



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,

We are about halfway through what has been a very busy term. We look forward to more activities this term with the P&F BBQ, Well-being Week activities, Harmony Day, School Cross Country, St. Patrick's Day Celebrations, Holy Week and Easter Celebrations, Easter Hat Parade, P&F Trivia Night, Special Sushi Lunch Order, School Photos and our Stage 3 excursion to Bathurst.

The children have done well to cope with less play space, some relocating to different learning spaces due to the refurbishment and the challenges of the flooded classrooms. The teachers are working hard to provide various opportunities at break times including quiet games in the school hall, Let's Do Lunch activities in the library, school choir and Harmony Day Poster Competition. The SRC will be surveying the children to see what other games and activities they would like to do. I thank everyone for their patience while we wait for the new facilities to be completed.

Kindergarten Visit

Our kindergarten students have all settled in very nicely to our school and I acknowledge and thank our kinder parents, their teachers and the Year 6 Buddies for their collective efforts to make it work so smoothly. I am sure most families have got into a rhythm with their daily routines as I witness the children coming to school more confident and showing greater independence.

I am sure our Kinder parents have been speculating what school life is like for their child. This week I provided information to the Kinder parents about upcoming opportunities to connect with the school including class visits for Kindergarten.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

During Week 2 of next term (May 6th-9th), we will be offering formalised appointments for parents and class teachers to meet. This will include an evening session scheduled for Wednesday 8th May. The meetings provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss their progress and set goals for the year ahead.

Please be aware that parents do not have to wait until next term to meet with their child's teacher. If parents have concerns they wish to discuss with their child's teacher, please make an appointment through the school office by either calling or sending an email request. More information will be provided soon.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

School Canteen

This week we had the first of our special lunch order days with a Subway Lunch Deal. This proved to be very popular and tremendously successful in the way all lunches were provided efficiently thanks to our volunteers.

I thank our Canteen organiser, Meagan Rose and all the parents who have volunteered to assist in the canteen during the year. The school canteen functions through the generosity of our parent community volunteering their time and I am sure the children appreciate the support this wonderful service provides our school community. The Canteen operates Wednesday and Friday with the occasional special lunch order days.

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Feast Day is usually celebrated each year on the 17th March, however as it falls on the 5th Sunday of Lent we will celebrate it at school on Monday 18th March. We will have a host of activities throughout the day:

- The children can wear their sports uniform and something green e.g., t-shirt, ribbon, or another accessory. Some items may be appropriate to wear after mass.
- We ask children to bring a gold coin donation to raise money for Project compassion.
- Parents are welcome and encouraged to be on site and have some fun before school begins. I encourage parents to practice some handball or skipping to prepare for a fun morning.
- All classes will celebrate St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass together at 9:00am- parents are welcome to attend.
- There will be some green items for sale at the canteen at recess e.g. green jelly and popcorn available for purchase.
- Classroom-based activities during the day.
- After recess games at Mills Park followed by a picnic if weather permits. Parents are welcome to join us at the park.

We are looking forward to a great celebration.

Kinder and Year 6 Family Parish Mass

Our Kindy and Year 6 groups will celebrate the first family parish mass for the Year on Sunday 17th March at 10:00am. Although it is the 5th Sunday of Lent, the parish will also acknowledge the Feast of St. Patrick at this mass and invite all families to come and be part of the celebration. This is a great chance for families to connect with each other and with the parish community.

After School Care

Due to the building program after School care will be at Water Street for Staff Development Days.

The dates for these staff development days are:

- Tuesday 2nd April (following the Easter Long Weekend)
- Friday 12th April (the last day of Term 1)
- Monday 29th April (the first day of Term 2)
- Friday 5th July (the last day of Term 2)
- Monday 22nd July (the first day of Term 3)

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.

Easter Egg Raffle

I thank our Year 6 parents in advance for supporting this year's Easter Egg Basket Raffle fundraiser that will go towards the Year 6 school gift for 2024. Tickets will be sold at school by our Year 6 students, at the P&F Welcome BBQ or purchased online through QKR. The Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn following the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 27th March (Week 8).

Easter Hat Parade

On Wednesday 27th March (Week 8) we will be holding our K-2 Easter Hat Parade. The parade will be held in the shade sail area, commencing around 9am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing the many creative Easter hats. More information will be sent to K-2 parents soon.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

P & F News

Thanks to all those that tuned in to the P&F meeting last week. We already have lots of fun events and initiatives planned for this term, so please keep an eye out for opportunities where you can get involved and support us.

In the meeting, I announced the P&F Executive and Sub Committee positions for 2024. Listed below are the names of the people that put their hand up for these roles. We are not an exclusive club, so if you want to be involved then please reach out to me and/or email pandfstpats@gmail.com to express your interest. If English is your second language and you feel uncomfortable putting your hand up for a particular role, please know that you will be supported, so don't be afraid to come forward and contribute your talents.

P&F Executive

- President – Katie Barillaro (me!)
- Vice President – Maegan Rose
- Treasurer – Nick Ward
- Secretary – Jacky Mandelburger
- CSP Rep – David De-Fina

P&F Sub Committees

- Canteen – Maegan Rose
- Uniform Shop – Edlyn Cheng, Michelle Burrows, Suzie Watson
- Social – Wendy Brown, Monique Ciampi, Rima Melia
- Paddy's Care Group – Cecilia Rossi, Tiphane Condon

We look forward to seeing lots of you at the P&F Welcome BBQ next Friday 15th March.

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 sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month as a rule, but this month there are two extra-special events that they're also invited to sing at. The first is the school/parish Family Mass celebration for St Patrick's Day, on 17th March, to which everyone is invited. After Mass there will be a sumptuous morning tea, so don't miss out. The Choir is also asked to sing on Easter Sunday, 31st March, for 10am Mass. This Mass is the high point of the Church's year, and we want the music to be wonderful, which is naturally why the Children's Choir is invited to be there! Please put these dates in your calendar. Children's Choir practises in the church every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm - all welcome. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further information.

Fridays in Lent: Friday 8th March: Taize evening of prayer, meditation, and music, 7.30pm in the church - all welcome. Friday 15th March: 'The Way of the Cross', reflection on the traditional Stations of the Cross, also 7.30pm in the church, presented by Select Choir members of the Children's Choir. Amazing singing, beautiful prayers and atmosphere.

Dates to Remember Term 1 - 2024

- Wednesday 13th March - Naplan Begins
- 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

There has only been 3 volunteers to prepare a meal for our first night of service on Tuesday 26th March. As there are often over 40 people who turn up asking for a meal, we will need another 2 volunteers to ensure that we have enough food.

Please contact Mrs Lloyd-Jones if you have any questions and if you are able to support The Dish, please complete [this form](#).



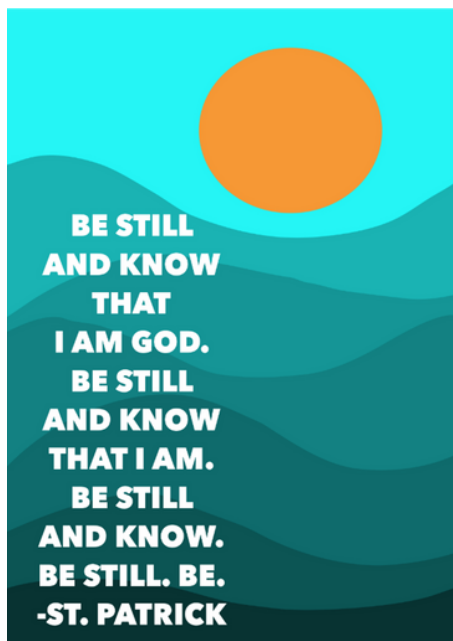
St Patrick Feast Day

Please join us as we celebrate our Feast Day of St Patrick on Monday 18th March.

Before School: Help us cover a shamrock with gold coins to donate to Project Compassion as well as a shamrock treasure hunt.

9am: Feast Day Mass in St Patrick Church. Stage 2 are responsible for this mass with students responsible for the readings and a special reflection on St Patrick and his teachings.

11:30am: Whole School heading to Mills Park for games with their peer support groups and a picnic.



Artwork by Susan Daily

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



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Watch Leaia's Story

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.

Photo: Laura Womersley/Caritas Australia



Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



We believe
in keeping
you safe!

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 1 Weeks 5-6

We are safe learners who are at
the right place, at the right time,
doing the right task.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

To build encouragement for all students, now that we are into the term it is important for them to think about their responsibility to be in the right place, at the right time, and doing the right task. Also, a reminder for children of their responsibility within the school to be safe learners.

This includes using the changed spaces on the playground and in the classroom in the right way, as well as their responsibility to be safe learners, following instructions, and being where they should be at a particular time e.g. assembly lines, moving and transitioning in different parts of the school etc.

It is important to remind our older students to model this to our younger students, being the leaders and role models of our school.

Am I on task?



Being responsible for their own schedule of
getting ready in the morning.

How can I be safe at home,
school, on transport etc?

Helping to make dinner or other
chores at home.

How can you help develop this at home?

Have a checklist or calendar at
home so they feel a sense of
responsibility of the tasks that
need accomplishing through the
week.

Playing safely with toys and in
different spaces at home or in public.

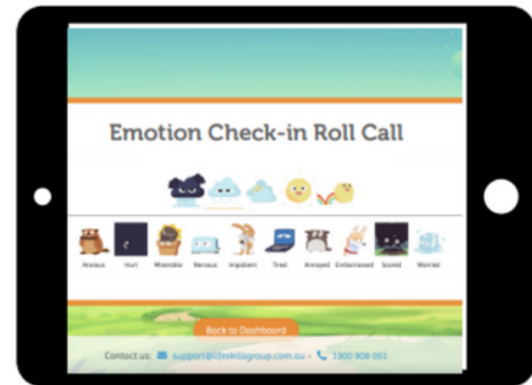


WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

The Life Skills Go Program is a whole school approach to Wellbeing. It measures student wellbeing and gives curriculum aligned content available support every student.

Every student has the chance to connect on a daily basis with their teacher using the emotion check-in. Individual student needs are catered for in all areas of social and emotional learning.

Using the executive and individual student or class summary report, students with behaviour or social-emotional needs can be tracked each day. Programs are built and aligned for the whole school, student or class using the program.



Thank you to the P and F for their support of the program this year we hope it will be a valuable tool in supporting the social/emotional needs of the children at St Patrick's.

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

01

Daily Emotion Check-in

Each student has the ability to check in and let the teacher know how they are feeling which is then tracked over time.

02

Individual Learning Plans

Individual learning plans can be set by teachers or learning support teams to meet the needs of every child who is experiencing issues at any time.

03

Flexible Lesson Delivery

50+ interactive and curriculum aligned programs for immediate use on the interactive whiteboard.

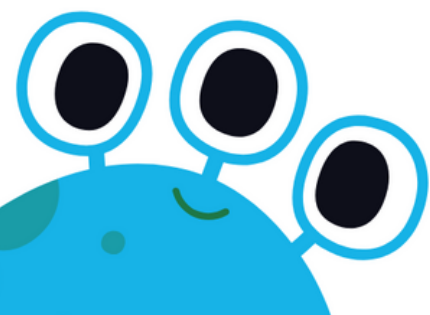
200+ lessons that will sit side by side with all school programs and enhance Wellbeing.

04

Executive Reporting Function

See at a glance how classes are travelling and have data aligned to every child for school and parent discussions.

Identify students at risk and provide assistance before issues arise.



ST PAT'S SPORTS REPORT



Swimming Carnival 2024

On 3rd February, students in years 3-6 travelled to Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre to compete in swimming and novelty events at our school swimming carnival.

Hornsby Aquatic staff said our students were polite, sensible, and full of school spirit! Congratulations to everyone who gave it a go, entered an event, and cheered on their peers!

Congratulations to all our colour house captains! Each of you led your colour house with pride and enthusiasm! Well done at your first event!

This year, our colour house with the most points was Mercy! Congratulations to Mercy on winning overall! And this year it was McAuley who won the Spirit Award! Congratulations! It was great to see so many students from all years and colour houses, participating in the events and cheering on their peers!



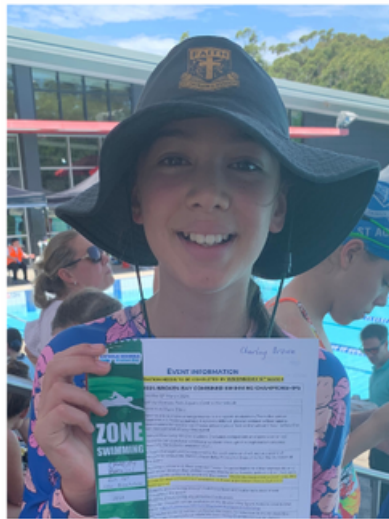
Swimming Carnival 2024



North Shore Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday, 23 of our best swimmers went off to represent St Patrick's at the North Shore Zone swimming carnival. The students fought against the extreme heat on the day and were up against some hot competition in the pool. While we may not have won every race, the students from St Patrick's showcased amazing sportsmanship, fairness and honour as they represented St Patrick's with pride receiving compliments from officials, Hornsby pool staff and the general public.

We congratulate Annabel A (Freestyle) and Charley B (Breaststroke) on making it through to the Polding level. They will be competing Tuesday the 12th of March at Olympic Park. Good luck girls!





A reminder that the Harmony Day competition is still open and awaiting entries from the students at St Patrick's!

The theme for 2024 Harmony Day competition 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. All information can be found here: [Moving Forward Together](#)

Entries must be submitted by April 12, 2024.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

GOOD luck to all the students 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



Loreto Normanhurst



Join us for Open Day

Saturday, 9 March 2024

Campus Tours | Presentations | Learning and Extra-curricular Showcase
Meet our Staff and Students | Food Stalls | Farm Animals

Register Now at www.loretonh.nsw.edu.au

Discover where Loreto Normanhurst can take you.