

THURSDAY 5th APRIL 2023



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Parish Clergy

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Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith	St Bernard's Berowra Heights
Saturday Vigil 6pm	Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm	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,

Each afternoon this week we reflected on the Holy Week story leading into the celebration of Easter this Sunday. Beginning with our Kindergarten students retelling the events of Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then Stage 1 and 3 presenting the events of Holy Thursday, encompassing Jesus' washing the disciples' feet, the last supper and crucifixion.

But the story doesn't end there: our Stage 2 students remind us of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday and how that changed everything. His empty tomb, his appearance to his disciples by the lake, on the road to Emmaus and to Thomas is the basis of our Christian story and gives us all hope.

I encourage all our families to celebrate Easter at one of the various parish Holy Week ceremonies and Easter Masses and trust you have a safe and happy holiday break. Please find the details of parish events listed below.

Easter Parade & Raffle

We had a wonderful morning assembly that included the Easter Hat Parade by our Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2 students. It was so much fun! It was also great to see many parents coming along to the assembly as well as joining via Zoom. Thank you to our Year 6 class parents and students for organising and supporting the Easter Egg Basket Raffle that was drawn on Friday. We had about 60 prizes that were gleefully accepted by the grateful winners. The money raised by the fundraiser will go towards a gift for the school donated by Year 6 2023. Congratulations to all involved.

School Open Day

I continue to call on all parents to assist in promoting our school as the perfect place for new students to attend. If you know of parents who have preschool children ready to start school in 2024 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them. Please encourage them to attend one of our School Open Day sessions on Thursday 18th May to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for their child. Parents can register by contacting the school (9477 3800) or click the following link: [2023 Open Day Registration Form- CSBB](#).



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Mother's Day Celebrations

We are looking forward to our Mother's Day Celebration at school next term with a Mothers, Muffins and Maths morning. We warmly encourage mothers, mother figures and women role models in the lives of our children to come along on Friday 12th May from 8.00am for a cuppa, muffin and get together. This will be followed by Maths time with mums and children in classrooms and our Mother's Day Liturgy. Please stay for as long as you can on the morning. For catering purposes, please register your attendance using the following link: [Mother's Day Celebration](#). Thanks to Monique Ciampi and other parent volunteers for running the Mother's Day stall set for Friday 12th May. Parents will be notified soon when to 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.

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.

School Uniform

I am thankful for the overwhelming support by our parent community to send their child/ren each day dressed in their correct school uniform. In the last few weeks, we have had only a handful of students needing reminders about wearing the correct shoes or refraining from wearing additional items that are not part of the school uniform. A reminder to parents that 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 with particular reference to school shoes.

P&F News

The staff are very thankful for the surprise morning tea provided by our P&F on behalf of the parent community. The staff were so pleased to receive the positive message of support and thanks from our parents for the work they do with the children.

Please find attached additional information from our P&F outline many upcoming events that parents and carers can support through volunteering and attending.

Covid-19 Reminder

Although we haven't had any further reported cases of Covid-19 I ask that parents continue to be vigilant of symptoms and adhere to the requirements listed below. To support families the school is sending home more RAT kits this week to be used as required.

- 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. 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 website External link or Service NSW app External link. Voluntary registration of your positive RAT with Service NSW can help you access health support and antiviral medicines External 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.



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- 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.

God bless,


Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal







This coming weeks Mass Times ~ 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 on Holy Thursday) 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	(No morning Mass on Holy Saturday)
		7pm	St Patrick's	
Easter Sunday	Sunday 9 April 2023	9am	St Bernard's	(No evening Mass in the parish on Easter Sunday)
		8am; 10am	St Patrick's	

Holy Week and Easter Music at St Bernard's
Any new folk interested in being part of the music during Easter (or anytime at all) at St Bernard's are asked to contact the office and your details will be passed along to Moauli Griffiths. Existing musicians will be contacted by Moauli directly.

Holy Week and Easter Music at St Patrick's
NO practice this Monday, 3rd April, instead there will be practice before each of the ceremonies as follows:
6.30pm on Holy Thursday // 1.45pm on Good Friday // 6.30pm for the Easter Vigil (Saturday)
If you haven't been able to join us for an earlier practice, it's not too late - come, join us at any of these rehearsals.



Dates to Remember

- Thursday 6th April - Holy Thursday & End of Term 1
- Monday 24th April - First Day Term 2
- Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
- Tuesday 2nd May - North Shore Cluster Cross Country
- Monday 1st - Thursday 4th May - Parent Teacher Meetings
- Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th May - Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
- Friday 12th May - Mothers Day Celebrations & Stall
- Thursday 18th May - St Patrick's School Open Day
- Saturday 20th May - P & F Social - Bogan Bingo
- Sunday 28th May - Stage 2 Family Mass (10am)
- Thursday 8th June - School Athletics Carnival
- Thursday 15th June - Girls Just Want to Have Fun - Social Evening
- Thursday 29th June - Year 5&6 Netball & League Tag Gala Day
- Friday 30th June - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

