

THURSDAY 23rd MARCH 2023



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Parish Clergy

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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.



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers, Girls and Boys,

We are having a packed few weeks of events and celebrations. Following on from last week's St. Patrick's Day celebrations, this week the school celebrates Well-being Week and Harmony Week as well as staging our school cross-country and school photo day.

This week there are a host of fun activities for the children to get involved in including entering the Harmony Day Poster Competition, Wearing Orange or traditional dress from their family's cultural background, packing something orange in their lunchbox, Harmony Day Assembly and Prayer, Earth Hour, and Spin the Wheel to acknowledge children's efforts to do the right thing. Our Year 6's helped their Kinder buddies create Harmony Day headbands and we are still in the process of creating a family photo display in the library.

St. Patrick's Feast Day Activities

It was a great roll-up of parents attending the St. Patrick's Day celebrations last Friday. Thank you to the many parents who gave very encouraging feedback about the celebrations on Friday. The opportunity for parents to be in the school in the morning and attend mass was received very positively. It was also appreciated by some of our experienced parents that the mass was much improved with the children's behaviour. Thank you for your efforts regarding this.

I also acknowledge the effort put in by our REC Mrs Kylie Lloyd-Jones, our Stage 2 teachers, Mrs Mary Connor and of course the children in Stage 2. It was obvious that there was significant time and energy spent preparing for mass. This was also true for our Year 5 & 6 students who did an outstanding job preparing and delivering the Peer Support activities. All students have been placed in an across grade/stage Peer Support Group. These groups meet on occasion throughout the year led by the Year 5 and 6 students to learn about the school values and other important behaviour focuses. It is also an opportunity for children to develop new friendships and connections with students older and younger who they may not play with and speak to regularly. The children thoroughly enjoyed leading or participating in the session.

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School Cross-country

The Cross Country Carnival was held on Wednesday this week at Mills Park. For the first time we had all student from K – 6 competing in their age group races. The Kinder students enjoyed their first school carnival with some help from their Year 6 buddies.

The children participated with great enthusiasm and all competitors were encouraged to do their best by their peers. It was wonderful to feel the great positive spirit throughout the morning's events. Once again, we had many parents volunteer to support this event marking the course to keep students safe as well as helping at the finish line to mark off each lap completed. A big thank you to all parents who helped out through the day.

Easter Raffle and Easter Hat Parade

We look forward to the K-2 Easter Hat Parade that is scheduled for Friday of Week 9. I understand that information has been shared on K-2 class Facebook pages. A separate note will go home as a reminder early next week.

Traditionally our Year 6 students hold a fundraiser during the year to raise money to purchase a gift for the school. This year our Year 6 students will be holding an Easter raffle. Tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle are available online via QKR. The students will also be selling raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle over the coming week.

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.

Kinder Open Classrooms

On Monday, our Kinder parents had the first of two chances to visit Kinder classrooms. The Kinder children were very excited to have parents, grandparents and carers visit them and to see what they were working on in class and what they had learnt throughout the term. Check out the photos here: [Kinder Open Classrooms](#)
For Kinder parents who couldn't make Monday's session, there is a second opportunity on Friday afternoon from 2pm. We will begin with a short check in meeting with parents in the school hall before heading to classrooms to witness and celebrate their learning.

God bless,

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember

Thursday 23rd March - School Photos
Friday 24th March - Kinder parents visit the classroom
Monday 27th - Naplan Concludes
Friday 31st March- Easter Hat Parade -K, 1 & 2
Friday 31st March - Yr 6 Easter raffle
Thursday 6th April - Holy Thursday & End of Term 1
Monday 24th April - First Day Term 2