



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,

Yesterday, our school buzzed with excitement as we gathered for a delightful morning assembly. The highlight was our Kinder, Year 1, and Year 2 students as they took centre stage in the Easter Hat Parade!

A big shout-out to the dedicated parents who helped their children craft their Easter hats. There was a sea of colourful and creatively decorated hats that were the result of hours of effort by the children and their patient parents. It was also fantastic to see so many parents joining us for this assembly which made it even more special for the children.

I also acknowledge and thank our Year 6 class parents and students for organising and supporting the Easter Egg Basket Raffle that was drawn on Wednesday. We had about nearly 40 prizes that were gleefully accepted by the grateful winners. The money raised by the fundraiser will go towards a gift for the school donated by Year 6 2024.

Congratulations to all involved.

Student Free Day Tuesday 2nd April

A reminder to all parents that next **Tuesday 2nd April is a student free day and there will be no lessons or supervision at St. Patrick's**. All teachers will be attending a Professional Learning Day offsite and the school is closed.

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)



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Holy Week and Easter

Today, Holy Thursday, the children reflected on the Holy Week story leading into the celebration of Easter this Sunday. The children moved through a series of prayerful and thoughtful reflections of the events of Palm Sunday, the Washing of the Disciples Feet, the Last Supper, Jesus Praying in the Garden and his journey to the Cross.

I encourage all our families to celebrate Easter at one of the various parish Holy Week ceremonies and Easter Masses and trust you have a safe and happy Easter Weekend break. Please find the details of events for St. Patrick's Church listed below.

Mass	Date	Time
Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the feet)	Thursday 28 March 2024	7:30pm
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross	Friday 29 March 2024	10am
Good Friday - Passion of the Lord	Friday 29th March 2024	3pm
Easter Vigil	Saturday 30 March 2024	7pm
Easter Sunday	Sunday 31st March 2024	8am; 10am

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.



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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: [School Open Day 2024](#)

School Refurbishment- Free Desks

The school building program remains on track with the first stage due to be completed at the end of Term 1. During the last week of term new furniture will arrive for each of the Stage 3 classrooms. As the old desks for Year 5 & 6 are being replaced they are available to take for free. I will leave samples of the available desks at the front school gate. Please ask at the school office if you would like to take a desk or two home.

Catholic Schools Broken Bay- Parent Charter

Building positive relationships between schools and parents is the cornerstone of nurturing student learning and achievement. To formalise our commitment to effective communication and mutual respect, Catholic Schools Broken Bay launched a Parent Charter in late 2023. A copy of the Charter can be found [here](#). The Charter places great emphasis on respectful, open, and two-way communication and outlines:

- What you as parents can expect from your relationship with your school.
- What our school will expect from you as parents and carers.
- Guidelines for positive communication and engagement between parents and the school.
- How to make a complaint or raise a concern.
- An explanation of unacceptable behaviours and how these are handled by the school.



As we approach the end of another busy school term, we kindly ask parents to be mindful of the following guidelines for effective partnership:

Stay Informed: Stay informed about your child's progress by attending parent-teacher conferences, reading newsletters, and checking COMPASS.

Initiate Contact: Don't hesitate to reach out to the appropriate staff member if you have concerns or questions about your child's progress, behaviour, or any other aspect of their education. Initial communications should always be with the appropriate school personnel, e.g., the classroom teacher or Year Coordinator. If further support is required, please contact our school leaders.

Be Respectful: Approach conversations with staff in a respectful and professional manner, as they are dedicated to helping your child succeed.

Respect Response Time: Recognise that staff have multiple students and responsibilities. Allow them time to respond to your inquiries and respect their working hours. Staff will usually respond within 48 hours.

Effective communication between parents and school staff is the key to a successful educational journey for your child. We value your input and are committed to working together to ensure that our school remains a collaborative, safe, and supportive environment.

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School Photos

Our school photos will be on Thursday 11th April. Attached is the instructions for ordering, please go online to your Compass Portal and order as soon as possible. Orders won't be taken after the 11th April. All children should attend school in their full summer uniform.

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](#)

Has your child been Baptised?

If either parent is already a Baptised Catholic with a child/ren over 7 years of age who has/have not been Baptised, then now is the time to act.

The parish is running the first of only two opportunities in 2024 to have Older Children Baptised.

The commitment is over 3 consecutive Saturdays with the 3rd Saturday offering Baptism during the parish Vigil Mass.

The first opportunity begins on April 6th at St Patrick's (so you'll need to be quick to enrol as they close on Thursday April 4th and the second opportunity begins on June 15th at St Bernard's (enrolments close Thursday June 13th).

For a detailed letter of the programme please email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au and request a copy.

Parish Children's Choir

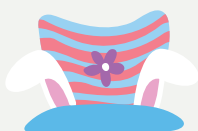
Parish Children's Choir has an invitation to sing for Easter Sunday on 31st March. This is a very important celebration, and we're very excited to be part of it.

Parish Children's Choir NO PRACTICE this Friday, Good Friday. However everyone is invited to sing at 10am Mass on Easter Sunday, to celebrate this wonderful feast (and maybe catch a glimpse of the Easter Bunny!). Practice as usual on Friday 5th April. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month and practises from 4 to 5pm in the church every Friday except during school holidays. Happy Easter, everyone!

Please contact Patricia Smith on ph. 9482 7935 for further information

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest



Dates to Remember

Thursday 28th March - Holy Thursday

Friday 29th March - Good Friday

Monday 1st April - Easter Monday

Tuesday 2nd April - SDD Pupil Free

Friday 5th April - P&F Easter Egg Hunt

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

Monday 29th April - First Day Term 2 - SDD Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 30th April - Students return

Friday 5th July - SDD Pupil Free Day