NEWSLETTER



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Weekend Mass Times

Parish Clergy Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH Parish Priest

Fr Joy Thomas OSH

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



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many families turn out to support various events in the past week. The P&F Welcome BBQ was very well attended, and families enjoyed a nice atmosphere of music and fun. A huge thankyou to our P&F team for leading with energy and commitment to make it a great success. From serving in the canteen, cooking the BBQ, supporting activities, organising set up or packing up, your support goes a long way to making the evening run smoothly.



Families also supported the Year 6 and Kindergarten Family Parish Mass on Sunday through their attendance and participation. It is always impressive to see our Year 6 students step up and lead the way for their community. There were around 20 Year 6 students who took part by reading, singing, performing, serving and being part of processions. It was also great to see so many Kinder students present and participate in the thanksgiving celebration after communion.

St. Patrick's Day



Our school celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Monday. Apart from wearing something green, the children began the day with some fun activities before school celebrated the St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass together. I thank and acknowledge families who supported the gold coin donation fundraiser for Project compassion. Thanks to Katie B and Maegan R, the children (and some teachers) did enjoy the opportunity to purchase some green items from the canteen. Although threatening weather stopped us from heading down to Mills Park, we were able to hold the activities at school. I thank and acknowledge our Stage 3 students who lead these activities so well.

School Cross-Country

Yesterday the children participated in the annual School Cross-country. It was a highly successful event due to the wonderful way the children participated and also encouraged each other to do their best. I thank and acknowledge Mr Jordan Barlow for his efforts to facilitate the event and the support of teachers and many parent volunteers who marked the course, counted laps, recorded results and



handed out ribbons. The Kinder children enjoyed running part of the track while their Year 6 buddies, teachers and their parents cheered them on. It was a great way to finish the event.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Harmony Day

Today we are acknowledging Harmony Day with many students and staff wearing a splash of orange to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. This year's theme is 'Everybody' Belongs'



QuizzaMe - Trivia Night

The challenge has been set to all parents: Who can beat the teachers at the upcoming P&F Trivia Night? We are looking forward to a great night of trivia, games and fun and hope to see lots of parents coming along. I encourage parents to speak with each other at drop-off or pick-up, through the Class Facebook Page or wherever you can, make a team and buy a ticket.



The P&F Trivia Night is being run by a professional trivia quiz company called QuizzaMe. QuizzaMe uses buzzers to deliver a game-show like experience. All questions are multiple choice and selected from a great range of categories. All the scoring and marking is automatic, meaning we can run other games in the breaks, rather than marking answer sheets. It promises to be a terrific night.

Details are below:

- ? Trivia Night run by QuizzMe held on Friday 5 April in the school hall.
- ? Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00PM start.
- ? Make your own teams with a maximum of 8 per table. BYO food and drinks.
- ? Tickets are \$20.00 each and can only be purchased through the school QKR app.

Buy your tickets early as there will be limited tables available. Ticket sales close on Monday 1st April at 5.30PM.

School Open Day

I am calling on all parents to assist in promoting our school as the perfect place for new students to attend. If you know of parents who have preschool children ready to start school in 2025 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them. Please encourage them to attend one of our School Open Day sessions on Thursday 9th May to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for their child. Parents can register their attendance via the school website or using the following link: <u>School Open Day 2024</u>

Safe and Caring Actions

The behaviour focus for this week and next is 'Safe and Caring Actions. Included in our focus will be the children not sharing their food to protect students who have intolerances, allergies or have an anaphylactic reaction to certain foods. We ask that parents support this particular goal by speaking with their child/ren at an appropriate time.

Cricket - Mark Taylor Shield

Congratulations to our school cricket team that had a great day out playing Sacred Heart Pymble. Although we didn't win the game the children had a wonderful time and were model students representing the school. They represented the school so well we received a lovely letter from a parent connected with Sacred Heart congratulating our team for their behaviour and good spirits throughout the day. I thank Mr Maher and Mr Daly for organising, coaching and umpiring and the parents who supported them and the team.



Easter Egg Raffle

A reminder that our Year 6 students are holding a fundraiser with an Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets can be purchased next week via QKR or purchased at school. Tickets are:



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

After School Care

Due to the building program, St. Patrick's will not be operating the Before and After School Care service on Staff Development Days. School care will be provided at Water Street Kids at Prouille Catholic Primary School for these days. Parents needing to use this service need to notify our provider Royston Kids to book a place. On the day parents will need to drop and pickup from the Water Street Kids service.

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)

God bless you and your families. Todd Vane-Tempest

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2024

Week 7	Thursday 21st March - Harmony Day
Week 8	Tuesday 26th March - The Dish
	Wednesday 27th March - Easter Hat Parade (K-2) and Easter Egg Raffle Draw
	Thursday 28th March - Holy Thursday
	Friday 29th March - Good Friday
Week 9	Monday 1st April - Easter Monday
	Tuesday 2nd April - SDD Pupil Free
	Friday 5th April - P&F Easter Egg Hunt
Week 10	Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th April- Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
	Thursday 11th April - School Photos
	Thursday 11th April - Last day for Students
	Friday 12th April - Last day term 1 - SDD Pupil Free Day
Term 2 ·	- 2024
Week 1	Monday 29th April - First Day Term 2 - SDD Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday 30th April - Students return
Week 10	Friday 5th July - SDD Pupil Free Day

Parish News

Parish Children's Choir

We very much enjoyed celebrating St Patrick's Day on Sunday, with the parish community and Year 6 and Kindy children who brought so much to the celebration.

The Choir will be singing this Sunday for Palm Sunday, and everyone is invited back to sing on Easter Sunday at 10am Mass, to spread the great joy of Easter. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, and practises on Fridays from 4 to 5pm in the church. PLEASE NOTE: no practice on Friday 29th March (Good Friday); practice as usual on 5th and 12th April.

For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES

SAT	6PM	
SUN	8AM	
SUN	10AM	
SUN	6PM	

Religious Education

Reconciliation

Congratulations to all the students who celebrated their First Reconciliation last night.

May our Lord bless you on your First Reconciliation, may His love be upon you and His presence always guide you. Congratulations!

The sacramental program for these children will continue next term with the preparation for First Communion beginning the first week back at school. Please contact the Parish Office for more information

Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

Next week on Thursday, students will participate in prayer led by Year 5 and 6 remembering the events of Holy Week. This will be through stations that students will walk through.

Stage 1 will be leading us in a celebration mass for Easter the following Wednesday 3rd April at 9:30am



Up Coming Events

Wednesday 3rd April- Easter Mass 9:30am ANZAC Day Prayer Service - Tuesday 30th April 11:30am

Religious Education







Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

Photo: Laura Womersley/Caritas Australia

Our Fundraising So Far...

Through the very successful pancake day we raised \$340. Thank you to the P and F for your support of this fundraiser and for supplying the pancakes.

On Monday for St Patrick's Day we filled a Shamrock with donations raising \$165.95 dollars for Project Compassion.

This has been an awesome effort from the St Patrick's Community to help support Caritas and their work around the world.

Next week we will have our final fundraiser for Project Compassion with the Mercy Action Group running a colouring in competition on Monday and Wednesday lunch times. Please bring a gold coin donation to participate in the colouring in competition. The Project Compassion Boxes will also remain in classrooms until Thursday next week.

Thank you for your support of Project Compassion this year.

Living out our challenge for discipleship









PASTORAL CARE FOCUS Term | Weeks 7 and 8

We are safe learners who use safe and caring actions.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

Over the next two weeks we are hoping to divide this Pastoral Care focus into two parts – SAFE ACTIONS and CARING ACTIONS.

<u>SAFE ACTIONS</u>: We will be looking at why we need to have safe actions towards others, in the classroom and on the playground, particularly around being allergy-conscious, not sharing food, and being mindful of other's needs around us.

<u>CARING ACTIONS</u>: Contributing to Project Compassion (St Patrick's Day Coin Trail), being inclusive of all (Harmony Day/Week) and committing to Lenten promises.

<u>Things we can encourage our students to do</u>: Use our hands and hearts to help and support others. Thinking about others - using kindness and being caring in our actions. Be mindful of sharing food - we want to make sure everyone is safe at school. Thinking about our Lenten promises or a simple way that we can make someone else's day.

Choose do 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? Contribute funds to Project Compassion.

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

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



What's On?

- Gratitude Monday
 - Foster a feeling of what gratitude can do for our overall happiness and wellbeing.
 Today there are activities that are about being thankful and appreciative of our life.
- Teamwork Tuesday
 - The focus of this day is all about building life long skills in how to communicate and problem solve within a team. Also how to participate and be a valued member of a team.
 - Students can wear a **team jersey** on this day to get in the spirit.
- Creativity Wednesday
 - We want students on this day to think about things in new and creative ways.
 Fostering the importance of imagination and embracing the different ways we can all think.
 - Whole school art mural will be up in the playground today for students to add to during playground time.
- Fairness Thursday
 - The focus drawing a close to the week students reflect on what fairness means equality and treating others how we would like to be treated.
 - Staff vs Student Handball Games at lunch fostering positive communication and fairness within games.





Term One



Premier Reading Challenge



The Premier Reading Challenge is a great opportunity to encourage your child to read. Last year we saw over 125 students take up and complete the challenge which was inspiring!

We would love to continue to build on this and see as many children read and develop an enjoyment for reading a variety of books.

teading Challenge

ARGANITS

All new student's username and passwords were sent home this week. If anyone is having issues logging on or has forgotten their user details, please encourage them to come and see me in the library during 'Let's do Lunch' Mon - Wed.

Let's Do Lunch

Every Monday - Wednesday the library is opened at lunchtime for children to come and read or engage in some quiet fun activities.

Competitions for March Madness during LDL

- Design a Nike sneaker for a book character.
- Find the 15 hidden gems to go in the draw to win a ring pop.
- Name our temporary library space with a new name that inspires reading, calmness and adventure with a mascot to join Croissant our sloth.

ALL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE LIBRARY.



HELP NEEDED

If you are able to help, contact new novels in the library I would appreciate your help. Everything will be supplied so you can take the books and contact them at home or you are welcome to come and assist me one Tuesday afternoon after lunch. If you can help please email the office.



NEW ADDITIONS



ePlatform March eBook Additions

ePlatform

ST PAT'S SPORTS REPORT





Mark Taylor Shield

Last Friday St Patrick's were defeated by the narrowest of margins by Sacred Heart, Pymble in the first round of the Mark Taylor Shield Competition. Sacred Heart batted first and set a formidable total of 135 off their 30 overs. Our top order got off to a great start with Captain Liam Daly, plundering the opposition attack, dispatching boundaries to all parts of the ground in one of the best innings I have seen in junior cricket scoring 75 not out. At the halfway mark of our innings we looked like we had it in the bag. Sacred Heart however lifted and suddenly with only a few overs to go the pressure shifted back to St Patrick's. Would you believe it all boiled down to the very last delivery with St Patrick's requiring two runs off the last ball? Sadly, it was not to be our day and Sacred Heart move on to the second round.

I would like to congratulate the team for the way they conducted themselves. For most students this was their first experience of competitive cricket and it presented a very steep learning curve. All players they were all able to contribute one way or another. Mr Daly and myself were very proud of the way everybody gave their best, encouraged each other and played in a competitive but respectful manner.

There were a number of other very impressive performances which included Josh Telford being on a hat trick, Tom Harron's bowling with no wides and Lucca taking three wickets! Thomas Schokman was able to take three catches. Oscar Thiele provided great support for Liam batting for an extended period and managed to bowl one of the top batters from Sacred Heart for a duck. Josh Telford also batted well scoring a chanceless 15 not out.

Once again thanks for your effort in coming so close!

I would like to say a special thanks to Peter Daly, father of Liam, for his help and support over the last three years of Mark Taylor Shield. Peter has given of his time training the team, organising kits, scoring and setting up the ground. Without his support St Patrick's would not have been able to participate in this competition.

Mr Maher



Before + After + Vacation School Care

Autumn Break: April 2024 Vacation Care

Water Street, WAHROONGA Hours: 7am-6pm Daily Fee (Early Bird & Regular) is per child

Email: waterstkids@hotmail.com

Phone: 0413 078 355

Term 1 Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

Friday 12th April

It's time to get artistic as we do all things crafty! Painting, sculpting, mess and fun! Use your imaginations and let your

Craft Day



Early Bird Fee: \$60 Regular Fee: \$70

creativity shine! April 2024 Week 1: Monday 15th April Tuesday 16th April Wednesday 17th April Thursday 18th April Friday 19th April Incursion: Jedi Dodgeball Incursion: Nick the Stockman **Incursion:** The Imagination **Excursion:** Movie Nature Play Day Station - with Daz Buckley at The Odeon **Outback Experience** We are celebrating Nature Play Fusion Sport will be joining us & Popcorn combo Week, we will spend the day Nick the Stockman and his today for some high-energy, Join the curious and creative, faithful canine companion, Ted, awesome dodgeball fun with Let's explore the world of amongst nature! slightly crazy, science movies, and transport in one We will play, explore and relax will teach us about life on a communicator Daz Buckley as Star Wars themed action! May fun filled day! surrounded by nature. farm in the outback. We will the force be with you as you we explore all things science Are you ready to enjoy time make Damper and Billy tea with gadgets, gizmos and attempt to dodge the balls and with your friends, catch the over a fire, watch whip outmanoeuvre your opposition! games! Maybe you will light a local train before relaxing at the cracking and learn to throw a lightbulb with your bare hands! Odeon Cinemas. boomerang. Or make an endless strip of I wonder what movie we will paper, that's right endless! So see? many curious things we will do... Includes Popcorn Combo Movie rating is PG Loaded **OPAL** card s needed per child Early Bird Fee: \$80 Early Bird Fee: \$80 Early Bird Fee: \$77 Early Bird Fee: \$78 Early Bird Fee: \$60 Regular Fee: \$90 Regular Fee: \$90 Regular Fee: \$87 Regular Fee: \$88 Regular Fee: \$70 April 2024 Week 2: Monday 22nd April Tuesday 23rd April Wednesday 24th April Thursday 25th April Friday 26th April **Incursion: Golden Ridge** Incursion: Walk that Wall Incursion: Unicorn Experience Pokémon Day Farm Today Ninja Warrior and Celebrate all things Pokémon Get ready for the most MAGICAL Our furry friends from Golden Parkour collide for the ultimate ANZAC DAY today! Search and try to catch and Enchanting incursion Ridge Farm are coming to visit! extreme obstacle experience! as many Pokémon as you can, PUBLIC HOLIDAY You will get to hold, pat and Little Warriors Gym is EVER! bake delicious Pokéball feed lambs, goats, rabbits, bringing an incredible course We will have a special visit by WATER ST KIDS cookies, even create your own ducklings and more! where you run, leap, jump, unicorns, Knight and Princess, who Pokémon! How well do you CLOSED climb, vault & traverse your are trained to perform tricks, dance, know your Pokémon, enough Enclosed footwear must be play with a soccer ball plus more! way through to the end! to be a Pokémon master? worn Enclosed footwear must be worn

Early Bird Fee: \$88 Regular Fee: \$98

Early Bird Fee: \$77 Regular Fee: \$87

Star Wars Day

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away ... the children of Water St Kids go a Star Wars adventure! Today we celebrate May the Fourth early by making lightsabers and yummy Star Wars inspired cupcakes. You can even come dressed as your favourite Star Wars character if you like!



Early Bird Fee: \$60 Regular Fee: \$70

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Regular Fee: \$70

Please bring each day in a backpack:

refillable drink bottle

Monday 29th April

adequate food for the day (morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea)

Term 2 Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

- sun safe hat
- wear enclosed shoes (NO thongs or roller shoes allowed) change of clothes
- skfast is served until Ras
 - Breakful is served until Sam You must supply ALL healthy meals, snacks and drinks each day (unless specified on program) Due to the severity of some children's allergies, Water St Kids strives to be a nut free service. NO NUT products permitted.

Early Bird Fee: \$88

Regular Fee: \$98

- Please inform staff of any dietary requirem Children can participate in cooking activities most days









Mills Park, Baldwin Ave, Asquith

PADDY'S CARE GROUP

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving. - Mother Jeresa

Paddy's Care Group was formed in 2011 by a parent who saw a need to help others in the school community. We are a support network within the St Patrick's community and have parents who are willing to lend a helping hand when required.

Here are some ways that Paddy's Care Group have helped families in the past: the past the past: the past th

People can ask for help for different lengths of time dependent on their need. For example, we have helped families who have had to deal with sudden illnesses, where a meal or two a week for a period of time has just helped them through.

The person/people who require help is kept confidential. The only people who know are the group coordinators. You can contact us directly/via email/via another parent or through the school office.

WHO ARE WE?

Cecilia Rossi & Tiphanie Condon Coordinators for Paddy's Care Group.

If you'd like to volunteer to be on the contact list to help prepare a meal when needed, please let us know.



PADDYSCAREGROUP@GMAIL.COM



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 stpatsuniformshop@gmail.com

St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga

OPENEVENING Wednesday 3 April, 3.30–6.30pm





As a Priority Feeder School, St Patrick's students are eligible for priority St Leo's entry.* *Read more*

*Subject to enrolment windows & CSBB Principles

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- Tour our campus
- Hear from the Principal (4, 5 & 6pm)
- Speak with staff & students
- Information stands & BBQ
- Activities, performances & displays
- See our community in action!

Our innovative learning environment, strong academic results, focus on student wellbeing, caring community and personalised approach make St Leo's an exceptional place to learn - that's in very high demand!



Primary Kids Treasure Hunt K-6 end of term celebration Kids' Club



4-6pm | Friday 12 April | \$5 | 6 Royston Pde Asquith Registration & details at stjohnsasquith.org.au





Daughters and Dads Football is back in 2024 with a program located at Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights.

We are searching for fathers/father-figures who want to strengthen the relationship they share with their primary-aged daughters through the uniting power of football.

Cet ready for fun and engaging sessions over 9 weeks! Term 2 sessions run weekly for 90 minutes, covering skill development and interactive activities while spending quality 1:1 time together.

The program kicks off from Monday 6th May, and we hope to see you there! 🟵

Don't miss out, find out more and register now



FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY at the Parliament of NSW

Friday 19 April 9.30am – 3.30pm

Celebrate democracy at Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children from four to twelve years, and their families.

- Give a speech in the Parliamentary chambers Make craft animals and objects
- Learn how to vote
- Visit our heritage rooms
- Participate in a committee role play

and more...





FREE ENTRY Activities 9.30am to 3.30pm

LOCATION Parliament of New South Wales, 6 Macquarie Street Opposite Martin Place The public café will be open.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



P: (02) 9230 2047 or E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au