



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Royston Parade Asquith 2077

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

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Administers of the Parish

*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.*

## Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 9am



## From the Principal

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that our annual school Christmas concert on Friday, December 8th is to be held at Asquith Girls High School auditorium. All children will be a part of this wonderful whole school event with singing, movement and colour. This year, we have prepared a special program that includes the Christmas story in song and action performed by each class or grade with extra performances from our school choir and school band. The Christmas story in song and action is a musical adaptation of the nativity scene, with narration featuring our talented Stage 3 students.

The Christmas carols are a selection of traditional and modern songs that celebrate the festive season. Our school choir, led by Mrs. Pugsley, will sing some of the classics, such as "Silent Night", "Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer, and "Santa Clause is Coming to Town". Our school band, directed by Mrs Helen Jacobson will play some classic tunes as well with some band members busking outside the auditorium before the concert begins. They will showcase their skills and entertain you with some solo and group Christmas pieces.

The sausage sizzle is a fun and delicious way to begin the night. We will have a sausage sizzle and drinks available on the night with all proceeds going towards funding our P&F Welcome BBQ at the beginning of next year.

We look forward to seeing all the families and extended families joining together for this wonderful event and share the joy of Christmas with each other.

### Get Ready to Boogie at the School Disco!

We are excited for our St Pat's annual school disco scheduled for tonight. This is a fun and festive event for all students as it will be a night of fun, dancing, and laughter. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to celebrate with your friends and have a great time! I thank Wendy and the team for all their preparation for this great community event.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

The times for the disco sessions are:

- Kindy to Year 3 is 5pm to 6.30pm
- Years 4, 5 and 6 is 7pm to 8.30pm

Tickets for the disco are available through the school QKR App and cost \$5. Parents are reminded that the school disco is only for children who currently attend St. Patrick's School. We cannot have students bring friends from other schools or have younger (not school age) siblings attend.

## Kinder Transition Sessions

The first of three Kinder 2024 Transition Sessions held today was a tremendous success. We had nearly 40 children come to school along with their parents to get ready for 'Big School' next year. I am extremely proud of our Year 5 students as they supported the new kinder students during the transition session. We look forward to two more sessions over the coming weeks as we support the children and their families during this exciting time.

## Early Arrival

In recent weeks we have had a number of children arriving at school well before the start of supervision. Please remember that supervision for the school day begins at 8:15am each morning. Our before and after school service, Royston Kids, provides excellent care and supervision if required. To access the service please contact the director Margaret Hedge E: roystonkids@hotmail.com or P: 0431 383 981.

## Parish Choir

Parish Children's Choir is excited to be supporting Year 5 as they celebrate the Family Parish Mass at 10am this Sunday and welcome all the Kinder families to join them. The Children's Choir has a special role of welcome in Family Masses because of their leadership role in the parish, leading the music and showing that our church belongs to all of us, and all of us have a right and responsibility to participate fully in the liturgy, no matter what our age. We also get to choose songs that will make the liturgy fun and meaningful! Come and join us! Children's Choir practises every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in the church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God bless,

**Todd Vane-Tempest**  
Principal

### Dates to Remember

#### Term 4

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

# 2023 CHRISTMAS CONCERT



## FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

St Patrick's is proud to announce that our Christmas concert this year will be a production of the Christmas musical *Born in a Lowly Stable*.

Students have been busy with Miss Pugsley learning their parts and are excited to share their talents with you.

A concert just isn't a concert without costumes. Below is what each class will be required to wear for the concert night. Hopefully you already have these items at home or can be purchased cheaply from Kmart.

Class	Costume
Kindergarten	Christmas T-shirt with school sports shorts/skort
1 Green	Shepherds (brown clothes with a tea towel for their head) or Angels (all white) will also require a santa hat or christmas headband
1/2 Gold	Shepherds (brown clothes with a tea towel for their head) will also require a santa hat or christmas headband
2 Green	Plain Yellow t-shirts with black shorts, pants or leggings will also require a santa hat or christmas headband
3 Green and Gold	Plain White or Purple T-shirts with black shorts, pants or leggings
Year 4	Plain White T-Shirt with black shorts, pants or leggings
Year 5 Green	All Black, a baseball cap (no pictures or logos)
Year 5/6 Gold	Plain White T-Shirt, Black Pants
Year 6 Green	School sport shorts/skort - T-Shirt to be provided

# Religious Education

## Remembrance Day

Tomorrow morning at Assembly we will have a short prayer for Remembrance day. All parents and carers are welcome to join us in this prayer. Students will wear the poppies created for us by Mrs Knowles and we now have a beautiful Remembrance day wreath made of crochet poppies that we can use. Thank you Mrs Knowles for this generous gift. Thank you also to the Band who will play the National Anthem and to Thomas for playing the Last Post.



## Painting Workshop: Help Needed.

We have received another kit of resources used in the K-2 Religious Education lessons that require painting. Mrs Lloyd-Jones is going to host a painting workshop on Thursday 30th November from 1pm. All paint and materials will be supplied. If you are available to help paint please contact Mrs Lloyd-Jones. [kylie.lloydjones@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kylie.lloydjones@dbb.catholic.edu.au)



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

## Up Coming Events

Week 5: Prayer for Remembrance Day at assembly

Week 5: Year 5 & Kindy 2024 Family Mass Sunday 12th November

Week 6-Week 8 Collection for St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers

Week 10: Wednesday 13th December End of Year Mass





# St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

*Christmas is a time of hope, joy, and of giving from the heart.*

Christmas hampers are a beautiful gift. They are given to individuals and families who have called upon the help of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Vinnies is committed to making Christmas a time to renew hope. This year if you are interested in helping out there are a few different ways in which you and your family could do this. This year we will be supporting the Asquith Conference of St Vincent de Paul by providing hampers of Christmas goodies. Each class will be making a hamper containing the following items if you are able to donate please send items into school by Wednesday 29th November.

Lollies (no chocolate)  
Long Life Custard  
Jelly Crystals  
Christmas cake or pudding  
Jar of Jam or vegemite  
Sweet Biscuits  
Packet of Pasta  
Jar of Pasta Sauce  
Savoury Biscuits  
Couscous or rice  
Tin of Ham  
Tinned vegetables  
Tin of Tuna  
Tea Bags  
Jar of Coffee  
Long Life Milk  
Tinned fruit  
Cereal  
Gravy Mix  
Soup  
Christmas Decorations



**Vinnies Christmas Appeal**



St Vincent de Paul Society  
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Living out our  
challenge for  
discipleship



Life is a matter  
of choices and  
every choice you  
make makes you.  
- John C Maxwell

# PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 4 Weeks 5 and 6

We are responsible learners who  
make good choices.

## Why is it important to develop this skill?

We are already in the middle of the term! How fast this term is going! Coming up to the halfway point in the term, sometimes we need some reminders to make good choices in order to be a cooperative member of our school community. Talk about choices in terms of: what is a good choice for their learning? A good choice to help others' learning? A good choice for being safe and caring? Or even a good choice to make someone else's day just a little brighter?

Things we can encourage our students to do:

- Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task
- Choosing to be safe and caring in your actions
- Make a good choice that benefits everyone around them and not just themselves
- Be the best that they can be

## Make good choices



Making sure they are including  
all their friends in online games.

Thinking out strategies to making a calm  
decision - traffic lights, breathing, counting  
to three.

Problem solving at home.

## How can you help develop this at home?

Playing safely and looking after  
their toys in a responsible way.

Making responsible choices for  
completing homework on time  
and helping out at home.





# FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

**Join Woolworths Cricket Blast**

A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

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Jade Boyce | jade.boyce@cricketnsw.com.au



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# THE JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB



## TERM 4, 2023

### Presented by the Children's Discovery Museum

A four week program for young scientists aged 6 to 8 years presented by the Children's Discovery Museum. Participants will be able to learn and explore themes from different branches of science through numerous practical experiments.

#### Session 1: Air All Around Us Session 3: Magic Magnets

Get blown away in the investigation of the invisible We discover what things are magnetic and how and discover everything about the air all around two magnets interact with each other. Create a us – what it is made of, how it behaves, and temporary magnet and build your own magnetic how it keeps us alive. Plus, investigate air as a fishing game to take home. destructive force and make a tornado in a bottle to **When: Monday 27 November, 4.30pm-5.30pm** take home.

#### When: Monday 13 November, 4.30pm-5.30pm Session 4: Slime

Use your hands to explore all things that ooze,

**Session 2: Balancing the Improbable** squish and generally flow in unusual ways. Explore Explore the science of balance through a series of the behaviour and properties of different slimes 'centre of mass' experiments and make your own and make your own guar gum slime to investigate gravity-defying Wacky Wobbler to take home! back at home.

**When: Monday 20 November, 4.30pm-5.30pm When: Monday 4 December, 4.30pm-5.30pm**

**Where: Hornsby Library, 28-44 George Street, Hornsby**

**Ages:** Strictly 6-8 years

**Cost:** \$60 for the 4 week program

**Bookings:** Bookings essential. Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)

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