

# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

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## Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

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,

Our school is more than just a place where students learn and grow. It is also a place where we celebrate our diversity, support each other, and make a positive difference in the world. We are proud of the many ways that our students, staff and parents have been demonstrating great spirit that keep our school community strong in its commitment to each other.

- The children through our Mercy Action Group are engaging in and leading community service projects this term. This includes supporting local and overseas charities by raising funds for social causes run by Catholic Mission and the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Our SRC are leading our fortnightly Pastoral Care focus and participating in environmental initiatives including minimising rubbish by recycling items and composting for our gardens.
- Parents have been contributing to our school culture and climate by supporting our P&F and the various groups like volunteering for the canteen and uniform shop and organizing events like our school disco and other initiatives listed below in the P&F News.
- The staff have been collaborating with each other, schools in our system and professional learning opportunities provided by our diocese to enhance our curriculum and their teaching practice to benefit our students.

### Year 4 Assembly

A reminder to parents that on Friday next week our Year 4 class will lead our assembly item. We look forward to seeing and hearing about some of their recent learning successes as well as acknowledging students across the school for their efforts to achieve in their academic and behavioural endeavours.

### October is Mental Health Month- Resources

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](#).

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## Enrolments 2024

In the last 2 weeks I have had great interest with new families for both Kinder 2024 and in other grades meeting with me, touring the school and applying for enrolment. These new families often remark that they get a feeling about the school that is welcoming, friendly and inviting.

Just this week, one of our Uniform Shop volunteers, Michelle, supported a new enrolment through her cultural background while finding uniform items and gave a great welcome communicating in their common language. The student and family having arrived in Australia only last week in that moment felt that friendly, welcoming invitation to be part of our school community. Afterwards I was impressed by some of our Stage 3 students who asked if the new student could be in their class.

We continue to gear up for our Kinder 2024 Transition sessions scheduled for 3 consecutive weeks in November. I remind current parents who have yet to enrol their school aged children to start Kinder in 2024 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](#)

## Canteen

Another very practical example is the great response to volunteering in the school canteen. As you are aware, last week the school canteen was closed on Wednesday as we were unable to attract parent/grandparent volunteers to assist. The call went out and we had a good response filling many slots for the remainder of the term.

The matrix below shows that most shifts have been filled but more volunteers are required. We need a minimum of 2 volunteers per shift but prefer at least 3 volunteers to make for an efficient process. Currently we have only 2 days where the canteen will not open. If available, please click the link and indicate when you are available during Term 4: [School Canteen Volunteer](#)

Week	Wednesday	Friday
2	2 of 3 slots filled	2 of 3 slots filled
3	2 of 3 slots filled	2 of 3 slots filled
4	2 of 3 slots filled	Volunteers required
5	2 of 3 slots filled	2 of 3 slots filled
6	3 of 3 slots filled	2 of 3 slots filled
7	3 of 3 slots filled	3 of 3 slots filled
8	3 of 3 slots filled	2 of 3 slots filled
9	2 of 3 slots filled	3 of 3 slots filled
10	Volunteers required	Student Free Day

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## P&F News

### Gingerbread House Kits

Order your Gingerbread Folk gingerbread house kits now on QKR for \$45! These are THE BEST gingerbread house kits, with the most delicious gingerbread. All materials and instructions are included in the kit. Start a new tradition with your family if you haven't made one before this festive season. Order by 9 November.

### Family Portraits - 29 October

Photography sessions with Lasso Studios are available on Sunday 29 October in the school hall, there are still some slots left, but hurry! \$20 for a 10x13 inch family or kids portrait with wallet photo, with the option to purchase more prints. To make a booking follow this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/clgax>

### School Disco - 9 November

St Pat's annual school disco will be held on Thursday 9 November. Further details coming soon...!

### Christmas Wreath Making Workshop - 10 December

Paddy's Care Group have organised a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop with an experienced florist. Tamara from Melia Rose Designs, will lead this 2 hour workshop. You will leave with your own beautiful fresh Australian natives wreath to hang in your home (flowers will dry beautifully over a 6 week period). Recommended age for the workshop is 16 years+, but there will be a craft table for children 5 years+ where they can make their own Christmas decorations. Make a booking on QKR now! \$90 per person for the workshop, and \$15 per child for decoration making. Afternoon tea provided. Sunday 10 December | 2 - 4pm.

Registrations close on 17 November.

### Subway lunch order day - 2 November

We will be holding another Subway lunch order day on Thursday 2 November. Details will be up on QKR in the next week. Orders close Thursday 27 October.

### Kuringai-Chase Parish

Parents are encouraged to click on the link to connect with all the current information regarding the parish through parish website including the weekly Parish Bulletin. [Link- Parish Bulletin](#)

Parish Children's Choir invites you to the Children's Choir Games - the choir event of the year, in St Patrick's church this Sunday, 22nd October. For young people from Year 2 to Year 12, there is an afternoon of fun and games, workshops and rehearsals, beginning at 12.30pm with registration and sign-in. At 3pm, the afternoon culminates in the Choir Games, a competition of performances between battling choirs, to see who is voted Best Choir by our official Adjudicators and by People's Choice!

There are still spaces available for singers, so don't miss out!

Registration \$5 per singer - contact parish office [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) to register early, or register when you arrive on the day. Parents, carers, families and friends are all invited to the competition at 3pm, to cheer and support their own favourite choir, and then join all our wonderful young singers for afternoon tea afterwards. All welcome

God bless,

Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal

#### Dates to Remember

##### Term 4

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)

##### Term 1 - 2024

Tuesday 30th January - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)  
Wednesday 31st January - Year 1-6 Students return to school  
Friday 2nd February - Kindergarten Start School

#### ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES

SAT	6PM
SUN	8AM
SUN	10AM
SUN	6PM