



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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St Patrick's Asquith

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

Weekend Mass Times

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,

This Easter, our Bishop Anthony Randazzo has challenged us in his message to families in our schools and parishes, to embrace the spirit of kindness and service. That during the Year of Prayer, as we remember once again the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are to reach out to all people, regardless of their beliefs or backgrounds. By our actions, let's show the love of Christ and bring hope and healing to a world that needs it.

May this special season in the Christian calendar be a time of renewal and change. As we walk alongside God, guided by His love, may we all find peace, hope, wisdom, and mercy in the embrace of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.



Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion

We wish our Year 5 and 6 students well as they embark on a three-day excursion to explore the rich history of the Hill End and the Bathurst Goldfields.

Our students will travel over the Blue Mountains witnessing the stunning views at Echo Point and The Three Sisters. They will then be travelling on to discover the history of Hill End as they roam around the preserved buildings of Hill End township and discover what life was like on the goldfields.

At Bathurst Goldfields, our students will step back in time. Seeing artefacts, restored buildings and equipment of by-gone days, and preserved sites, they'll find themselves in the gold-rush era. They will engage with tours around the site, role-play activities, and hands-on experiences like gold panning.

On their return journey they will visit Scenic World and ride on the steepest railway in the world and a walk along the board walk through the Jamison Valley.

I thank the staff travelling with the children in advance for giving their time away from their family to facilitate the excursion. I am sure the children will have an enjoyable time with their peers and make lifelong memories.

School Photos

We look forward to our school photos that are scheduled for next week, Thursday 11th April. Please note Full Summer Uniform is to be worn for all grades - no sports uniforms.

Ordering of your child/ren's school photos is available now through the school Compass Portal. Sibling photos are also available to order through Compass and must be ordered before midnight prior to our photo day. Please refer to the attached flyer for more details.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

School Open Day

We are gearing up to showcase our school at our School Open Day next term. This is an important event on the school calendar where we invite prospective parents wishing to enrol their child for 2025 to come and see why St. Patrick's would be a great choice.

Parents who have children ready to begin school next year are encouraged to register for our school Open Day on Thursday 9th May (Week 2 next term) by using the following link: [School Open Day 2024](#)

I am also 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.

If you have a child starting next year please pop into the office and pick up an enrolment form at any time.

Mother's Day Celebrations

We are looking forward to our Mother's Day Celebration at school next term. We warmly encourage mothers, mother figures and women role models in the lives of our children to come along on Friday 10th May from 8.00am for a cuppa, something sweet and tasty and get together.

This will be followed by our Mother's Day Liturgy and some time with mums and children in classrooms. Please stay for as long as you can on the morning.

Thanks to Monique Ciampi and other parent volunteers for running the Mother's Day stall set for Friday 10th May.

Parents will be notified soon when to complete an individual order for each child in the family, through the QKR App. All gifts are \$7:50 each and are to be purchased through the QKR app before 5pm Wed 8th of May. The stall will be held at school on Friday 10th May.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 2 of Term 2 (May 6th-9th) with an evening session scheduled for Wednesday 8th May. The interviews provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss their progress and set goals for the year ahead. Parents are now able to book a face-to-face interview time with their child/ren's teacher via Compass.

School Uniform

I am thankful for the overwhelming support by our parent community to send their child/ren each day dressed in their correct school uniform. In the last few weeks, we have had only a handful of students needing reminders about wearing the correct shoes or refraining from wearing additional items that are not part of the school uniform.

A reminder to parents that the beginning of next term, we will have a 'phase in' period towards Winter uniform. Students may wear either full Summer or full Winter uniform for the first three weeks of Term 2. Students should be in full Winter uniform by Monday 20th May. Please [click here](#) to see expectations about uniform with particular reference to school shoes.

Student Free Day Friday 12th April

Even though last Tuesday's pupil free day was well advertised we still had had a few children arrive at school expecting normal lessons. Please take note that next pupil free day is next week, on Friday 12th April and there will be no lessons or supervision at St. Patrick's on that day. All teachers will be attending a Professional Learning Day offsite and the school will be closed. Below is further information regarding future pupil free days and the option for before and after school care at Water Street Kids at Prouille Catholic Primary School.

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:

- 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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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.

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 have left a sample of the available desks near the front school gate. Please ask at the school office if you would like to take a desk or two 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.

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.

From the Choir:

Parish Children's Choir would like to thank all the singers and their families who made Easter Sunday Mass such a beautiful celebration.

Practice as usual this Friday, 5th April, from 4 to 5pm in the church, this week with Special Guest conductors! Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Last practice for Term 1 will be on Friday 12th April, then there will be a break for school holidays.

Many thanks to Cecilia, Stina and Sarah for supervising and taking care of the Choir over the next two weeks.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2024

Friday 5th April - Quizzame Trivia Night 6.30pm
Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th April - Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
Thursday 11th April - School Photos
Thursday 11th April - Last day School
Thursday 11th April - Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 12th April - Last day term 1 - Pupil Free Day

Term 2 - 2024

Monday 29th April - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 30th April - First Day Term 2 - Students return
Tuesday 30th April - The Dish
Thursday 9th May - Open Day
Friday 10th May - Mothers Day Morning Tea & Liturgy

ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND MASSES

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

Religious Education

The Dish

Our next rostered session for The Dish will be **Tuesday 30th April** which will be the first day back next term.

Last week I took with me 55 meals for the dish and every meal was taken and very gratefully received. The Dish is serving more people than ever, including some parents bringing their young children for a meal or collecting a meal to take home to their children. Popular meals are anything served with rice (e.g a mild curry) or pasta bakes.

It would be lovely to have some additional volunteers to help prepare meals. Especially as currently we only have 3 volunteers for the next round. If you are able to assist with preparing a meal to be shared at The Dish please complete [this form](#) or email Mrs Lloyd-Jones. Containers will be sent home next week in preparation.



Jesus is alive!
Jesus is with us!
Jesus is in our hearts!

Thank you to Year 1 and Year 2 for leading us in prayer at our beautiful Easter Mass. It was a wonderful to be able to celebrate the joy of Easter together as a school community.

Up Coming Events

ANZAC Day Prayer Service - Tuesday 30th April 11:30am

Mother's Day Liturgy - Friday 10th May

Stage 1 Parish Family Mass - Sunday 26th May

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



"Try to leave the
world a better place
than when you found
it."
-Sidney Sheldon

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 1 Weeks 9 and 10

We are responsible learners who
care for ourselves and the
environment.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

This fortnight, we are encouraging students to think more thoughtfully about how they sort waste in our school. This creates our little bit at St Patrick's, which we can do to help our world.

Some of the ways we can do this include:

- Respecting our gardens and playground areas
- Putting our rubbish in the bin on the playground and in the classroom
- Turning off lights, tv screens etc. when not in the classroom (conserving energy)
- Recycling paper and cardboard in the classroom
- Using our compost bins

Caring Actions



COMPOSTING

The benefits of composting:

- Fosters a love of nature
- Promotes sustainability
- Reduces food waste
- Enriches the soil
- Provides teachable moment with children about our environment



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

PADDY'S CARE GROUP

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

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:

- ★ by assisting with meals
- ★ helping children arrive to and/or from school
- ★ praying for people.

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 & Tiphonie 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

Maths challenge

Bear patterns

Here's a new puzzle to try this week!

The aim is for the whole family to collaborate on solving it. Encouraging the whole family to share puzzles and talk to each other mathematically is very important to us.

Enjoy!

I'll share the solution in next week's newsletter.

What colour will the 20th bear be in each of these patterns?

Pattern 1:



Pattern 2:



Pattern 3:



Use green, yellow and purple bears to create a pattern where the 12th and 20th bear will be green.



ABC's Holiday writing competition

Does your child love writing poems?

ABC is holding a competition starting from the 21st March and closing on the 22nd April for students to write a haiku poem. Winning poems will be published on the ABC!

The theme this year is Space and our Solar System.

For more information and to submit a Haiku poem, please visit the ABC website <https://www.abc.net.au/education/haiku-competition-2024/103555872>

ST PAT'S SPORTS REPORT



Cross Country 2024

On Wednesday 20th March, our whole school headed down to Mills Park for our Cross Country. We were lucky with the weather as the rain held off for the morning!

Congratulations to everyone who gave it a go - walking or running - we are proud of everyone who entered. It was fantastic to hear the screams and cheers from students as they encouraged their peers and those from other year groups. Our Kindy and Year 6 students spent time together, enjoying the hula-hoops and free play on the oval. The highlight of the morning may have been the Kindy kids as they raced with Mr VT in the Kindy Dash - running past the cheering grandstand to the finish line!

Congratulations to all students who received a place and who will now progress to the next level to represent St Pat's.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who gave up their morning to help our young athletes! We also had many parent spectators, providing support and encouragement.



Cross Country 2024





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



FOOTBALL
NSW



HORNSBY HEIGHTS

TERM 2 - MONDAYS

Montview Oval
Monday 6th May -
Monday 1st July
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Cost:

\$100 or
\$50 with AKV



REGISTER HERE



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www.footballnsw.com.au

