



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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.



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents, Carers, Girls and Boys,

We hope to see you this Friday at our annual P&F Welcome BBQ - between 5-7pm. 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.

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

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

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.

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.



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Cross Country

The school cross country is scheduled for next week on Wednesday 22nd March between 9 am-11 am. The event will run more smoothly and be safer with the support of parent helpers by assisting with checkpoint supervision. Please use the [link](#) to indicate your availability. *Any help will be greatly appreciated.*

Harmony Day - Thursday 21st March

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a time of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The theme this year is 'Everyone Belongs'. In support of this cultural celebration, the children have been invited to enter the Harmony Day Poster Competition.

On Thursday 21st March, the students will be encouraged to wear something orange. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. The children can choose to wear something orange (e.g. ribbon, hair tie, shoelaces, t-shirt) on Harmony Day to show our support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.



Kindergarten Visit

A reminder to our kindergarten parents that the opportunities for them to visit our Kinder classrooms. Parents will be able to visit the classroom, meet and greet the teachers and generally get a feel of school life for your child.

To assist parents with some flexibility, we have chosen two afternoons Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March. This will also mean the classrooms aren't too densely crowded with parents (to assist, please choose one date rather than both).

Trivia Night

Last week the P&F announced they are hosting a fun night of Trivia on Friday 5 April in the school hall. I encourage parents to get a team together and register for this fun event. Details are below:



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 QKR app.

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

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)

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.



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Easter Egg Raffle



Thank you to our Year 6 parents for supporting this year's Easter Egg Basket Raffle fundraiser that will go towards the Year 6 school gift for 2024. We already have some donations for the raffle but encourage Year 6 parents send in some Easter Chocolate if they haven't already donated. 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.

Please note that this hat is to be made at home.



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.

Parish Children's Choir

Parish Children's Choir normally sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, but this month we have two extra invitations:

First, to sing for the St Patrick's Day Family Mass this Sunday, and second, to sing for Easter Sunday on 31st March. These are both very important celebrations, and we're very excited to be part of them.

Children's Choir practises every Friday during school terms (NB no practice Good Friday 29th March) from 4-5pm in the church. New singers from Year 3 and up are always welcome! Please contact Patricia Smith on ph. 9482 7935 for further information

This Friday, 15th March, a special event for Lent, 'The Way of the Cross' is being presented by the Select Choir (older members of the Children's Choir) at 7.30pm in the church. Supper will follow. All ages welcome to come and listen, sing and reflect, and prepare for Holy Week and Easter coming up.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2024

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| Week 6 | Friday 15th March - P&F Welcome BBQ |
| Week 7 | Monday 18th March - St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass
Wed 20th March - School Cross-country
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

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| 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 |

