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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,

This week every class has been practicing for the big finale for our School Christmas Concert to be held at the Asquith Girls High School Auditorium on Friday 8th December. During the finale we will have every child on stage to sing the last song which promises to be a wonderful way to finish the evening. The children are sounding great and are looking forward to a fun evening in 2 weeks' time.

I thank and acknowledge the work that each class teacher and the students are putting in to prepare for the Christmas Concert. I especially thank our talented music teacher Mrs Teaghan Pugsley along with our Religious Education Co-ordinator Mrs Kylie L-J for much of the behind-the-scenes preparations.

A reminder that we are not able to hold a sausage sizzle but instead, parents are encouraged to bring along a picnic dinner that can be enjoyed prior to the concert on the grassed area outside the auditorium. We are also looking to provide some snacks and drinks for sale before the Christmas Concert.

Christmas Concert Schedule

- Gates opening around 5pm.
- Families to enjoy a picnic dinner and members of the band busking.
- Concert will begin at 6pm with class groups and choir singing Christmas Carols.
- Presentation to St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal (more information about how to support this important initiative in this newsletter)
- Acknowledgement and Good Wishes to Leaving Families
- Christmas Concert- each class presents part of the Christmas Story in song and movement. There will be a finale involving every student.

I also acknowledge and thank Asquith Girls High School for providing a weatherproof space to hold our end of year concert. Following the concert, we would be grateful for any parent volunteers to assist with packing away the seating.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Year 5 Leadership Opportunities

Our entire Year 5 group demonstrated outstanding leadership this week as they supported the final Kinder 2024 Transition Session. It was exciting for our Year 5 students to meet their nominated buddy for next year and spend the morning together. This is a great way for our new students to be settled into the school and reduce any anxieties. I am so encouraged by our Year 5 groups efforts and proud of the way they have stepped-up to lead this initiative.

This week nominated Year 5 students also put themselves forward to be selected as a Colour House captain for 2024. It is very encouraging to have over 30 students nominating for a leadership position for 2024. Although there are only 10 badged leadership positions available, that I will be able call on any student to assist and support wherever needed.

All selected badged leaders will be announced at our Leadership Assembly on Friday of Week 8 from approximately 2:10pm. Please see below information about the Cake Stall and Coffee Van that will be occurring around this event.

Semester 2 School Reports

The class teachers are busily writing the Semester 2 Reports which will be available through your COMPASS App later in the term. This semester report will provide information on your child's achievement in the various curriculum areas and their learning dispositions for Term 3 and Term 4. Parents are encouraged to contact the office if you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher.

Class Arrangements for 2024

At this time of year, a few parents may approach the school requesting their child to have a particular teacher or be in the same class as another student for the following year. I acknowledge that parents wish to advocate in the best interests of their child/ren, however it is not possible to promise any particular arrangements. The school is still in the process of finalising staffing for 2024 and teacher and class allocation are still being decided.

Please be aware that each year teachers take great care in arranging classes and although not a perfect science the teachers endeavour to balance the classes according to many factors including the children's social and emotional needs, academic abilities, personalities, gender, friendship groups, learning needs and work habits.

Other factors that impact class arrangements are school enrolments (grade size) and staffing allocation. These two factors combined can have a significant bearing on what is possible across the school regarding grade and class structures.

Often at St. Patrick's, the establishment of stage classes across two grades due to enrolment numbers is inevitable. As the classes in a stage group are taught the same topics and syllabus outcomes over two years, we can combine these groups without changing or impacting the learning required. There are no special criteria for children who are selected to be in a stage class.

If your circumstances have changed and you will be leaving the school at the end of the year could you please let us know via a phone call and email.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

P&F News

Cake Stall

On Friday 1st December, the P&F will be running a cake stall alongside a free coffee van from 1:45pm until 3pm.

The P&F would kindly ask for donations of homemade sweet treats for us to sell at the cake stall to fundraise for the P&F welcome BBQ next year. We would love to see cupcakes, cookies, slices, or any other sweet afternoon treats from our school community.

Please could you drop off any donations on either Thursday afternoon (31st Nov), or Friday (1st Dec) up to 1:30pm, in the school canteen. We ask you to mark any containers that you would like to find their way back to you, with your child's name.

They also have 2 specials running at the moment the flyers are attached.

Please contact our P&F President, Katie Barillaro, if you would like more information.

God bless,

Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

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 is running a Cake Stall after 10am Mass this Sunday, 26th November, outside the church, to raise money for Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Come along and buy some luscious treats for all the family! Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each year, and practises every Friday during school terms. NB: Choir Christmas Party has been re-scheduled for 1st December, which will also be the Choir's final practice for 2023. More information available soon. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Dates to Remember

Term 4

Wednesday 6th December - Step Up day

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO
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CHRISTMAS *Concert*

DECEMBER 8TH
ASQUITH GIRLS

DOORS OPEN

5PM

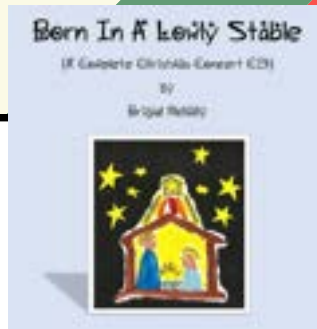
CONCERT

6PM

Please indicate numbers
attending using this form

St Patrick's Christmas Concert

St Patrick's Asquith
is proud to present



Friday 8th December
Picnic from 5pm
Concert starts 6pm

A reminder of 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. Students should wear their school sports shoes.

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 (will wear this for first song and then swap to shepherd headwear)
1/2 Gold	Shepherds (brown clothes with a tea towel for their head) will also require a santa hat or christmas headband (will wear this for first song and then swap to shepherd headwear)
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



Painting Workshop: Help Needed.

We have received another kit or 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

Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to all the students who entered the Christmas Card Art Competition to design a Christmas card for the Director of Catholic Schools Mr Danny Casey.

A big congratulations to Esha D in Year 4 for her winning artwork which will be used on cards by Bishop Anthony and Danny Casey. She has won a \$50 movie card and a pack of printed cards featuring her design. Congratulations Esha.



Prayer at Assembly for Advent

Starting this week different classes will be leading the school in prayer each week on Friday at assembly to celebrate the weeks of Advent. Parents are welcome to join us at assembly for prayer.

Week 7 - 2 Green Feast of Christ the King

Week 8 - 1/2 Gold First Week of Advent

Week 9 - 1 Green Second Week of Advent

Week 10 - Kindergarten Third Week of Advent (Thursday assembly)



The Dish

Thank you to all families who have supported The Dish this year.

Our final turn for hosting The Dish will be Tuesday 12th December (Week 10). If you would like to contribute, especially fruit salad or fresh fruit please email Mrs Lloyd-Jones. The food is always gratefully received and there are many compliments on the quality of cooking at St Patrick's.

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

Up Coming Events

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

Week 10: Tuesday 12th December The Dish
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.

This year we are supporting St Vincent De Paul through donations of Christmas Hampers. If you are able to donate any of the following items please send items into school by Wednesday 29th November. So that we can assemble the hampers ready to be delivered by St Vincent De Paul

- 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



Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



Be a safe and
caring citizen.

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 4 Weeks 7 and 8

We are safe learners who use safe
and caring actions.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

To tie in with Wellbeing Week we are thinking about ways that we can be kind to each other in the small actions we take every day and also being empathetic in the way that we communicate with each other. Being a kind friend also helps us feel these other two things in friendship – TRUST and SAFETY. This fortnight we hope to think about how we can be "kind on purpose" and also think before we take action.

Things we can encourage our students to do:

- Using our hands and hearts to help and support others.
- Thinking about others – using kind and caring actions.
- Be mindful of sharing food – we want to make sure everyone is safe at school.

We have also had Peer Support sessions this week focused on the theme of Kindness which our Stage 3 students have lead excellently!

Caring Actions



Choose to do small acts of
kindness at home

Help out at home or take on a
new responsibility

Reinforcing safe play and use of
spaces at home.

How can you help develop this at home?

Participate in the bread
tags/bags initiatives and waste
free lunches.

Using safe and caring actions
with siblings – encourage one
another.

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



P&F CAKE STALL

Please donate homemade cakes, cookies, or sweet treats for us to sell at our cake stall on **Friday 1st December from 1:45pm**

Drop off your donations on Thursday afternoon (30 Nov) or Friday any time before 1:30pm, at the canteen.

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

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Join us for a thrilling lineup of activities and programs during the upcoming school holidays! Scan the QR to book!



Summer School Holiday Activities

COST: Early Bird \$65 per day (Until Sun 17th Dec)
Standard Rate \$70 per day
AGES: 6-12 years
TIME: 8:00am - 4:00pm

WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, lunch, snacks, enclosed shoes
Active & Creative Kids Vouchers accepted
Extended hours available from 7am-8am & 4pm-6pm for only \$20
Holiday Camps \$50 per day

BOOK NOW



Mon 18th Dec	Basketball, Gymnastics, Dodgeball, Trampolineing	Sat 13th & Sun 14th Jan	NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Tues 19th Dec	Pickleball, Magic Reindeer Food, Nerf Wars, Paper Xmas Craft	Mon 15th Jan	Nerf Wars, Badminton, Dodgeball, Basketball
Wed 20th Dec	Trampolineing, DIY Baubles, Gymnastics, Xmas Cards	Tues 16th Jan	Pickleball, Bingo, Coaster Making, Kick Tennis
Thur 21st Dec	NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM	Wed 17th Jan	Boxing Fun, Parkour, Hand/Spikeball, Trampolineing
Fri 22nd Dec	CLOSED	Thur 18th Jan	Soccer, Rob the nest, Friendship Bracelets, Trivia Acro/Tumbling Camp
Mon 1st Jan	CLOSED	Fri 19th Jan	Gymnastics, Basketball, Nerf Wars, Dodgeball
Tues 2nd Jan	NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM	Sat 20th & Sun 21st Jan	NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Wed 3rd Jan	Hand/Spikeball, Trampolineing, Soccer, Gymnastics	Mon 22nd Jan	Dodgeball, Parkour, Basketball, Gymnastics
Thur 4th Jan	Dodgeball, Friendship Bracelets, Bingo, Parkour	Tues 23rd Jan	Pickleball, Hand/Spikeball, Tote Bags, Bookmarks Parkour Camp
Fri 5th Jan	Nerf Wars, Kick Tennis, Badminton, Basketball	Wed 24th Jan	Nerf Wars, Soccer, Boxing Fun, Kick Tennis
Sat 6th & Sun 7th Jan	NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM	Thur 25th Jan	Trampolineing, Dodgeball, Bag Tags, Coaster Making
Mon 8th Jan	Basketball, Dodgeball, Trampolineing, Gymnastics Art Camp	Fri 26th Jan	CLUB CLOSED - AUSTRALIA DAY
Tues 9th Jan	Pickleball, Rob the nest, Tote Bags, Keyrings	Sat 27th & Sun 28th Jan	NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Wed 10th Jan	Nerf Wars, Badminton, Parkour, Boxing Fun	Mon 29th Jan	Nerf Wars, Basketball, Bookmarks, Trivia
Thur 11th Jan	Scratch Art, Dodgeball, Kick Tennis, Bag Tags Gymnastics Camp	Tues 30th Jan	Badminton, Hand/Spikeball, Boxing Fun, Trampolineing
Fri 12th Jan	Basketball, Soccer, Trampolineing, Parkour	Wed 31st Jan	Soccer, Rob the nest, Keyrings, Scratch Art

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