



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

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

*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,

We look forward to seeing the wonderful creations on display at the K-2 Easter Hat Parade that is scheduled for this Friday morning assembly. I hope the children have enjoyed getting their colourful hat ready to parade in front of the whole school.

We also look forward to the Year 6 Easter Egg Raffle fundraiser to raise money to purchase a gift for the school. Today is the last day to purchase tickets at school or online. Tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle are available online via QQR 1 for \$1.00, 3 for \$2.00 or 10 for \$5.00. As we have a large amount of prizes the raffle will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade and throughout the day.

### P&F Easter Egg Hunt

On Friday 31st March after school the P&F will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt at Mills Park after school. Thank you to parents who have contributed bags of small eggs suitable for the Easter Egg Hunt.

### 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. Parents can now book an interview time with the child/ren's teacher via Compass. Parents can attend a face-to-face interview at school or attend via Zoom. Further details will be provided early next term to access interviews online.

### Parking

A reminder to parents to please be considerate of our neighbours when parking for drop-off or pick-up during school days. This includes not using the carpark of St. John's Church across the road. I understand the busyness of trying to get children to and from school, however the church does not belong to the school and is not to be used for parking without permission.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## **Covid-19**

Although we have returned a more normal way of life in our school and the wider community, we have had recently reported cases of Covid-19 in Year 1 and 5. We are still operating under the requirement that:

- Students and staff should continue to stay home when sick. Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health External link. We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

- Positive COVID-19 cases should be reported to the school if they have attended school recently.

- NSW Health and the Department of Education encourage all students and staff who test positive to COVID-19 to record the positive rapid antigen test (RAT) through the Service NSW websiteExternal link or Service NSW appExternal link. Voluntary registration of your positive RAT with Service NSW can help you access health support and antiviral medicinesExternal link if you are eligible.

- Parents and carers are asked to select the name of the school or early childhood centre when registering a positive RAT via Service NSW.

- All families will receive additional RAT test kits. Positive RAT or PCR test results for staff and students should be reported to the school.

- Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask.

I thank parents in advance for supporting these measures which keep our school community safe.

## **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 the school office to speak to me (Ph: 9477 3800) or Malik Ali from CSBB Ph: 0424 862 331.

## **School Uniform**

Please find attached information from the Uniform Shop regarding the School Winter Uniform items and prices. At the beginning of next term, we will have a 'phase in' period towards Winter uniform. Students may wear either full Summer or full Winter uniform (but not a combination) for the first four weeks of Term 2. Students should be in full Winter uniform by Monday 15th May. Please click here to see expectations about uniform. I thank parents in advance for actively supporting wearing of the correct school uniform each day by their children.

## **Mothers, Muffins and Maths Morning**

We are inviting all mothers, mother figures and women role models in the lives of our children to come along on Friday 12th May from 8:00am as part of our Mother's Day celebrations. This year we will begin the day with a cuppa, muffin, and a chat from 8am followed by a Mother's Day Liturgy after morning assembly and some fun Maths activities in the classrooms as part of a Maths morning. For catering purposes, please register your attendance using the following link: Mother's Day Celebration

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## Mother's Day Stall

All students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for a significant female in their lives, for Mother's Day. Parents will be notified when they can complete an individual order for each child in the family, through the QKR App. All gifts are \$6.00 each and are to be purchased through the QKR app before 5pm Wed 10th of May. The stall will be held at school on Friday 12th of May.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

## Dates to Remember

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  
Monday 24th April - First day Term 2  
Tuesday 25th April - Anzac Day





# Religious Education



We had an awesome time singing along at Karaoke for Caritas

## Caritas Lent Appeal - Project Compassion

Thank you for the generous donations to Project Compassion this term. We have so far raised over \$500 to donate to Caritas so they can continue to work "For All Future Generations".

Our Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Donation boxes will be in classrooms until Thursday next week.

## Holy Week Celebrations

Next Week we celebrate Holy Week, the most sacred week in the Church year. Classes have been busy singing and preparing their parts for the up coming celebrations.

Each day we will pray and reflect on part of the Holy Week story. Parents are welcome to join us each afternoon next week at 2pm as we journey towards Easter. The liturgies will be in the hall.

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

## Happy Easter

May all families be blessed these holidays, as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, from the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life.

## Up Coming Events

Monday 24th April 2pm  
Anzac Day Liturgy



Friday 12th May  
Mother's Day Liturgy

Click on this link  
for the Kuringai  
Chase Parish  
Bulletins

# PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Living out our  
challenge for  
discipleship



"Try to leave the  
world a better place  
than when you found  
it."

-Sidney Sheldon

## PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 1 Weeks 9 and 10

We are responsible learners who  
care for ourselves and the  
environment.

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

In light of our Earth Hour participation last week and the relaunch of our composting system this week, we are encouraging students to think more thoughtfully about how they sort waste in our school. This creates our little bit at St Patrick's, which we can do to help our world.

Some of the ways we can do this include:

- Respecting our gardens and playground areas
- Putting our rubbish in the bin on the playground and in the classroom
- Turning off lights, tv screens etc. when not in the classroom (conserving energy)
- Recycling paper and cardboard in the classroom
- Using our compost bins

### Caring Actions



## COMPOSTING

The benefits of composting:

- Fosters a love of nature
- Promotes sustainability
- Reduces food waste
- Enriches the soil
- Provides teachable moment with children about our environment



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](http://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](http://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





# ST PAT'S SPORTS REPORT



## St Patrick's Cross Country 2023

Last week, we held our School Cross Country Event down at Mills Park. We were blessed with a humid but beautiful day and all the children competed with a sense of fun and enthusiasm. We loved seeing how everyone cheered each other on and celebrated in their achievements.

Congratulations to all those children who placed in the top 6 runners on the day. They will compete at the North Shore Cluster Carnival in Week 2 next term. Information will be distributed to those students shortly.

A huge thank you also to the amazing parent helpers we had on the day. We have such an amazing parent community who is always willing to step in and help out when needed. Without which, the running of these days would not be possible.





# Skellern Cup

Well done to the 18, Year 5 and 6 girls who went off at participated in the Skellern Cup at North Turramurra Recreation area today. They competed against a range of schools across the North Shore in 4 games. The aim of the day was to promote teamwork, sportspersonship, and participation in the game. The girls showed excellent skills in their soccer and encouragement toward one other. They had a fun day and kept their spirits up throughout the day. Well done girls!

Huge thank you also to Greg M and Peter D who helped manage the teams on the day and taught them a range of new soccer skills on the day and at training before the event!





# Upcoming Sport Dates

## TERM 1

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:

### Baseball State Champs



During the holidays, Jacob H will be playing with the Ryde Hawks in the Little League State championships. They will be competing against 8 other teams from across NSW and have spent the past 7 weeks preparing for the tournament. We wish Jacob all the best and success at this event.



## 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.

Luca C, Elissa M and Jacob H all trialled for Broken Bay Soccer last week. We are exceptionally proud of all their efforts in trialling for these teams.

Congratulations to Jacob H who was selected for the Broken Bay team and will go off the Polding Trials in Tamworth next term. Skills are very high in the Diocesan soccer competition and it has been a few years since St Pat's has had a representative. Your hard work has paid off Jacob and you have made us very proud!! Well done!



# UNIFORM SHOP

Dear Parents and Carers

Uniform Shop will now be open Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30am to 9:00am in Term 2. All online orders will be packed and delivered to the students classroom on Mondays and Wednesdays. Should you have any queries, please send us an email at [stpatsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsuniformshop@gmail.com). Please find attached the Winter Uniform Guide and pricelist.

Uniform Shop Volunteers

# 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.



# PARISH NEWS



## Mass Times for Holy Week

MASS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	THINGS TO NOTE
Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the feet)	Thursday 6 April 2023	7.30pm	St Bernard's	(No morning Mass) Procession to Altar of Repose & private Adoration till 10pm Please return your Project Compassion Envelopes/Boxes
		7.30pm	St Patrick's	
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross	Fri. 7 April 2023	10am	St Bernard's	Day of fast and abstinence
		10am	St Patrick's	
Good Friday - Passion of the Lord	Fri. 7 April 2023	3pm	St Bernard's	
		3pm	St Patrick's	
Easter Vigil	Saturday 8 April 2023	6pm	St Bernard's	BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE (No morning Mass On Holy Saturday) A small celebration will follow each of these Masses
		7pm	St Patrick's	
Easter Sunday	Sunday 9 April 2022	9am	St Bernard's	(No evening Mass in the parish on Easter Sunday)
		8am; 10am	St Patrick's	

Parish Children's Choir will have its last practice for Term 1 this Friday, 31st March, at 4 to 5pm in the church, then we will have a break during the school holidays. Practices begin again on the last Friday of April, 28th April after school goes back. However the Choir continues to sing on 2nd and 4th Sundays throughout the holidays so we will be singing on Easter Sunday, and again on Sunday 23rd April. Have a wonderful Easter! For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935



The SRC are leading the school to help reduce waste that goes into landfill. We will be participating in the Wonder Recycling for Schools as well as the Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs projects.

## Wonder Recycling for Schools

Thank you for all your efforts last year with bringing in bread bags to recycle. Not only did we receive some new sports equipment, but we managed to keep 15kgs of plastic out of landfill and were able to purchase some new sports equipment with the points we earned.

Let's try and double that this year. We are now asking for bread bags again.

1. They can be any bag that has packaged bread – wraps, buns, any brand of bread
2. Please shake out the crumbs for the birds. No need to wash them.
3. Keep a bread bag handy at home for the family to fill and bring it in once it is full.



## Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

Last year we kept 6kgs of plastic bread tags out of landfill. They are now on their way down to Robe in South Australia to be recycled. The website below shows all the products that have been created from recycled bread tags. You may like to make a purchase yourself!

<https://www.transmutation.com.au/>

1. Collect plastic bread tags in a container at home. Cardboard ones can go into your home compost bin or brought into school for the school compost bin.
2. Bring them into school for your child to give to their class SRC Representative.



**BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS**



# FROM MRS HUGGINS

At St Patrick's we are having a school wide focus on writing through a collaborative coaching cycle where the teachers work closely with Mrs Huggins and their stage partners to identify areas for improvement. The Year 4 Green teachers were so impressed with the writing in their class that they wanted to share it with the school community. The students wrote letters after learning about Tereesa and her story through the Caritas Australia website. We look forward to sharing other great writing with you as the year progresses.

Dear Tereesa,  
Have you ever heard someone say to you that you are inspiring?  
Well, you are!

My name is Lila. I first heard about you when project compassion started. You really inspired me since I read about your story. I love making art too! It's fun right? I think we are both really artistic and we always help others. I really believe we are truly connected to each other in lots of ways.

I admire you and always keep you in my prayers because you inspire me to grow to be a better person.

I have done a few things similar to you getting your art displayed at the Vivid Festival. It's not in public, only a small exhibition, but still my artwork was displayed. I wish that you will always be like you are now. I hope in the future you and your kids succeed in many ways, as well as your community. I do have a few questions. Where is the place in Vivid where your art was shown? And how many kids do you have?

Goodbye and farewell. It has been a pleasure to talk to you. I hope you will always continue to be such a good citizen. I will make sure to pray for you during the Lenten season.

Kind regards,  
Lila.

Dear Tereesa,

Hi, I'm Esha and it's been a pleasure to learn about you. I think you're very talented just the way you are. I heard that VIVID has displayed some of your artworks. I went to VIVID 2022 and I thought your artworks were spectacular.

I've also gotten an art award from my school in 2022, and it was an Aboriginal painting. I like doing art because it makes me calm and helps me forget about all the bad things that may have happened in my day. I admire you for all the helpful things that you do for elders and children.

I hope you continue to paint and be helpful like you are today. I hope you take care of your community, and your community stays safe and is appreciated in Australia. I wonder why you like art and if it helps you to feel safe.

You have been such an inspiration to me, and I want to be like you one day. I hope you continue to paint and work hard to get more of your artworks displayed on other huge events and inspire others to learn more about Aboriginal culture.

Warm Regards  
Esha



# 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](http://stjohnsasquith.org.au/easter)



St John's  
Asquith



## BECOME AN ASQUITH MAGPIE

Boys and Girls u6 League Tag  
Boys and Girls Minis u7 to u9's  
Boys and Girls Mod u10 to u12's  
Girls Tackle u14 to u18's  
Boys Tackle u13 to u18's  
Men and Women's Open Age and u20's



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