

THURSDAY 11th MAY 2023



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Fr Joy Thomas OSH  
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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,

There are only a few days left for parents and carers to participate in a parent survey called Catholic Schools Broken Bay's Culture Survey. The survey seeks to gauge where we are currently as we approach the mid-point in our journey of Towards 2025. The survey will be open until this Friday 12th May and takes about 10-15 minutes to finish. Parents and carers can click here [Catholic Schools Broken Bay Culture Survey](#) to access the survey site.

### Mother's Day Celebrations

We are only a few days away from our Mums, Maths and Muffins Mother's Day Celebration this Friday 12th May. We have over 160 attending our Mother's Day Celebration.

As previously communicated, we have adjusted our schedule and it will now be held at school with a cuppa, muffin and catchup from 8am, followed by a Mother's Day Liturgy in the assembly area (weather permitting) and mums, grandmothers and aunties etc. to visit classrooms.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Last week many parents took the opportunity to meet with their child/ren's class teacher at the Parent/Teacher Interviews. The interviews provided the chance for parents and teachers to discuss the children's progress, set goals for the year ahead and form a positive partnership to benefit the children's learning and wellbeing. I thank our wonderful teaching staff for their commitment to providing a high-quality education and their efforts to provide a positive and nurturing learning environment that supports the well-being of all the children. At the end of the term Semester 1 reports detailing the grade and effort for each area of learning will be made available.

### School Open Day

Last week our school hosted 14 preschool educators from 10 centres at our preschool teacher workshop. This week our Kinder teachers and I will visit Kidopea Preschool at Mount Colah to meet and discuss with parents of preschool children ways to support school readiness. These are two examples of our school's commitment to raising our school's profile in the local community as we seek future enrolments.

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To support this goal, 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](#).

## School Uniform

A reminder to parents that 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

Parents and carers will see some of the great experiences our Stage 3 children had on their three-day excursion to Canberra this week on our school's Facebook page.

The excursion began on Monday with a very early start leaving at 5:30am. We attended the 35th Birthday Celebrations of Parliament House where the children witnessed the local indigenous groups welcome us to country with traditional song and dance, experienced a performance by a children's choir and listened to speeches from various dignitaries including the Speaker of the Lower House.

The children have had long days visiting and experiencing many sites and venues including touring parliament house, participating in a mock parliament, visiting the National Museum of Democracy, the Electoral Education Office to learn about elections, National War Memorial, the Australian Institute of Sport, The National Dinosaur Museum, Questacon along with other places.

It has been a busy time for everyone involved and I congratulate all the children who attended. Their interest and engagement in each experience along with their behaviour has been outstanding. The children spend years looking forward to this event and I am sure they will return home with many great memories of this highly successful excursion. I thank Mrs Lloyd-Jones, Miss Furlong, Miss Gibson, Mr Barlow and Mrs Schyvens for being away from their families for three long days while attending the excursion.

## School Refurbishment

Last year we announced that our School will undergo a refurbishment of the existing classrooms to make them larger contemporary learning and working spaces for the children and staff. There will be a significant amount of funds set aside for this project that will ultimately benefit the learning experiences for the children. The capital works will include:

- Construction of an extension to these spaces and a lift.
- Relocation of staff amenities and refurbishment of administration spaces.
- Refurbishment of existing library for multi model learning.
- Redesign and refurbishment of existing learning spaces.

There continues to be a great amount of work occurring behind the scenes as we ready ourselves for building works to begin this year. In the coming weeks there will be some works carried out in preparation for the refurbishment. During the works, adjustments to classroom placements may be made to minimise disruption to learning and allow works to go ahead. We look forward to a successful build and wonderful new spaces for the school community to enjoy and thrive in.

God bless,

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal



### Dates to Remember

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)