THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST 2023 TERM 3 WEEK 6



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Parish Clergy

Fr Joy Thomas OSH
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Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith St Bernard's Saturday Vigil 6pm Saturday Vig Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm Sunday 9am

St Bernard's Berowra Heights
Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 9am

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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,

It has been a busy week with many events and activities happening across the school with more to come in the weeks ahead. I must acknowledge and congratulate all the children for their enthusiasm to participate with such positive behaviour.

Australian Schools Choir Workshop

We began the week with some of our girl students attending the Australian Girls Choir Workshop. It was great experience for the girls attending to have a tutor lead them through a series of individual and choral singing exercises. The girls had great fun singing together.

ICAS Assessments

We also have a number of students testing their knowledge and skills in the NSW University Assessments (ICASS Assessments). Last week we began with the Writing Assessment, with this week's assessments being science and spelling. We thank Mrs Huggins for facilitating these assessments.

Soccer Gala Day

On Tuesday students from our older grades represented the school at the Soccer Gala Day. It was good weather and good fun for all involved. It was very impressive to watch the children participate with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents who came along and supported the children throughout the day.

Book Week Celebrations

The Book Week celebrations on Wednesday were a great success. I thank our librarian Mrs Wickham for planning such a fun day and everyone who made an effort to dress up and celebrate the importance of reading and enjoying stories. Thanks to all the parents for making an effort to support this fun day.

The children and teachers also dressed their classroom doors with creative ways to reimagine the story "The Day the Crayons Quit". The staff also had great fun replicating this story at the Book Week Parade.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

North Shore Cluster Athletics Carnival

We wish the children representing our school at the North Shore Cluster Athletics Carnival on Friday the best of luck. I am sure they will give their best efforts and represent our school proudly. I look forward to seeing some impressive results.

Friday Assemblies

A reminder that our next scheduled Whole School Assembly for Year 4 has been rescheduled to a later date due to a clash with the North Shore Athletics Carnival. Our next assembly will be the School Band Assembly in Week 8 and the Kindergarten Assembly in Week 9.

Stage 1 School and Parish Family Mass

A reminder to families to join our Stage 1 students at the Children's Mass on Sunday at 10am. It is a great opportunity for families to join with the parish to celebrate the eucharist together.

Parish Children's Choir is very excited to be singing for Stage 1's special Mass this Sunday at 10am. In the last week, we welcomed back our four World Youth Day pilgrims, Sophia, Rebecca, Rachel and Michael, who have all grown in wisdom and faith through their experiences. These young people will be leading our parish Choir Games, an afternoon of singing, workshops, competition and fun for all young singers from 7yo and up - SAVE the DATE: Sunday 22nd October, 12.30 to 4.30pm. More details later! Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, and practises on Fridays from 4 to 5pm in the church. Contact: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Kinder Enrolments 2024

Current parents who have school aged children to start Kinder in 2024 are encouraged to contact the school office to enrol now.

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: Enrolment Enquiry Form Children already enrolled for Kinder 2024 will be attending a screener day session be held on Monday 28th August and Wednesday 30th August (9am to 10.30am) with children attending one of these sessions. Later in Term 4 the children will also attend three more sessions to support a smooth transition into primary school.

Father's Day Celebration

We look forward to seeing many fathers, father figures and male role models in our children's lives at our special Father's Day celebrations, to be held next Thursday (31st August) from 8.00am at school.

The morning will comprise of a BBQ breakfast and a cuppa along with Men in the Morning activities, a liturgy to acknowledge and celebrate fathers and open classrooms where all dads are invited to go into classrooms to see their children showcase some of their learning and spend some time together.

I ask adults coming to the Father's Day Celebrations to register your attendance to support our preparations especially with catering. Please click the link below to advice of how many adults from your family are attending the celebration. Link: <u>Father's Day Attendance Form</u>

Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day Stall will also be held on Thursday 31st August. Gifts will be \$6.00 available for purchase via QKR. Purchases must be made 5pm Monday 28th August. Please do not send in cash on the day as all gifts must be preordered.

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Staff Development Day

We have scheduled a Staff Development Day (student free day) on Friday 1st September. 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. Royston Kid's requires a minimum of 15 children for this service to be available on this day. I encourage parents requiring this service to contact Royston Kid's as soon as possible to reserve your place.

Let's Hear it for the Boys

The 'Let's Hear it for the Boys' school mum and son dinner, music and games night held later this term (7th September from 6pm-8pm) has also been advertised via Compass. This evening is aimed at boys in Year 4-6 and their mums to come together for a fun night. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased via the QKR App.

P&F Movie Night - The Mario Bros Movie

The P&F have organised a movie night for Friday 15 September commencing at 5.00pm. It's time to pop the corn!! Bring along a picnic rug and dinner and popcorn, drinks and ice-cream and more will be available for sale on the night. Tickets are a bargain at \$18.00 for a family of four and \$5.00 for a single ticket. The movie showing will be The Mario Bros movie. This is a great chance for our school community to come together for a fun filled night. Tickets are available on the QKR app today closing time: 13 September at 8.00pm.

Below is a letter from one of our students to a Matilda's player.

God bless, Todd Vane-Tempest Principal

