



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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,

As you are aware, our school experienced a significant rain event causing the ground floor classrooms in Block C to be flooded. In response, the rooms have been cleared and cleaned and will be fitted out in the coming days so that classes can resume. In the meantime, we have relocated Stage 1 classes to the hall and Year 6 Green have joined with Year 5/6 Gold upstairs in Studio 21.

I thank our wonderful teachers for their enormous efforts to create and adapt to new learning spaces so quickly so that lessons can continue this week. I also acknowledge and congratulate the children for their cooperation and efforts with their learning but also managing to navigate reduced play space while building work is being carried out. I have been told that the rooms should be available for use sometime next week.

P&F AGM and General Meeting

The St. Patrick's P&F is looking forward to hosting the first P&F Meeting for 2024 next Tuesday 27th February from 7pm. This meeting will begin with holding the AGM that wasn't able to be held at the end of last year. The P&F would love for any parent who would like to be involved in helping the school community and contribute to attend the meeting online via the following link:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

The school will resend the meeting link via Compass on Tuesday.

The guest speaker for this meeting will be our Kinder teacher and Student Well-being Coordinator, Miss Hannah Fryar, who will introduce the Life skills Go program, a new student well-being initiative being used across the school.

The program allows teachers to use a check in tool that can be used daily with each student regarding their well-being and emotional state. The program also provides resources and lessons for students to learn about emotional literacy. This program has been purchased through the generosity of the parent community through the P&F.

P&F BBQ

We are looking forward to the P&F Welcome BBQ that is scheduled for Friday 15th March from 5pm. This is usually well attended by families in our school community and is a great opportunity for families to reconnect in a relaxed social setting after the summer holiday break. We look forward to catching up and enjoying a sausage sizzle and some fun activities for the children.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Change to School Phone Number

A reminder to parents that our school phone system is currently being upgraded to a cloud-based phone system, resulting in a change to our phone number. Our school phone number is changing to Ph: 7256 2144.

Calls coming through the current school phone number will be redirected to the new number for a short period of time before the number is cancelled at a later date. The school's contact details will be updated in all school communication channels over the coming weeks. We encourage you to update School Contact Details (Ph: 7256 2144) in your devices. We appreciate your support as we transition to this new phone system.

Mercy College Open Day

Mercy Catholic College Chatswood welcomes prospective students and families to our College Open Day on Sunday 3rd March 10am -1pm.

We are an inclusive community that offers girls from Year 7 – 12 an authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion.

Take part in a guided tour of school facilities including our New Technology and Applied Studies Lab.

JOIN OUR PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS: 10:15am, 11:15am, 12:15pm

Register your interest today! <https://bit.ly/3poSAWI>

If any family want further details please visit the College website <http://www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au/> or contact our College Registrar SMCCC.Registrar@dbb.catholic.edu.au

God bless you and your families.

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](#)

From the Choir:

Parish Children's Choir is still welcoming new members at the start of the year, of all ages from Year 3 and up. To join the Choir you don't need to have any experience or even be very good at singing - you just need to be interested and be ready to learn.

You'll have to work with other young people, and listen, and sing, of course, but you learn the music and how to sing gradually, with practice. The Choir practises every Friday during school terms, from 4 to 5pm in the church, and sings at 10am Mass at St Patrick's on 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, and sometimes for other special occasions. We'd love you to join - just come along to practice and register, and start singing! Further information:

Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2024

Tuesday 27th February - P&F AGM and General Meeting 7pm

Thursday 29th February - North Shore Swimming Carnival

Friday 15th March - Welcome BBQ

Sunday 17th March - Kindy & Year 6 Parish Mass 10am

Monday 18th March - St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass 9am

Wed 20th March - School Cross-country

Thursday 28th March - Holy Thursday

Friday 29th March - Good Friday

Monday 1st April - Easter Monday

Tuesday 2nd April - SDD Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 3rd April - Easter Mass 9.30am

Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th April- Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion

Thursday 11th April - School Photos

Thursday 11th April - Last day School

Friday 12th April - Last day term 1 - Pupil Free Day

ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES

SAT

6PM

SUN

8AM

SUN

10AM

SUN

6PM

Religious Education

The Dish: Thank you to those families who have already volunteered to support The Dish this year, however we need more volunteers as many hands make light work.

We have been rostered onto The Dish for the following dates:

Term 1 Week 8 Tuesday 26th March

Term 2 Week 1 Tuesday 30th April

Term 3 Week 9 Tuesday 17th September

Term 4 Week 9 Tuesday 10th December



If you are able to support The Dish, even just once this year please complete [this form](#).

Sacramental Program: Workshops for the children who are making the sacrament of Reconciliation begin this week. We keep all those children who begin their preparation for making this healing sacrament in our prayers.

Reconciliation will be held either Wednesday 20th March (Asquith) or Thursday 21st March (Berowra)
First Eucharist will be held on Sunday 2 June.

For more information about the Parish Sacramental program please see the [Parish Website](#) or email the sacramental coordinators at kccpsacraments@gmail.com

Lent: We have now begun the season of Lent.

Broken Bay diocese has produced a booklet of Lenten Reflections that you may like to use during this period of prayer. The booklet can be found online on the [Broken Bay website](#). Another website that you might like to explore during Lent is [Click to Pray](#).



Up Coming Events

Sunday 17th March - Kindy and Year 6 Parish Family Mass 10am

Monday 18th March - St Patrick Feast Day Celebration 9am

Wednesday 3rd April- Easter Mass 9:30am

Religious Education



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partner in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes, online by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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Heavenly Father.

Thank you that you are a generous God and
that you give us so many good things.

We are sorry that we are not always generous
with others.

Please help us this week to be kind, to do our
very best, and to be generous when we are
helping others.

Amen.



Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



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

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 1 Weeks 3-4

We are respectful learners who
learn and let others learn.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

As we now head into Week 3... we have started developing 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 establish 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



Harmony Day (March 21) is a day where we celebrate the fact that Australia is one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world. The theme for 2024 Harmony Day is Harmony – what can we do? To help celebrate Harmony Day, the students of St Patrick’s are invited to participate in [Harmony Day Competitions For Schools](#).

There are 3 competitions running, and students from K-6 are welcome to participate in any of them that they like (or all if they like!). The theme Harmony – what can we do? must be incorporated into the submissions, in some way. Click on the links below to find out more about each competition.

[Poster Competition](#)

[Songwriting Competition](#)

[Short Film Competition](#)

Submissions can be made digitally through the links above, (preferred), and don’t need to be submitted from a teacher or by the school. If students would like to create a poster on paper, there is A3 paper available to them at school that I will provide to teachers. Once completed, these can either be submitted by the student’s family, or I can submit them for the students. Please be aware of the information required to be written on the back of the posters before submitting them, and that these will not be returned to them after the competition ends.

When available, the children will be able to work on these projects at school during lunch times on Mondays and Tuesdays. Otherwise, they are welcome to complete this at home, either alone or with other students.

All information can be found here: [Moving Forward Together](#)

Entries must be submitted by April 12, 2024.

GOOD luck to all the student’s at St Patrick’s, we can’t wait to see and hear your great work!

Kind regards,

Rita Wrightson

EAL/D Teacher



St Pat's Uniform Shop

**Open Mondays
and
Wednesdays
8:30-9am**

Welcome back to another school year!

The uniform shop will be open on Mondays and
Wednesdays 8.30am till 9am for:

- purchasing second hand items
- trying new uniform for sizing
- purchasing new uniform

All in-person purchases new and secondhand will be
processed via the Qkr! app. EFTPOS available. No cash!

All new uniform ordered via the Qkr! app will be delivered
to your child's classroom. Orders submitted by Sunday
4pm will be delivered on Monday. Orders submitted by
4pm on Tuesday will be delivered on Wednesday.

Please remember to update your child's new class for
2024 on the Qkr! app.

Edlyn L and Michelle B

Uniform shop volunteers
stpatuniformshop@gmail.com

Become an Asquith Magpie

Register By
29th Feb

Only **\$100**

- Boys and Girls
- u6's League Tag
- u7's Tackle Ready
- u8/9's Mini
- u10/12's Mod football
- u12/14/16 Girls Tag



**Registration includes – full playing kit,
– Training Shirt
– Team photo**

HORNSBY LIONS



**Play netball in 2024
with the Hornsby Lions!**

New players welcome

Early bird discount available until 15 January 2024

The club trains at Montview Oval
and plays at Pennant Hills Park,
as part of the Hills District Netball Association.



Welcome to Hornsby Lions Netball

Hornsby Lions is a family friendly netball club that seeks to provide a fair, fun, inclusive and respectful environment. We welcome new members and aim to encourage our players to keep enjoying the game of netball.

We're a not-for-profit, community netball club based in Hornsby. We're part of the Hills District Netball Association and we train in Hornsby Heights and play at Pennant Hills.

Registrations for the 2024 Winter Competition will open on 1 December 2023.



Register for Winter 2024

Registrations close
16 February 2024

Visit our website:

www.hornsbylionsnetball.com.au

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The Friendly Club

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