

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

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Administers of the Parish

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,

Welcome back to a new term. We look forward to great opportunities for a term of continued learning for the children as we complete the year. We also anticipate opportunities for our school community to come together to congratulate and celebrate achievements, enjoy end of year celebrations including the end of school mass, acknowledging, thanking and farewell our leaving students as well as celebrating our school Christmas concert. Other events include excursions for several classes, Kinder 2024 transition sessions, school disco, Year 5 Leadership Day with Motiv8 Sports and Year 6 Celebration Day at Moving Bodies.

October is Mental Health Month

A reminder that October is Mental Health Month and the following link has been provided by our school counsellor, Laura Edmonds, to acknowledge this. The website has some great resources for Mental Health Month (October), but also just great resources in general: [Mental Health Month | WayAhead](#).

Enrolments 2024

We are gearing up for our Kinder 2024 Transition sessions scheduled for 3 consecutive weeks in November. Current parents who have yet to enrol their 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](#)

Staff News

A reminder to parents that Mrs Taylor will be taking some leave this term and in the interim we welcome Michelle Stewart to our school office. Michelle has worked in our school office previously and has a great amount of experience working in schools in our diocese. Michelle will work each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and some Fridays. I am sure parents will warmly welcome Michelle to our community.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

School Building Works

The promised building works have been put back a few weeks with contract negotiations being finalised soon. Once the building works begin there will be some disruption to the normal routines with some classes needing to relocate during the term. I will continue to update the community as decisions are made throughout the building works. It will be exciting to have new learning spaces for the children and teachers to work in and I am sure that the resulting new facilities will be well worth the effort. Parents can read about and view digital images and video of some of the proposed work through the following [Link: Building Works- Fly Through.](#)

E-Library

Last term, parents were sent information regarding a new E-Library reading resource that is now available to the children. This digital platform will provide all students access to over 3000 e-books. This resource will also assist the children accessing books during the new building works when we have a reduced number of library books available to borrow. I again thank Mrs Wickham for organising this great new resource.

Canteen

As you are aware this week the school canteen was closed on Wednesday as we were unable to attract parent/grandparent volunteers to assist. The canteen is a valued service that relies on the goodwill of parent support through volunteering. In recent times volunteer numbers have been reduced to a handful of parents and grandparents doing multiple shifts. I ask parents who are in the position to volunteer to consider supporting the school by offering an hour or two once a term to help in the canteen.

The matrix below outlines the current shifts filled and available to fill. We require a minimum of 2 volunteers per shift but prefer at least 3 volunteers to make for an efficient process. Currently we have only 4 days where the canteen will open. Some days have 1 volunteer and other days have no available volunteers. If available, please click the link and indicate when you are available during Term 4: [School Canteen Volunteer](#)

| Week | Wednesday | Friday |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | No Canteen | 2 of 3 slots filled |
| 2 | 2 of 3 slots filled | |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | | |
| 6 | | |
| 7 | | 3 slots filled |
| 8 | | |
| 9 | | 2 of 3 slots filled |
| 10 | | |

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Parish Choral Event- The Choir Games

Parish Children's Choir We're all very excited about the Choir Games coming up, on Sunday 22nd October! This is such a great event, with lots of singing and games and snacks and then a competition to see which choir is the most skilled and best directed. You don't have to be part of the Children's Choir to join in the Choir Games - anyone from year 2 to Year 12 can come and be part of the fun. Registration opens at 12.30pm, followed by workshops and play time until 3pm, when the Choir Games begin! Families are invited to come to and see the competition and cheer for their favourite choir. Afternoon tea for everyone will follow.

Contact the parish office parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au for early registration, or register on the day (\$5 per singer). Don't miss out!

For more information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God Bless

Todd vane Tempest

Principal

| ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| SAT | 6PM |
| SUN | 8AM |
| SUN | 10AM |
| SUN | 6PM |

Dates to Remember

Term 4

- Sunday 22nd October - Choir Games (Parish Event)
- Friday 27th October - Year 4 Assembly
- Sunday 29th October - Family Photo Day
- Monday 30th October - Stage 1 Excursion - Sydney Zoo
- Friday 3rd November - Year 5 Leadership day with Motiv8 Sports
- Thursday 9th November - School Disco
- Thursday 9th November - Kinder 2024 Transition Session 1
- Thursday 16th November - Kinder 2024 Transition Session 2
- Thursday 23rd November - Kinder 2024 Transition Session 3
- Thursday 7th December -Year 6 Graduation
- Friday 8th December -Christmas Concert performance
- Monday 11th December - Year 6 Celebration Day - Moving Bodies
- Wednesday 13th December -End of year whole school Mass & Guard of Honour (Yr 6 last day)
- Thursday 14th December -Last day of school for students (K-5)
- Friday 15th December - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Religious Education



St Patrick's will be again supporting the work of Catholic Mission's through their Socktober Initiative.

This year, the focus of Socktober's fundraising efforts is on Timor-Leste. Specifically, the proceeds will benefit vulnerable young people attending a medical clinic and a children's home in Venilale. Our contributions can help children who truly need it to access better health, nutritional and educational outcomes, showcasing the spirit of solidarity that defines our school community.

We are asking for students to wear crazy socks to school on Thursday 26th October and to bring a gold coin donation to donate to Catholic Mission.



October - Month of the Rosary

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Feast Day of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on October 7th. The best way to celebrate is of course by praying the Rosary.



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

Up Coming Events

Term 4

Week 3: Thursday 26th October Soctober Fundraiser

Week 5: Year 5 and Future Kindy Family Parish Mass 12th November

Week 9: Thursday 7th December Year 6 Graduation

Week 10: Tuesday 12th December The Dish

Wednesday 13th December End of Year Mass

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



"Never stop
learning because
life never stops
teaching"
-Unknown

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 4 Weeks 1-2

We are respectful learners who
learn and let others learn.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

Welcome back to Term 4! As we know, sometimes children need to remind themselves of classroom expectations and routines for learning. The focus this fortnight is so students recognise their importance in contributing to the classroom learning environment, not only for themselves but in order to also help others learn.

We encourage children to utilise good learning behaviours in the classroom and routines at home to continue learning, whether it be through homework or everyday learning e.g. cooking, making, and creating. Working together with siblings or friends outside of school can help develop those problem-solving and relational skills with others.

Learn your best!



Establish some good homework
routines for independent
learning.

Read at home with a parent each night or
when possible.

Get older siblings to teach
younger siblings new concepts.

How can you help develop this at home?

Tell your child something new
about your life they might not
know or teach them about a new
concept they are interested in.

Develop time management skills to
complete tasks around the house in
accordance with other commitments.

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



**THINK
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KNOW**
.org.au

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.

OUR PARTNERS



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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





**WE'VE BEEN
NURTURING
CHILDREN FOR
OVER 40 YEARS**

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

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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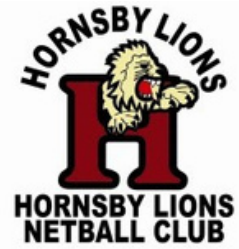
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Want to play netball?

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

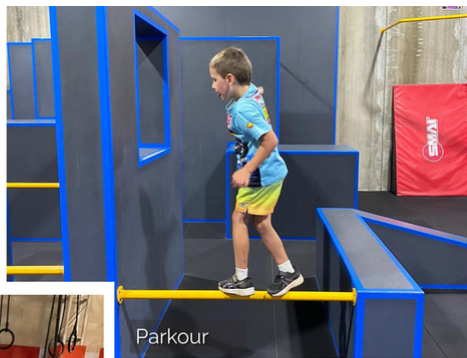
Where: Montview Netball Courts, Hornsby Heights

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



Mini Ninjas



JOIN THE FUN

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.

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.



Asquith Rugby League Cricket Club
11-37 Alexandria Parade, Waitara NSW 2077
www.asquithcricket.org

REGISTER NOW:



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