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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,

On Wednesday we celebrated a special liturgy to mark the feast of Saint Anne and Saint Joachim who were Jesus' grandparents and Mary's parents. Both Saint Anne and Saint Joachim were great examples of faithfulness and trust in God and they taught Mary to be compassionate, kind and caring. Mary taught these qualities to Jesus, and we can see how Jesus lived these out in his own life. On the feast day of Jesus' Grandparents, we also honoured and gave thanks for the grandparents of the children and celebrated the special bond and love they share with them. We thank the many grandparents who were able to join us for our celebrations this week. They were able to enjoy a visit to the classrooms to see the wonderful learning the children had done, celebrate a special grandparent's liturgy and later on enjoy a morning tea and a concert together.

A big thank you to Mrs Pugsley for preparing each grade to perform along with the choir some musical items. We also had a performance from the school band thanks to the efforts of Mrs Helen Jacobson. It was obvious throughout the morning of our celebration the joy that the grandparents bring into the lives of their grandchildren and the happiness the grandparents experienced throughout the morning.

I also acknowledge and thank the many parents who supported the day by providing morning tea or serving tea or coffee. This again demonstrates the wonderful hospitality and kindness of our community.

Mrs Russell Return

You may be aware that our Year 1 Green teacher, Mrs Russell, has needed to take leave after having a medical procedure earlier this year. I am pleased to inform our school community that Mrs Russell will begin her return-to-work plan from next week in a part-time capacity. I am sure the children will be very excited to have Mrs Russell return. I am also sure that is welcomed and happy news for our Year 1 Green parents and our broader community to hear that Doris will be back with us soon.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Gifted and Talented Opportunities for Our Students

Our school provides many opportunities for the students to showcase their talents. This week at our Grandparent's Day the school presented the Art Awards for Term 2 to students across the school who produced exceptional artwork. These artworks are of a high quality and will be proudly displayed around the school for everyone to appreciate. Our Year 3-6 students will participate in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee Competition with students across each of these grades competing for the title of champion speller. I thank our resident Spelling Master Mrs Huggins for facilitating a fun and exciting event. We will have a school-based spelling bee competition across all grades later in the term.

This week selected students from Years 3-6 will participate in the Maths Games and Maths Olympiad competitions, while many students have also opted to take part in the University of NSW ICAS Assessments that tests the knowledge of students across many curriculum areas.

All students have already begun to showcase their talents at our annual public speaking competition. The children will firstly compete against their classmates for a chance to compete in the grade final in the coming weeks.

100 Days of Kinder

Our Kindergarten classes celebrated 100 days of learning this week. The children had a dress up day where they dressed in the costume of what they want to be when they grow up. The children paraded around the school in many and varied costumes including astronauts, doctors, vets, mothers with their babies as well as zookeepers, teachers, superheroes, firefighters, paramedics and tradies to name a few. The children had a fun day of activities focused on the number 100. I thank the many parents, grandparents and Year 6 buddies for assisting with the activities in the hall and providing the party foods for the celebration.

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN Results

This week parents of Year 3 and 5 students will have received the NAPLAN results for the English and Maths Assessments that were held in March this year. The assessments give a snapshot of each student's progress by assessing aspects of literacy including reading, writing, spelling and grammar and punctuation as well as aspects of numeracy. From this year, the format of the reporting of results have changed with new proficiency standards to provide clearer information and being descriptive about a student's achievements. The school will also use the results to inform our teaching focuses for individual students as well as for these two grades. The results will also be considered with longer term trends from previous years' data.

Up-coming Celebrations and Events

In Week 4 (Tuesday 8th August) we will celebrate the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop with a liturgy at 11:15am. The following week (Tuesday 15th August) we will join the parish to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary the mother of Jesus with a mass at 9am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Our Father's Day celebration will be on Thursday 31st August with the following day Friday 1st September being a Staff Development Day (student free day). As there will be no lessons on this day some parents may wish to take advantage of the supervision provided through our Before and After School Care providers Royston Kids. Parents wishing to use this service are asked to contact via email: roystonkids@hotmail.com or by phone: 0431 383 981.

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal.