



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

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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,

Last week parents and carers were invited to participate in a parent survey called Catholic Schools Broken Bay's Culture Survey. As we are now approaching the mid-point in our journey Towards 2025, it is important that we gauge where we are currently in this journey as it defines who we are, what we stand for and how we do things. Our beliefs and values also drive the decisions we make and the actions we take.

The survey will be open from today until 12 May and takes about 10-15 minutes to finish. Data collected will be utilised at our All-Staff Development Day on the final day of term on Friday 30 June 2023. Parents and carers can [Click here Catholic Schools Broken Bay Culture Survey](#) to access the survey site.

### Mother's Day Celebrations

We are looking forward to a great celebration next week at our Mums, Maths and Muffins Mother's Day Celebration on Friday 12th May. From our last count we now have 106 responses with 128 attending our Mother's Day Celebration. Please come along 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.

Thanks again to Monique Ciampi and other parent volunteers for running the Mother's Day stall set for Friday 12th May. All gifts are \$6.00 each and are to be purchased through the QKR app before 5pm Wed 10th of May. Parents purchasing need to complete an individual order for each child in the family, through the QKR App. The stall will be held at school on Friday 12th of May.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

This week many parents have taken the opportunity to meet with their child/ren's class teacher at the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Together, parents and teachers can discuss the children's progress and set goals for the year ahead and form a positive partnership to benefit the children's learning and wellbeing. At the end of the term Semester 1 reports detailing the grade and effort for each area of learning will be made available.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## Preschool Teacher Workshop and School Open Day

This week our school hosted 14 preschool educators from 10 centres at our preschool teacher workshop. During the session the educators visited our Kinder classrooms and then attended a professional learning presentation about the new English and Maths curriculums as well as highlighting the many wonderful opportunities our school offers. With this and other initiative we offer our local preschools we continue to build strong and positive connections to support the growth in our enrolments.

I again ask 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](#).

## Staffing

This term we welcome Mrs Carley McCarthy to our school staff as the new Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC) for our school. Carley is well known to many families as she is a current parent in our school as well as the Co-president of the P&F. I look forward to working with Carley's in her new role which seeks to strengthening in very practical ways the family, school, Parish, and Diocesan relationships.

## 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. A reminder to parents that the beginning of this term, we 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.

## Canberra Excursion

The local Federal Member for Bradfield will be visiting our Stage 3 students on Friday ahead of their excursion to Canberra early next week. He will speak to the children about the systems of government and the importance of the democratic system in Australia and wish them well on their excursion.

This visit along with other preparations has certainly built the anticipation for the Stage 3 Canberra excursion. We know that students are feeling excited about all the wonderful experiences that await them.

This year parliament House turns 35 years old, and our school has been invited to attend a special Parliament House Birthday Celebration on Monday morning. This has caused a change in leaving time. To arrive in time to attend this event our Stage 3 students need to arrive at school ½ an hour earlier at 5:15am to leave school at 5:30am. I thank Mrs Lloyd-Jones, Miss Furlong, Miss Gibson, Mr Barlow and Mrs Schyvens in advance for taking time to attend the three-day excursion.

God bless,

Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal

### Dates to Remember

Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th - Stage 3 Canberra Excursion  
Friday 12th May - Mothers Day Morning Tea & Liturgy  
Friday 12th May - Mothers Day Stall  
Thursday 18th May - Open Day  
Saturday 20th May - P & F Bogan Bingo Night

# Religious Education

## Caritas Lent Appeal - Project Compassion

Thank you for the generous donations to Project Compassion this year. We have raised over \$600 for Caritas.

Your generosity is the pebble that allows Caritas Australia to create the ripples that will improve the livelihoods of vulnerable communities, supporting them to flourish and create opportunities for future generations to live to their full potential.

Thank you!

## Year 6 Leadership Reflection Day

Last Term, Year 6 participated in the Diocese Leadership Day. They joined via zoom with Year 6 students from schools across Broken Bay to learn what it means to be a leader. After a prayer they heard from Bishop Anthony and the director of Catholic Schools Danny Casey on the theme of "Fruitful Leadership and Spiritual Fruits"

Year 6 then had opportunities to reflect on how we can show "Fruitful Leadership" and be inspired by the fruits of the Holy Spirit in their roles as leaders at St Patrick's.

## Mother's Day Liturgy

Next Friday 12th May we will celebrate Mother's Day with a special liturgy in St Patrick's church at 9:30am. The liturgy is being prepared by the Year 1 and 2 students with support from Stage 3. Thank you to Mr Maher, Miss McArthur and Mrs Maleszka for supporting the students in preparing for this celebration of all the wonderful mother's in our community.

## The Dish Week 5 Tuesday 23rd May

St Patrick's is hosting the Dish in it's new location at St Peter's Church 207 Peats Ferry Rd Hornsby. Thank you to those who have already offered their support preparing meals and offering donations. If you are able to help especially if you could be there to serve the food please complete the [Google Form](#)

## Up Coming Events



Friday 12th May  
Mother's Day Liturgy

Sunday 28th May 10am  
Stage 2 Parish Family Mass

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



**YEAR 3  
&  
YEAR 4**

**PARISH FAMILY  
MASS**

Sunday 28th May 10am  
Pentecost Sunday  
St Patrick's Church

Year 3 & Year 4 students with their families are invited to join the 10am St Patrick's Sunday Mass followed by Morning Tea. Students who attend will be participating in a reflection that they have prepared.

Parent Engagement Coordinator  
*Carley McCarthy*



I would like to introduce myself as the Parent Engagement Coordinator for St Patrick's. This is a new role within our schools, and my main focus is to support family wellbeing and strengthen relationships between parents and carers, the parish and the wider community.

I look forward to meeting you and sharing opportunities for you to engage in as parents, carers and families.

One of the ways we can connect is through our school playgroup which runs on Mondays at 9am, in the parish meeting room. If you have a toddler or preschooler please come along!



## YEAR 6 MURAL

On Wednesday Sydney based artist Matt McLarty visited St. Patrick's. Matt is the artist who worked on the mural gifted by our Year 6 students last year to the school. We are pleased to announce that the mural is now complete, and we are very impressed with Matt's work. We thank Matt for his creation and the joy and meaningfulness it has brought to the grounds of the school.

*"The mural shows the children of St Patrick's demonstrating responsibility for the earth and creation. Mr McLarty came and spoke to us about the mural and asked us to contribute our ideas around what we of Year 6 consider to be the values that build St Patrick's and that we aspire to live out in our lives as we move forward, onto high school." Year 6 Captains.*



We thank Matt for his collaboration with Year 6 and his talented artwork.

# PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Living out our  
challenge for  
discipleship



Life is a matter  
of choices and  
every choice you  
make makes you.  
- John C Maxwell

## PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 2 Weeks 1 and 2

We are responsible learners who  
make good choices.

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

Coming back from holidays, sometimes we need some reminders to make good choices in order to be responsible learners in our school community. Over the next two weeks, we will talk to children about what is a good choice, how to make a good choice to help their own and others' learning, and a good choice for being safe and caring.

Things we can encourage our students to do:

- Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task
- Choosing to be safe and caring in your actions
- Make a good choice that benefits everyone around them and not just themselves
- Make good learning choices to allow them to do their best
- Be the best that they can be

### Make good choices



Making sure they are including  
all their friends in online games.

Thinking out strategies to making a calm  
decision - traffic lights, breathing, counting  
to three.

Problem solving at home.

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

Playing safely and looking after  
their toys in a responsible way.

Making responsible choices for  
completing homework on time  
and helping out at home.

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

# NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

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### WHAT'S NEW

MANY new books have been added to our library collection in the holidays and they can't wait to be borrowed! Thank you to Carley McCarthy and Keely Douthwaite for assisting me with this big task.



We go together like strawberries and cream, bacon and eggs! Reading with a friend makes it more FUN! There is a new display in the library of books that can be read together and are great to read with a friend!!



### DID YOU KNOW

You can now access the library database from the comfort of your home?

Simply scan the QR code or click the link to locate our DESTINY database and start browsing our vast collection of books. There is something for everyone!

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/22272>



### REMINDERS

**Premier Reading Challenging** is all happening - make sure your children start recording and logging their books. NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2023 : [Home \(det.nsw.edu.au\)](http://Home(det.nsw.edu.au)

**First 5 children** to complete the challenge will receive a reward.

**First class** to complete will be rewarded! Stay tuned to find out what the REWARDS will be.

# ST PAT'S SPORTS REPORT



## North Shore Cross Country 2023

On Tuesday this week, 60 students from our school represented our school at the North Shore Cluster Carnival. From all reports, all students participated in their events excellently and showed great respect to their teachers and other schools on the day. We are so proud of you all for making this achievement.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in either the top 10, 15, or 20 for their age group and will attend the Diocesan Carnival at Fagan Park on 23rd May:

- Sophie V, Liam D, Fynn E, Emma D, Noah D, Niall C and Archer W.



# Upcoming Sport Dates

## TERM 2

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:



### Boys Junior Netball State Titles

Well done to Archie McCarthy, who has been trialling and training with the Junior Boys Netball Team to play for the first time at NSW Netball State Titles this year. It is a growing division at the moment. If there is any interest, from boys in Years 5 and 6, trials were over the past two weeks but feel free to contact Carley McCarthy to discuss further.



We wish Archie all the best of luck!

## POLDING SOCCER TRIALS

Congratulations to Jacob H who trialled for the Diocesan Soccer Team last term and made the team! This team is incredibly competitive to make, so we congratulate him for this high achievement.

Jacob spent 2 days out at Tamworth last week trialling to make the Polding Team. He was unlucky this time around, but he had a great experience and enjoyed the challenge. Well done Jacob!





# UNIFORM SHOP

Dear Parents and Carers,

Kindly be reminded that the Uniform Shop will now be open Mondays and Wednesdays between 8:30am to 9:00am for:

1. Purchasing secondhand items
2. Trying-on items to determine sizes for online ordering

To assist our new volunteers during transition period, all new purchases should be processed online via Qkr! app instead of in-store purchases. All orders will be packed and delivered to students' class on Mondays and Wednesdays

Fabiola D, Florence U, Michelle B and Edlyn L  
Uniform Shop Volunteers  
Email Address: [stpatsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsuniformshop@gmail.com)

## PLAYGROUP & CHOIR

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 Children's Choir is a great launching pad for musical development. If your child already learns an instrument, singing in a group can be a great way of developing auditory feedback and learning to make music together in a group, not to mention the added social benefits of getting to know a wider variety of young people. Children's Choir practises every Friday after school from 4 to 5pm in the church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Come to any practice and try it out. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for more information.



# **O'Grady DRAMA ACADEMY**

**“Act, Create,  
Communicate”**

## **“Drama develops kids!”**

### **WHY DO DRAMA?**

Drama helps to increase your confidence, self-esteem & verbal communication. You will then feel comfortable talking to your friends and grown-ups and when asked to present news or public speaking at school.

Drama is loads of fun & will enable you to stand up, make good eye contact & be heard.

### **Enrolling 2023**

**Venue**

**St. John's Asquith**

**6 Royston Parade, Asquith Opposite St. Patrick's**



For further information on drama classes please call

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Julian Leaser MP

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Next Saturday our community will be gathering for a picnic at Fagan Park, Galston to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

It's an occasion to celebrate our community – with the Scouts, Guides, RFS, SES, Rotary and so many other great local groups gathering to enjoy a picnic.

There will be fun traditional games for kids, including egg and spoon races, sack races, and tug of war, among many others.

The day will be casual, relaxed and pretty informal.

No need to RSVP. I hope you can join us.



*You are invited to our*  
**local Coronation Family Picnic  
for His Majesty The King**

*You're invited to join the local community to  
celebrate King Charles' Coronation! Bring a picnic  
and enjoy an afternoon of family fun.*



*Date: 6 May 2023*

*Time: 12.00pm – 3.00pm*

*Location: Fagan Park, Galston*

