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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 rapidly approaching the end of another school year and 2023 will soon be a memory. I would like to acknowledge the great support we continue to receive from the parent community and your ongoing commitment to seeking a Catholic education for your children.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our P&F Executive and P&F Organising Committees. Each have been outstanding in their commitment and resolve to support the school. I particularly thank our P&F President Mrs. Katie Barillaro for her leadership and tireless commitment to supporting the school.

Christmas Concert

As we prepare to say goodbye to 2023, the staff and students leaving and moving onto other adventures, we also look forward to the celebrations of Jesus' birth at Christmas. This year we will celebrate with our Christmas Concert this Friday 8th December at the Asquith Girls High School Auditorium. We are looking forward to a great turnout and a wonderful celebration.

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.

Parking is on Baldwin Avenue and enter the school from the back gate.



Step Up

This week we provided an opportunity for the children to step up into their 2024 classes and meet their class teacher and see the classroom they will occupy next year. We seek to provide this opportunity so that the children know who their teacher is before heading into the holidays and possibly make some connections with them in the coming week.

This opportunity and these simple interactions before the year ends can often settle the nerves before it is time to return to St. Patrick's for 2024.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Please 'talk up' your child's teacher for 2024 as it is the best way to ensure a positive build-up to next year. It takes many hours to determine the classes across all year groups. Once classes at school are announced, we cannot change them. I thank you for your support of our school and look forward to a great year of learning in 2024.

Class	Teachers
Kinder Gold	Mrs Melissa Barker & Mrs Doris Russell
Kinder Green	Miss Hannah Fryar
Year 1 Green	Mr Jim Maher
Year 1/2 Gold	Miss Chloe Catt
Year 2 Green	Miss Caitlin McArthur
Year 3 Green	Miss Amy Supple
Year 3/4 Gold	Miss Laura Gibson
Year 4 Green	Miss Megan Furlong
Year 5 Green	Mrs Loretta Rapa & Mrs Kylie Huggins
Year 5/6 Gold	Mrs Kylie Lloyd-Jones & Mrs Tahnee Reynolds
Year 6 Green	Mrs Monica Medeiros & Mrs Alice Rowley

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 Reports will be available to parents soon via Compass. I thank our dedicated staff for the long hours and effort to provide parents with a review of each child's achievements and efforts over the last two terms. I ask parents to read their child's report carefully and encourage parents to talk constructively and positively with your child focusing on his/her successes and challenges outlined in the report.

Parents are encouraged to send an email to the office if you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher. For those of you whose children are leaving the school it is a good idea to download the report as you may not be able to access it next year if you no longer have compass.

Key Dates for Year 1-6 in 2024

The first week back at school in 2024 will begin without the usual MAI Assessment Day. Instead, all children in Year 1-6 will begin their first day of school for Year 1-6 children on Wednesday 31st January.

School Swimming Carnival 2024

Recently, parents received an online form (information & permission note) for the Annual School Swimming Carnival scheduled for Week 1 Friday 2nd February 2024. I ask that this form be completed as soon as possible so that the organisation of the carnival can be completed before the end of this school year.

We usually hold the K-2 Water Fun Day on the same day as our School Swimming Carnival. However, as the first Friday of the Term 1 next year is also the first full day of attendance for our new Kindergarten students we will postpone the annual K-2 Water fun Day to a later date.

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Key Dates for Kindergarten in 2024

Kindergarten Best Start Assessment: Wednesday 31st January and Thursday 1st February 2024. From Friday 2nd February 2024, Kindergarten students will commence full day school attendance with a slightly earlier pick-up from 2:40pm to support the establishment of the pick-up routine.

Year 6 Celebrations

Our Year 6 students are looking forward to celebrating their achievements during their time at St. Patrick's with events scheduled over the coming weeks. This evening, they will celebrate their graduation mass in the church with their parents, followed by a special supper with their classmates, parents and teachers in the school grounds and school hall. Please arrive by 5.15 for a 5.30 start. It is a special time to acknowledge and thank the Year 6 children for their time here at St. Patrick's. Next week they will enjoy a fun Celebration Day together at Moving Bodies.

Finally, during the End of Year Mass on Wednesday 13th December the Year 6 children will receive a special blessing from their Kinder buddies. Following the mass, we will finish their time at St. Patrick's with the traditional guard of honour. We look forward to celebrating their final days at St. Patrick's and thank them and their families for their contributions to our school community.

Leadership Assembly

A reminder that we will hold our special Leadership Assembly this Friday, 9th December, from around 2pm.

The Leadership Assembly will acknowledge and thank our current badged leaders and we will announce and congratulate our newly chosen leaders.

Year 6 Leaders for 2024

Last Friday we announced our student Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains as part of our student leaders for 2024. I also acknowledge all our senior students who have important leadership roles next year. Congratulations to all who were elected as our captains for 2024.

School Captain	School Captain	Vice Captain	Vice Captain
Lucy H	Liam D	Mia N	Gabriel D
Mercy House	Coolock House	Xavier House	McAuley House
Jamie W & Grant D	Siya W & Oscar B	Charley B & Luca C	Isabel H & Luke M

At the assembly we also acknowledged and thanked this year's badged leaders, School Captains- Emma D, Fynn E, Catherine M & Noah D, and our Sports Captains- Natalia S & Will F, Daniela T & Archie M, Angela R & Tyler S and Ashleigh I & Archer W. They have all done an outstanding job as leaders and I thank them for their commitment and efforts to represent our school with pride.

Whole School End of Year Mass

We will be celebrating our End of School Mass on Wednesday 13th December at 9:30am.

This celebration will acknowledge the successful year we have had at St. Patrick's but also acknowledge, bless and thank our leaving Year 6 students. As is the tradition, our Kinder students will give a special blessing to their Year 6 buddy as they prepare to leave St. Patrick's and start a new learning journey in high school next year. Parents are very welcome to attend the End of Year Mass.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents to please check the requirements for school uniform before making purchases during the Christmas break. The error sometimes made is purchasing school shoes that are not fully black or are a totally different colour. I ask parents to respect the agreed uniform code and purchase only items that align with our uniform policy. I have provided a link for your convenience- [School Uniform](#).

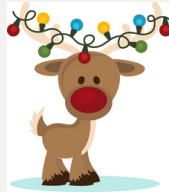
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Enrolment at St Leo's

St Leo's has communicated that they are filling up very fast for 2025 and beyond. If you are thinking of sending your child there, now would be the ideal time for you to complete an online application for St Leo's. I understand that St. Leo's have applications that go up to 2036. By applying now, you ensure that your application is further up on the priority list. A reminder also that there are no application or acceptance fees involved for St Leo's.

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](#)

Message from the Choir:

(1) Parish Children's Choir is officially in recess after 10am Mass this Sunday 10th December until 2024! No practice this Friday. Thanks, everyone, for a wonderful year!

(2) Calling singers and actors of all ages, for the Christmas Eve Children's Mass on 24th December at 6pm. Practices on 20th December and 22nd December in the church, 9am for music and 9.45am for the pageant.

Parent helpers always welcome!

(3) Take a break in the middle of Advent for reflection and prayer and beautiful Taize music on Friday evening, 15th December at 7.30pm in the church. All welcome.

(4) Carols at St Patrick's: a family event for all ages, singing well-loved Christmas carols and joining in the Christmas spirit: Wednesday evening 20th December in the church, at 7.30pm. Supper to

follow: bring a plate to share if you can.



Dates to Remember

Term 4

Thursday 7th December -Year 6 Graduation 5.15pm for 5.30 Start

Friday 8th December -Christmas Concert performance 5pm Picnic - 6pm Start

Monday 11th December - Year 6 Celebration Day - Moving Bodies

Wednesday 13th December 9.30am -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

Religious Education

End of Year Mass: All are welcome to join us next Wednesday 13th December at 9:30am for our End of Year Mass to celebrate the year that we have had and to give thanks for all the learning and fun that has taken place this year. Following mass we will farewell Year 6 with the Guard of Honour.

The Dish

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

Our final turn for hosting The Dish will be next Tuesday 12th December (Week 10). We need 1-2 more volunteers to prepare a main meal (such as a a curry with rice or pasta dish) as the Dish is currently serving over 45+ people per night.

CHRISTMAS MUFTI DAY



Additionally to support The Dish and their Christmas Meal, we will be having a Christmas mufti day Next Tuesday 12th December with a gold coin donation. We ask all students to dress in a Christmas outfit and bring a donation that will be gifted to The Dish to help them provide a special Christmas Meal for those who use the service.



Thank you for your donations for our Vinnies Christmas Appeal this year. A representative from Vinnies will be at our Christmas Concert to accept our donations. With a final pick up on Monday 11th December

Help Required: The sashes that will be used at our Christmas Concert this year require hemming so that we can continue to use them for other occasions. If you have an overlocking machine and some spare time to hem some of the sashes, please contact Mrs Lloyd-Jones.

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

Up Coming Events

Week 10: Tuesday 12th December Christmas Mufti Day for The Dish

Wednesday 13th December End of Year Mass

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



"Try to leave the
world a better place
than when you found
it."
-Sidney Sheldon

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 4 Weeks 9 and 10

We are responsible learners who
care for ourselves and the
environment.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

Thank you Miss McArthur and Miss Supple for all you have done to support the SRC talking about the Pastoral Care Focuses at Monday assemblies this year. Also Mrs Rapa, for all her work with the SRC and helping our small school do big things in reducing our environmental footprint - composting, bread bags/tags, return and earn, and lots more.

This week will be a great opportunity to review all the ways we have made an impact in helping the environment. Making sure we care for our school and helping to care/clean the learning spaces we have used this year to set them up for new classes in 2024. Also, a reminder that we need to care for ourselves... this is a busy time of the year.

Caring Actions



COMPOSTING

The benefits of composting:

- Fosters a love of nature
- Promotes sustainability
- Reduces food waste
- Enriches the soil
- Provides teachable moment with children about our environment



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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SNACK STALL

**A SELECTION OF DRINKS AND SNACKS
(POPCORN, CHIPS, LOLLIES) WILL BE
AVAILABLE FROM 5-5:30PM**

BRING CASH!!!

**UNFORTUNATELY THERE WILL BE NO
EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE**

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, Trampoline	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	Trampoline, 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, Trampoline
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, Trampoline, 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	Trampoline, Dodgeball, Bag Tags, Coaster Making
Mon 8th Jan	Basketball, Dodgeball, Trampoline, 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, Trampoline
Fri 12th Jan	Basketball, Soccer, Trampoline, Parkour	Wed 31st Jan	Soccer, Rob the nest, Keyrings, Scratch Art

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