### THURSDAY 25th MAY 2023



# **St Patrick's Catholic Primary School**

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#### **Parish Clergy**

Fr Joy Thomas OSH Assistant Priest of the Parish St Patrick's AsquithSt Bernard'sSaturday Vigil 6pmSaturday VigSunday 8am, 10am, 6pmSunday 9am

Weekend Mass Times St Bernard's Berowra Heights Saturday Vigil 5pm

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,

#### **Kinder Enrolments 2023**

Last Thursday's School Open Day was a great success with around 40 families taking the opportunity to take a tour and find out why St. Patrick's is a great school. I thank our Stage 3 leaders who conducted the tours with prospective parents and were most impressive in demonstrating in a practical way what it means to be a student here at St. Patrick's. It was wonderful to see these students speak with confidence and with pride about their school.

I also thank our wonderful parent volunteers and staff for their efforts to support the Open Day by volunteering their time on Thursday to meet new parents, express an authentic and positive view of the school, serve tea and coffee and thoroughly welcome our visitors to the school. It is this positive and generous sentiment that always impresses parents seeking a school for their child.

If parents are aware of families that have children ready to start school next year, I encourage you to recommend our school and the offer to come and find out more information. Prospective parents can contact the school to have a private tour and pick up an enrolment pack from the school office or enquire online: <u>Enrol at St. Patrick's</u>

If you have a sibling starting could you please submit your applications as soon as possible.

#### **Diocesan Cross Country**

We are very proud of the 7 students who represented our school and the North Shore Cluster at the Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday this week. Sophie V, Liam D, Fynn E, Emma D, Niall C and Archer W gave a great effort to run the challenging 2 or 3 km course at Fagan Park Galston. Although they didn't make it through to the next level they can be rightly pleased with their efforts on the day. Congratulations on a great achievement!

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

#### Girls Just Want to Have Fun- 2023

We would love to see all our Years 4, 5 & 6 Dads and Daughters join us for a night of fun, dancing, food and games on Thursday 15th June from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in the school Hall. Tickets are \$30.00 per family and will be available soon via Qkr.

#### **School Athletics Carnival**

More information will be coming soon for our school athletics carnival that is scheduled for Thursday June 8th. We hope to have many parent volunteers to support the running of the carnival. A link will be provided to indicate availability for Parent Helpers.

#### Years 3-6 Netball and League Tag Gala Days

Students in Years 3-6 will have the chance to participate in either the League Tag or Netball Gala Days scheduled for Thursday 29th June. This a is a fun day where all students can be part of a team with their peers playing against teams from other North Shore Cluster Catholic Primary Schools. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help manage teams or umpire on the day. More information will be provided soon.

#### **Stage 2 School and Parish Mass**

Parents of Stage 2 students, their families along with all our families are invited to celebrate the Stage 2 school and parish mass this Sunday 28th May at 10am. I am sure it will be a lovely celebration of the Eucharist with many of the ministries involving our Stage 2 students. Many in the parish highly value the involvement by the children through their presence and participation which continues to strengthen the connections and relationships with our St. Patrick's parish.

#### Grade/Stage Assemblies

We are looking forward to having Friday Afternoon Assemblies in Week 6 (Stage 3) and Week 8 (Stage 1) this term with other stages hosting assemblies in Term 3. The first assembly hosted by our Stage 3 students is occurring next week on Friday 2nd June from 2:10pm. Traditionally each grade or stage would host an assembly during the year that includes a presentation of learning and classroom work as well as the usual weekly awards. Parents are very welcome to attend.

#### **Curriculum News- Expertise in Teaching Groups**

We are very fortunate to have very committed and talented staff working at St. Patrick's Asquith. This includes our Assistant Principal Mrs Kylie Huggins and our Religious Education Coordinator Mrs Kylie Lloyd-Jones who have been selected to work with other curriculum experts from our diocese. They will have a key role in driving the implementation of the new English and Mathematics syllabuses.

The work they will do as part of the Expertise in Teaching Groups will support K-2 and 3-6 teachers in our diocese throughout each of the phases of implementation. This will also directly benefit our teachers and students as they will have an early insight and understanding of the necessary requirements to successfully implement these new curriculum documents in our school.

#### **School Uniform**

A reminder to parents that all students should be in full Winter uniform that includes the school tie. Please refer to the school website to check the requirements for the school uniform. The school uniform policy also has photos to assist parents with knowing school expectations. I thank all parents in advance for supporting the school with this matter.

### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

#### **Parish News**

Parents are encouraged to click on the following link to access the weekly <u>Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish</u> <u>Bulletin</u>. Parents will find information for St. Patrick's Church including opportunities for families to support parish events including charitable works initiatives, joining the children's choir, the sacramental program and so much more.

#### ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES

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SATURDAY	6PM
SUNDAY	8AM
SUNDAY	10AM
SUNDAY	6PM

#### SDD- Friday 30th June

As part of the Towards 2025 strategy in the Diocese of Broken Bay to ensure authentic, professional, Catholic education is delivered with care and compassion to all students enrolled in the Diocese's Catholic schools, the staff of all diocesan catholic schools will be attending a professional learning day on the last day of Term 2, Friday 30 June. As a result, this day will be a student free day. Our

excellent before and after school care provider, Royston Kids will provide supervision for a limited number of children on that day. Parents can contact the service via email: <u>roystonkids@hotmail.com</u> or by phone: 0431 383 981.

God bless,

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

#### Dates to Remember

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)

Term 3 Wednesday 26th July (Week 2)- Grandparents Day Celebration