



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

Saturday Vigil 6pm

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Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

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.

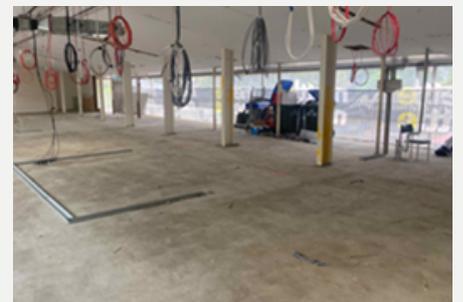


PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers, Girls and Boys,

I am excited to announce that the first stage of the school refurbishment is scheduled to be completed by the end of Term 1. Our Stage 3 classes should begin Term 2 in new classrooms with new furniture set to arrive and placed into these rooms during the holidays.

The next stage of the refurbishment will involve the Kindergarten classrooms, the staffroom and the front office. The relocation of these spaces will also occur in the holiday break. Kindergarten will move upstairs and utilise the new library during this stage of the refurbishment. The staffroom will relocate to the school hall and the school office will move to a ground level classroom in Block C. Further information will be provided later in the term regarding any adjustments that will be made while Stage 2 of the refurbishment is being completed.



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Remediation of Flooded Classrooms- Update

We have needed to wait for trades to be available to complete the remediation of the classrooms flooded on Monday last week. Once the wall plastering is completed the next step is to paint and install carpet. We expect this work to be finished on Friday and furniture and resources to be moved back into rooms on Monday.



P&F AGM and General Meeting

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the first P&F Meeting for 2024 on Tuesday. We had a very good roll up, with over 30 people attend the online meeting. I also thank the parents who have taken on official roles for this year. The P&F executive acknowledges the busyness of parents and understands that available time can be limited. This year, the P&F is keen to develop a new structure to operate under that will build a network of parents across each grade that will share the load when supporting each school initiative,

I also thank our guest speaker for this meeting, Miss Hannah Fryar, who introduced the Life skills Go program. The information provided about the program was well received by those attending. More information will be provided in next week's newsletter.

P&F Welcome BBQ - Friday 15 March - 5-7pm

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our annual P&F Welcome BBQ for all families. 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.

Please fill in this registration form if you are hoping to attend so that we can gauge how many sausages are required on the night: <https://forms.gle/nL5mQnazjiF6MVGw7>

The sausage sandwiches are free, and there will be drinks to purchase on the night.

If you can help on the night, please volunteer for one of these jobs:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4AA8AC2BA2FE3-48246050-pfwelcome>

We look forward to catching up and enjoying a sausage sizzle and some fun activities for the children.

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.
- A picnic and games at Mills Park if weather permits.

We are looking forward to a great celebration.

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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.

Tuesday 2nd April

Friday 12th April

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,

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2024

Tuesday 5th March - Subway Lunch Order Day
Wednesday 13th March - Naplan Begins
Friday 15th March - P&F Welcome BBQ
Monday 18th March - St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass
Wed 20th March - School Cross-country
Thursday 21st March - Harmony Day
Tuesday 26th March - The Dish
Thursday 28th March - Holy Thursday
Friday 29th March - Good Friday
Monday 1st April - Easter Monday
Tuesday 2nd April - SDD Pupil Free
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

Monday 29th April - First Day Term 2 - SDD Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 30th April - Students return
Thursday 9th May - Open Day