, Patrick ordained priests and built monasteries in Ireland.

A legend about St Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity to the people by using a shamrock, the three-leafed plant, which is today the Irish national emblem.

PATRON of Ireland, Archdiocese of Melbourne, invoked against snakes

SYMBOL shamrock, bishop's clothing

<https://liturgyritualprayer.com>

St Patrick's Day and Mercy Values

This week we celebrate the feast day of our Patron Saint, St Patrick. There will be a whole school mass at 9:30am where as part of the mass we will commission the students involved in our social justice initiative the Mercy Action Group. Thank you Stage 2 for preparing the mass, In particular St Patrick's prayer;



Christ With Me, Christ Before Me, Christ Behind Me, Christ Within Me

Later in the day we will learn about the Mercy Values that underpin all that we do at St Patrick's. Led by Year 5 and 6 students in Peer Support Groups we will reflect on how we can show the Mercy Values of Compassion, Service, Hospitality, Respect, Justice and Stewardship.

Karaoke for Caritas

Continuing our Lent appeal for Project Compassion next week we will have our first ever Karaoke for Caritas. Hosted over Tuesday (Stage 3 and Kindy) and Thursday (Stage 2 and 1) lunch times. Participation is by Gold Coin donation.

Holy Week Celebrations

Week 10 is Holy Week, the most sacred week in the Church year. Each day we will pray and reflect on part of the Holy Week story. There will be a prayer liturgy each day at 2pm, with each class taking responsibility for leading part of the prayer. Parents are welcome to join us.

Monday 3rd April: Palm Sunday led by Kindergarten

Tuesday 4th April: The Last Supper, Washing of the Feet and Praying in the Garden Stage 1

Wednesday 5th April: Stations of the Cross Stage 3

Thursday 6th April: The Resurrection Stage 2



Mercy Action Group preparing dessert for The Dish this week



Thank you Kindy and Year 6 for a beautiful family mass last Sunday.

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

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



Caring
Actions



PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 1 Weeks 7 and 8

We are safe learners who use safe
and caring actions.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

Over the next two weeks we are hoping to divide this Pastoral Care focus into its two parts. This week we will have a focus on SAFE ACTIONS and next week (Week 8) in align with Wellbeing Week and Mercy Values we will focus on the CARING ACTIONS.

SAFE ACTIONS: We are going to be looking at the reasons behind why we need to have safe actions towards others, in the classroom and on the playground. Particularly around being allergy conscious, not sharing food and being mindful of other's needs around us.

CARING ACTIONS: The theme for Wellbeing Week this term is "Mercy Values" - this will align with our Project Compassion fundraising and awareness of how we can help others in need. This will be launched by our Year 6 leaders in Peer Support groups on Friday during St Patrick's Day.

Things we can encourage our students to do: Using our hands and hearts to help and support others. Thinking about others - using kind are caring actions. Be mindful of sharing food - we want to make sure everyone is safe at school. Thinking about our Lenten promises or a simple way that we can make someone else's day.

Choose do do small acts of
kindness at home

Help out at home or take on a
new responsibility

Reinforcing safe play and use of
spaces at home.

How can you help develop this at home?

Participate in the bread
tags/bags initiatives and waste
free lunches.

Using safe and caring actions
with siblings - encourage one
another.

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

ST PAT'S SPORTS REPORT



North Shore Cluster Swimming 2023

In Week 5, we had 24 students from St Patrick's compete at the North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival, held at Hornsby Pool. These students competed against 13 other schools in the North Shore area on the day across all strokes.

Well done to all our talented students for making it to this level. We are especially proud of Liam D who placed 4th in the Junior Boys 50m Butterfly and Alice C who placed 3rd in the Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke. Keep swimming and trying your best!



Mark Taylor Shield Cricket

Amazing effort from our St Patrick's Cricket Team, competing in the Mark Taylor Shield Cricket Tournament on Thursday last week. They showed excellent sportspersonship and participated excellently against their opponents, St Michael's Meadowbank. Lots of new skills were learnt, outstanding plays were shown and fun was had. Well done boys and girls!

Thank you to Mr Maher and Peter Daly for organising the team and training before the day.



BROKEN BAY WINTER SPORT TRIALS

Over this month we have a few students in Year 5 and 6 who are trialling for Broken Bay Winter Sports. These trials are in order to make selection for Polding teams in the State and are incredibly competitive.

Well done to Ben G and Archer W for trialling in both Touch Football and Rugby League this month. We also wish all the best of luck to Jacob H, Luca C and Elissa M who are trialling for Soccer next week. Huge effort!



Upcoming Sport Dates

TERM 1

Wednesday 22nd March - School Cross Country (K-6)
Thursday 30th March - Skellern Cup (Year 5 and 6 Girls)

TERM 2

Tuesday 2nd May - North Shore Cross Country
Tuesday 23rd May - Broken Bay Cross Country
Thursday 8th June - School Athletics Carnival (K-6)
Thursday 29th June - Netball and League Tag Gala Day (Years 3-6)

Outside School Sport: NSW State Cup Touch

Congratulations to Archer W, Ben G and Evie W who were selected for the NSW State Cup Touch U12 and U10 teams. They have been training twice a week since November preparing for the big competition, which was held a couple of weeks ago in Dubbo. We heard they had a fun weekend and played excellently!



PARENT HELPERS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

If you are available to help at our School Cross Country next Wednesday 22nd March, at Mills Park 9am -11am. We would love to see you there. We need help with people being on a checkpoint or marker of laps at the finish line. If you are interested, please fill in the form on the QR code.



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

NEWS FROM THE CLIC

GUESS WHAT'S BACK...

Premier's Reading Challenge IS BACK.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The challenge is open to all children at St Patrick's from Kindy to Year 6.

The children keep a record of all the books they are reading from the PRC selected book list, their own collection and class books.. Don't forget to keep a record the books being read and enter them by the official website NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2023 : Home (det.nsw.edu.au).

Have you forgotten your log in details? New to the school and need to be set up? I will do this for you and send it home so you can access all the information you may need.

We are looking forward to seeing how many students will take on this challenge!



NSW Department of Education

2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Click to view more

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Key dates for students in K-6:

Challenge opens Monday 27 February

Challenge closes for student entries Friday 18 August



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:
pandfstpats@gmail.com

Playgroup

Playgroup is up and running 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.



RAISING RESILIENT TEENS FRI 24 MARCH



Discover what makes teens tick and how to foster your child's emotional and social development.

Colleen Hirst, clinical psychologist and family therapist will give practical and fun tools to help nurture mental health and promote resilience and confidence in the "everyday" moments of life.



7PM-9.15PM INCLUDING SUPPER ST JOHN'S 6 ROYSTON PDE ASQUITH \$10/PERSON
REGISTER: STJOHNSASQUITH.ORG.AU/EVENTS OR PAY AT THE DOOR

Easter Egg Hunt

3pm Easter Saturday April 8
6 Royston Pde Asquith

Join us for a Puppet Show and
Asquith's Biggest Easter Egg Hunt!

stjohnsasquith.org.au/easter



PARISH NEWS

Children's Choir @ St Patrick's would like to thank our parents for hosting the parish Coffee Corner after last Sunday's Mass where we talked to several parents about their children joining the choir. If your child is interested, bring them along to our next practice, this Friday. No Fees! No entrance requirements, just come!

Children's Choir is open to: anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any school in the parish.

Children's Choir sings at: 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Children's Choir practices: every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church.

Interested? Please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935

PADDY'S CARE GROUP

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.
- Mother Teresa

Paddy's Care Group was formed in 2011 by a parent who saw a need to help others in the school community. We are a support network within the St Patrick's community and have parents who are willing to lend a helping hand when required.

Here are some ways that Paddy's Care Group have helped families in the past:

- ★ by assisting with meals
- ★ helping children arrive to and/or from school
- ★ praying for people.

People can ask for help for different lengths of time dependent on their need. For example, we have helped families who have had to deal with sudden illnesses, where a meal or two a week for a period of time has just helped them through.

The person/people who require help is kept confidential. The only people who know are the group coordinators. You can contact us directly/via email/via another parent or through the school office.

WHO ARE WE?

Cecilia Rossi (Oscar Yr 5 & Hugo Yr 3) & **Tiphonie Condon** (Emma Yr 5 & Sophie Yr 3) - Coordinators for Paddy's Care Group.

If you'd like to volunteer to be on the contact list to help prepare a meal when needed, please let us know.



PADDYSCAREGROUP@GMAIL.COM



St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga



Open Evening & Expo

Wed 22 March
4-7pm

Register at:
stleos.nsw.edu.au

ENROLLING NOW for Year 7 2025 & 2026

Limited places remaining for Year 7 2024

PRIORITY ENTRY for students from
St Leo's Priority Feeder Schools



Priority
Feeder School



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School



OPEN DAY 2023

Thursday 18 May

9-10:30am and 5:30-7pm

Discover our welcoming and vibrant school community at St. Patrick's!

As a smaller school, *each child is known, valued, and cared for.* Learn about our St. Patrick's difference and what we can offer you.



Scan Now
To Register

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