



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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,

We are continuing to build our numbers for our Kindergarten classes for 2024 with two small classes confirmed for next year. Although our Kinder transition program is already started with the Open Day Sessions in May followed by enrolment interviews and our recent Kinder Screener Sessions, we still have parents visiting the school for a tour or to submit an application. We now look forward to our three Transition Sessions scheduled for November.

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](#)

Diocesan Public Speaking Competition Grand Final

Last Monday our school hosted the Diocesan Public Speaking Competition Grand Final. Although our school didn't have any finalists, I was tremendously proud of our current school captains, Emma D, Fynn E, Noah D and Catherine M, for their outstanding efforts to host the evening.

The captains had the responsibility of introducing each speaker for the prepared speeches and later the impromptu speeches in front of a large audience of parents and principals from other schools as well as the Director of Schools and other members from Catholic Schools Broken Bay. They also had to operate the slide presentation, keep and record time for each speaker, operate the video recording as well as communicate with the adjudicators throughout the event. They did all of this confidently and competently.

I also acknowledge and congratulate Niall C, Mia N, Freya A, Grant D and Alice C for entertaining the audience at the first break by playing their instruments individually and as a group, The Four Fabulous Flutes (Niall, Mia, Freya and Grant) and Alice playing the piano were much appreciated by the audience.

I also thank the parents of these children and our parent volunteers for serving tea/coffee and supper for supporting the evening. The evening was a great success and a wonderful example of our positive and supportive school community.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Friday Assemblies

Last week's Band Assembly was a tremendous display of the wonderful musical talents we have in our school. I acknowledge and congratulate Mrs Helen Jacobson for the great work that she does with the band each week and the extra effort to prepare them for the last week's concert. The Band Assembly was a great opportunity for our musicians to perform and provided the chance for students to see the band in action and consider learning to play an instrument. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful and dedicated band teacher with Mrs Jacobson and I especially encourage students from our current Year 1 classes as well as other interested students to consider joining the band in 2024. For more information, please contact the school office.

A reminder that our next scheduled Whole School Assembly will be the Kindergarten Assembly held tomorrow from around 2:10pm. I am sure we will get a large crowd of parents and grandparents coming along to watch the children's first Whole School Assembly. In preparation for those attending I ask you to read the following item regarding the Parking Alert.

Parking Alert- Large Funeral on Friday at 3:00pm

Parents are asked to consider their movements regarding afternoon pickup on Friday this week. There is a large funeral scheduled for 3:00pm tomorrow at the St. John's Church across the road from the school. The church has informed us there could be as many as 500 people in attendance. This will surely impact the usual flow of afternoon pickup with limited parking available in the surrounding streets.

We also have our Whole School Kinder Assembly from 2:10pm. Parents may need to give themselves some extra time to find a park and arrive at school in time for the assembly.

Parents are reminded not to use the St. John's Church carpark as a place to park for drop-off or pick-up at any time.

Parents may use the carpark adjacent the school or parking spaces in the surrounding streets. Please be mindful not to block access to neighbouring properties.

Let's Hear it for the Boys

We had a fantastic evening on Thursday last week celebrating the 'Let's Hear it for the Boys' mum and son dinner, music and games night. We had nearly 40 students with their mums come along to enjoy a fun evening together. The boys and mums tested their knowledge about each other with a fun thumbs up/thumbs down quiz, the boys also enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the school grounds as well as playing the Minute to Win it challenges as well as some dancing to finish off the evening. I thank the team of teachers who supported the set up and running of the evening as well as Mrs Taylor for the pre-event organisation. I am sure everyone had a great time.

P&F Movie Night - The Mario Bros Movie

The P&F movie night is tomorrow. I encourage all families to support this P&F initiative next Friday 15 September commencing at 5.00pm with the movie beginning around 6:30pm. Bring along a picnic rug and dinner. Popcorn, drinks and ice-creams 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.

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

The Bishop is coming! It must be time for Confirmation!

This Sunday, 17 September, there are many children from our school being Confirmed in our parish. We thank the parents of these children for their commitment to supporting the faith journey of their children. The Bishop will be here to confer the Sacrament upon the 80 candidates.

To ensure our parish is looking at its absolute best for the candidates and the Bishop, we would like to ask anyone who is willing to help with a "Spring Clean" to gather at either of our churches at 10am on Saturday 16 September armed with brooms, buckets, mops, window cleaning rags etc for the church itself and blower vacs, edgers, lawn mowers etc for the grounds. The turn out last Easter was not as many as in previous years, so we would especially ask you to please come along and lend a hand.

As the old saying goes ... "many hands make light work" and "God loves a cheerful giver" (of their time).

Parish Choral Event- The Choir Games

The parish is holding a choral event for children in October. The Choir Games, scheduled for Sunday 22nd October, provides an opportunity for children from Year 2-6 to come together and sing, learn about singing as a choir and get to know each other and have lots of fun. There will be more information provided soon.

Parish Children's Choir is leading special prayers for the Care of Creation on Friday 15th Sept, and 22nd September, for half an hour from 5.45 to 6.15pm in the church - all welcome. We all realise that we need to take better care of our natural world, and these young people are spending time reflecting, praying and singing, to increase our awareness and desire to look after our fragile world. All welcome.

When our older singers reach high school, they are invited to join the Select Choir. They work on more difficult music, and lead special events such as reflection evenings. For the first four Fridays in September they will be leading special prayers for the Care of Creation, from 5.45pm to 6.15pm in the chapel of St Patrick's church, starting this week on Friday 1st September, which is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. You're welcome to come and join us, in this important prayer for our world and the environment. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and practises on Fridays during school terms from 4 to 5pm in the church. Young people from Year 3 and up welcome to join at any time! Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Dates to Remember: specific details to be confirmed at a later date

Term 3

Friday 15th September- P&F Movie Night from 5:00pm
Friday 22nd September - Last day Term 3

Term 4

Monday 9th October - First day Term 4
Thursday 7th December -Year 6 Graduation
Friday 8th December -Christmas Concert performance
Wednesday 13th December -End of year whole school Mass
Thursday 14th December -Last day of school for students (Year 6 may differ TBC)
Friday 15th December - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES

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

Religious Education

Confirmation

This weekend a number of students from St Patrick's will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children in your prayers as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Craig A
Hugo B
Sophie C
Oliver H
Vincent H
Mina M
Charlotte R
Himaya V

Darius A
Matthew B
Anamaria D
Madeleine H
Oliver K
Natalia P
Nicola S
Annalise W

Liz B
Oliver C
Oliviamarie G
Melissa H
Phillip K
Jessica P
Olivia T

Congratulations for making this special Sacrament as you demonstrate your commitment to your faith and may you always know God's love in your life.

Religious Art Prize

Thank you to Sophie S and Lily W in Year 5 who created artworks for the Religious Art Prize. Here is Sophie's artwork which has been entered in the Diocesan competition.



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

Up Coming Events

Week 9: Confirmation Sunday 17th September

Term 4

October: World Mission Month and Fundraising for Catholic Mission
Week 5: Year 5 and Future Kindy Family Parish Mass 12th November
Week 9: Thursday 7th December Year 6 Graduation
Week 10: Wednesday 13th December End of Year Mass

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



"Respect yourself
and others will
respect you"

- Confucious

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 3 Weeks 9 and 10

We are respectful learners who take
pride in their appearance.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

We love our school and we should feel proud to wear our school uniform. When we wear our uniform correctly we are being respectful learners.

We are in a transitional season at the moment with warmer days but still cool mornings. It is a timely reminder to encourage students to wear their uniform correctly and to correctly label their uniform in case on some warmer days they are taking layers off. Also, students can be in either summer or winter uniform at the moment, but it must be the FULL uniform of either one.

We ask this fortnight that students take responsibility for their own uniform - put jumpers, jackets and hats away in bags when not needed.

Wearing our uniform with pride



Label all your uniform items.

Set up good hygiene and
grooming practices

Encourage to put jackets and
jumpers in their school bags
when they are hot.

How can you help develop this at home?

Have students take
responsibility for their clothing
at home - tidying, washing etc

Encouraging your child to bring
their hat and wear their hat at
school each day.

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

ST PAT'S SPORTS REPORT



North Shore and Diocesan Athletics 2023

It has been a busy term in sport! Following on from our Athletics Carnival last term, we had 60 athletes represent our school at the North Shore Zone Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen. All students participated with enthusiasm and sportspersonship on the day and had an exciting time.

We then had 6 athletes who qualified for our Broken Bay Athletics Carnival the following week by getting the following results:

- Liam 3rd place in the 800m
- Jacob 2nd place in the 200m and 3rd place in the 100m finals
- Ruwinka 1st place in the 100m final
- Noah 1st place in discus
- Ben 3rd place in discus
- Angela qualified for 200m

Our Senior boys placed 3rd in the senior boys relay as well!

Congratulations to Ruwinka who then placed 2nd in the 100m final at Diocesan level and now goes off to the Polding level next term! We wish her luck!



Upcoming Sport Dates

TERM 3

NFL Flag Football Competition (Year 6) - Tues 19th Sept (Week 10)

TERM 4

Polding Athletics Carnival - Fri 13th Oct (Week 1)

NSW Catholic Primary Schools Netball Carnival



In Week 6, some of our senior students represented St. Patrick's at the NSW CPS Netball Carnival our at Penrith! Our Year 5 and 6 Senior Mixed Team won their pool and we could not be prouder!

Thank you to our staff and parents who assisted on the day, including Carley, Julia and Paul. Thank you also to all the parents who woke their children up bright and early for our trip to Penrith Netball Association. The day was a great success!



North Shore Soccer Gala Day

In Week 6, we had 4 teams with students from Years 4-6 attend the North Shore Soccer Gala Day. They competed well and had a fun day. We hope that they gained some great skills in soccer.

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who offered to manage teams on the day. These days do not run without your help!

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

We love
the joy books
bring to kids.

We think you
will too.



Become a Book Club Organiser and help keep the reading momentum rolling at our school.

A **Book Club Organiser** plays an important role in our school and is involved in handing out catalogues (up to eight Issues per year), collating and returning the orders to Scholastic and distributing the ordered books to classrooms – the task is that easy!

Running **Book Club** enables our school to earn **Scholastic Rewards**, which can be used to purchase additional learning and literacy resources for classrooms. You would also be helping provide children and families with access to age-appropriate and affordable books all year round.

If you'd like to become a
Book Club Organiser please
contact:

Alison Hackett: ali_dixon6@hotmail.com

CALLING ALL BOYS TO NETBALL @KNA



What sport will your son be playing in Term 4?

Get the boys together to come try netball. It's fast.

It's Aerial. And it's for boys!

- **Under 12/13/14 Boys**
 - Term 4, Tuesday Nights
 - A short 9-week season
 - KNA Courts, Canoon Road

Competition Details:

- Oct 10 Dec 5
- Time - approx. 6pm
- Click on the QR code to register your interest by Aug 10.

Boys Netball has exploded in popularity. Close to 100 boys trialed for the 2023 PSSA State Netball Team!

Form your own team **OR** express interest as an individual & we can find you a team.

KNA's FIRST EVER DEDICATED BOYS' COMP

Scan the QR code to register your interest

Men's Netball at KNA?



KNA Men's Team have won "Best Men's Team" in the State for the past 2-yrs. It's fast, it's aerial and it's athletic. Try it today.



Looking to enter a school team into the 2024 Netball NSW School Cup? Then join us to learn new skills & start practising as a team.

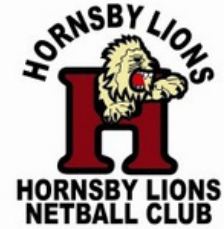
Register your Interest Now!

If you have any questions, register your interest email Kelly at boys@kna.com.au



Want to play netball?

Come and try an introductory, fun 6-week course.



Woolworths NetSetGO is an introductory netball program for 7 to 10-year old girls and boys.

Hornsby Lions will hold our next Woolworths NetSetGO course in Term 4. The course provides an introduction to netball and teaches netball basics.

Details:

When: Tuesday evenings, 17 October to 21 November

Time: 4:30pm to 5:30pm

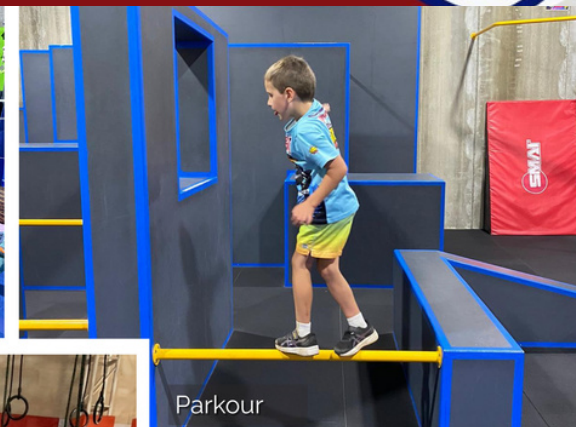
Where: Montview Netball Courts, Hornsby Heights

Cost: \$85 includes a Woolworths NetSetGO training shirt, netball and Netball Australia registration for 2024

Register interest at: netsetgo.hornsbylions@gmail.com



Kinder Programs



Parkour



Ninja Warrior



Gymnastics

Moving Bodies PROMOTION 5 FREE VOUCHERS

Enrol your child into a 10 week program and receive 5 FREE Ninja Warrior vouchers or 5 FREE Softplay vouchers. * Payment must be made in full before the start of term 4, 2023.

www.movingbodies.com.au

* T&C's apply - Not valid for swimming programs and adult fitness.



Mini Ninjas



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CHILDREN FOR
OVER 40 YEARS**

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Waitara early learning & care centre

A warm, friendly, nurturing environment where we focus on communication and collaboration in partnership with families to ensure all children feel safe, secure and supported.

WE CATER FOR CHILDREN AGED 6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS

OUR OPERATING HOURS ARE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7.30AM - 6.00PM

WE ARE OPEN 50 WEEKS OF THE YEAR

WE PROVIDE AN AGE APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

WE HAVE A FLEXIBLE ATTENDANCE PATTERN

WE WELCOME ALL CHILDREN & FAMILIES





Our Centre is staffed by experienced, long-term educators who regularly attend training to ensure they are up-to-date with current contemporary practices.

Our qualified cook prepares morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a late afternoon fruit snack. Our food is nutritious, encompassing a range of fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables. We celebrate our cultural diversity and offer a range of food choices from a variety of cultural origins.

“

I know he is safe and loved. The educators make me feel like he is the most important child in the centre, even though he is one of many!

”

OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

We are committed to providing a high quality curriculum that maximises learning potential through the implementation of a play based, interest focused curriculum, utilising the Early Years Learning Framework. Our curriculum provides children with the skills and knowledge necessary to make a smooth transition to school.

We provide children with the skills to think critically, solve problems, be aware of the world around them, strategies for conflict resolution and being respectful of each other and the wider community. Children are immersed in an environment rich in early numeracy and literacy through a play based approach. Our service provides a comprehensive preschool to school transition program.

MORE INFORMATION

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Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place on

DATE: Wednesday 18th October at 5:30pm

LOCATION: St. Patrick's Primary School, Asquith

**Register Your
Interest Here**

The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information about online safety and security.

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KEEPING KIDS IN MIND FOR SEPARATING PARENTS – ONLINE PROGRAM – FROM 18 OCTOBER



KEEPING KIDS IN MIND
A 5 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS EXPERIENCING
CONFLICT AFTER SEPARATION

ONLINE
WEDNESDAYS
18 OCTOBER - 15 NOVEMBER 2023
12.00PM - 2.30PM

This is a course for separated parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict. Run online across 5 consecutive Wednesdays from 18 October to 15 November 12.00 – 2.30pm it is designed to assist parents to see separation through their children's eyes and provides tips on how best to support your children through separation. Limited places are now available. [Register here.](#)

ART THERAPY GROUP FOR WOMEN – IN PERSON TUGGERAH OR WAITARA – FROM 9 OCTOBER

We are excited to announce our new art therapy group for women where participants utilise art making to express thoughts and feelings that may be difficult to put into words. Facilitated by a registered Art Therapist, no artistic skills are required just an interest in the creative process. This group will provide a supportive and non-judgemental space to explore your creative side whilst also giving expression to feelings, thoughts and future hopes. A variety of art materials will be supplied, and themes may be explored through the creative process supporting a safe connection to self and others in the group. Some additional benefits of art therapy include improved communication skills, reduction in stress levels, an increase in self-esteem, personal insight, connecting with your strengths and exploring your imagination and creativity. The cost for the 6 week package is \$300 or \$150 concession. If you have NDIS funding, this will cover these sessions.

Please call 1800 324 924 or email therapyservices@catholiccaredbb.org.au to register your interest.

ART THERAPY

6 WEEKS

Art therapy group
for women

WAITARA

Mondays
9 Oct - 13 Nov 2023
1.00 - 3.00pm

TUGGERAH

Tuesdays
10 Oct - 14 Nov 2023
1.00 - 3.00pm



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

5 FUN ACTIVITIES

1. RESCHEDULED NAIDOC WEEK EVENT

Do you enjoy drawing? Have you ever wondered what goes into illustrating a book? Join award winning children's illustrator Dub Leffler to learn drawing techniques, the illustration process and an insight into the life of an illustrator.

Where: Hornsby Library

When: Monday 25 September

10.30am–11.30am (Ages 7–10)

12pm–1pm (Ages 7–10)

1.30pm–2.30pm (Ages 11–15)

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings essential.



2. NITRO-TASTIC SHOW

Join us for an interactive and fun show all about liquid nitrogen where you'll learn what happens when fire meets liquid nitrogen, make amazing fog geysers and even have some crazy liquid nitrogen ice cream.

When: Tuesday 26 September

Where: Hornsby Library, 10.30am–11.30am

Where: Berowra Library, 10.30am–11.30am

When: Wednesday 27 September

Where: Pennant Hills Library

10.30am–11.30am

Age: 5–12 years

Cost: \$10 per child

Bookings: Bookings essential.



3. MINI-BEASTS

Have you ever wanted to see minibeasts up close and hold them in the palm of your hand? Come along to a fun, hands-on minibeast incursion featuring large, live, and colourful Australian invertebrates.

When: Wednesday 4 October

Where: Hornsby Library

10.30am–11.30am

Pennant Hills Library

1.30pm–2.30pm

Age: Strictly 5–12 years

Cost: \$10 per child

Bookings: Bookings essential.



4. HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for a fun, interactive session filled with stories and songs.

When: Thursday 28 September

Where: Hornsby Library, 10am

When: Tuesday 3 October

Where: Pennant Hills Library, 10am

Age: 0–7 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings not required.



5. DROP IN AND DISCOVER

Explore your creativity in this interactive session.

Bring your colouring page to life with Quiver, use your construction skills with magnets, check out our kits, and more!

When: Friday 29 September

Where: Pennant Hills Library, 10am–12pm

When: Friday 6 October

Where: Berowra Library, 10am–12pm

Age: 5–12 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings not required.



Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

For booking details and further information on this event and more events in your library visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

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A NEW OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM OF CRICKET AUSTRALIA LAUNCHES THIS YEAR!



CRICKET BLAST

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS

- Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- Make new friends or organise a group to learn together
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in a personalised t-shirt
- All equipment supplied, parents join in the fun



SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR JUNIOR BLASTERS PACK!

Includes t-shirt with your name on it and bucket hat in your choice of Big Bash team colour, bat & ball, personalised bat sticker sheet & progression tracker.



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