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Fr Joy Thomas OSH

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,

Thank you to parents and carers who actively responded to last week's communication regarding the procedures for the morning drop-off. Getting the family off to various locations each morning can be a stressful time, especially if we are unnecessarily delayed. I appreciate that the school is located on a very busy thoroughfare and increased traffic at these peak periods will impact on parking, drop off and pickup.

Again, I ask you to please follow the procedures below, so everyone benefits from a cooperative approach to morning drop-off:

- When using the Kiss and Drop Zone you are asked to drive through to the furthest point possible in the No Parking Zone outside the bottom gate. (This will allow other cars to use the space behind your car).
- When using the Kiss and Drop Zone I ask that parents and carers remain in their car as the children alight from the vehicle independently. (This will allow the process of Drop-off to run more efficiently).
- If your child/ren cannot alight from your car without assistance, it would be better that you park elsewhere in the street and walk your child to the school gate.
- Please be aware that when the Kiss and Drop Zone is full, parents will wait in the No Parking Zone further up the street for cars to move from the Kiss and Drop Zone. I ask that you respect the order and not travel past this line of traffic to jump the queue.

I thank parents in advance for supporting these arrangements.

Well-being Week

This week we celebrated Well-being Week with various fun activities focused on different aspects of well-being, such as mindfulness, physical fitness and emotional resilience through our Life Skills Go program. The children have enjoyed taking time out of the classroom and learning about emotional regulation strategies with Lara from Life Skills Go. It was also nice to have parents come along to this week's session and see the positive and practical experiences that the children have been enjoying this term. The children enjoyed the fun of wearing a team jersey today and earning tickets through the week for spin-the-wheel prizes. Thanks to our P&F for supporting the coffee van today. We had a good roll-up of parents this morning to enjoy a free coffee and catch-up with each other.

Peer Support

I acknowledge and thank our wonderful Stage 3 children who led the Peer Support activities this week working with a group of students from younger grades to complete activities together. These across-Stage activities not only allow our older students to demonstrate their leadership skills it also gives the children the chance to develop connections and friendships with children they may not usually play or learn with.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Movie Night

A reminder to parents that the P&F will be hosting the St Pat's Movie Night tonight, Friday 20th September from 5:30pm on the school grounds. Tickets are available to purchase on Qkr! We hope many of you will be able to come along and enjoy a fun night together.

Staffing

This week we farewell Mrs Michelle Stewart who has gain taken on the demanding role in our school office while Mrs Taylor has been on leave. I acknowledge and thank Michelle for her professional skills and know-how and her hard-working nature that has kept the school functioning well. We have been extremely fortunate to have had someone of Michelle's experience and calibre step-in to a very important role in the school a few times in the past year. Next week we welcome back Mrs Taylor after her long but deserved break. I am sure she has enjoyed time away with her family and friends.

Swimming Carnival

As communicated last week, Hornsby Shire Pool had scheduled next year's Annual School Swimming Carnival for the first day of Term 1. As a result of this scheduling, we have decided to move the 2025 School Swimming Carnival to Week 9 Term 4 (Friday December 13th, 2024). We will also hold the K-2 Water Fun Day on the same day. More information regarding this event will be provided next term.

Building Update

I thank both Mrs Chan and Mrs Stewart who began moving items into the school office last Sunday in readiness for its completion yesterday. I thank parents for their patience during the time of the relocated office space, but we are now close to having everything set up and back to normal functions in the new office space.

The new Year 1 and 2 classrooms have new carpet and vinyl laid and are now being fitted out with new cabinetry. The new lift shaft outer walls are in place while the area between the hall and Block C continues to be levelled and made ready for the installation of new synthetic grass. Early next term the Year 1 & 2 classes will relocate back to the lower floor of Block C and the new library spaces will be set up. This will also signal the removal of buildings off the basketball court and a return of this area as a play space.



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook

The “**NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook**” is a comprehensive and free resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety. The Handbook aims to raise awareness about risks to children and steps that can be taken to protect and keep them safe.

This new digital edition (link below) includes important content updates from: NSW Rural Fire Service (NEW fire danger ratings), NSW Health (Water & Pool Safety), Transport NSW (School Bus Safety).
Please click on the link to view the [digital handbook](#):



Here are additional links where the digital handbook can be viewed:
NSW Police Legacy – <https://www.policelegacynsw.org.au/resources/>
Child Safety Hub website – <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>
The handbook is also available to download for free on all the App stores.

Parish News

Parents are encouraged to click on the following link to access the weekly [Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish Bulletin](#). Parents will find information for St. Patrick’s Church including opportunities for families to support parish events including charitable works initiatives, joining the children's choir and the sacramental program.

Parish Children's Choir Congratulations to all our young people who received the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend! Thanks also to Children's Choir members who volunteered for an extra Sunday out of their usual routine, to support this very special occasion. Children's Choir is open to any young person from Year 3 and up, and we would love to see any newly-confirmed come and join us. The Choir practises every Friday during school terms after school from 4 to 5pm, and sings on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10am Mass. Please Note: Children's Choir families are providing Coffee Corner after Mass this Sunday (22nd Sept), so come and join us! Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God bless you and your families.
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

Dates to Remember
Term 3 - 2024
Friday 20th September - Family Movie Night
Thursday 26th September - Early stage 1 Excursion Calmsley Farm
Monday 23rd September - Stage 3 Excursion Movies
Friday 27th September - Last Day Term 3
Term 4 - 2024
Monday 14th October - First Day Term 4
Friday 25th October - Grandparents Day 9.30am
Wednesday 11th December - End of Year Mass 9.30am
Friday 13th December - Year 6 Moving Bodies Fun Day
Friday 13th December - 2025 Swimming Carnival & Water Fun Day
Monday 16th December - Year 6 Graduation & Last Day
Tuesday 17th December - Last Day Term 4
Wednesday 18th December - SDD no students at school

Religious Education

Confirmation

Miss Supple, Miss Furlong, Miss Gibson and I were privileged to attend the celebration of Confirmation on Sunday. Congratulations to all those children who received this special sacrament.

Kayden	Casey
Belle	Michael
Louis	Dylan
Henry	Max
Amelia	Eva
Chelsea	Holly
Brielle	Koby
Gerson	Abi
Leo	



The Dish

I was overwhelmed with the generosity shown by the St Patrick's community on Tuesday night when I took a car full of meals to the Dish. A huge thank you to all the parents who took time to prepare curries, stir-fries and pasta, all meals were gratefully appreciated with many comments on how delicious they were. Thank you also to the massive bowls of fruit salad which was a very popular item. Thanks you to the wonderful Year 6 helpers who prepared desserts. The donations of tea, fancy coffee sachets and especially the cans of soft drink were small luxuries that were very excitedly received.

Term 3 and 4 Liturgical Events

- Parent Prayer: Wednesday 25th September 8:15am
- Whole School Rosary for October Month of the Rosary: Friday 18th October
- Grandparents Day: Friday 25th October (Term 4 Week 2)
- End of Year Mass: Wednesday 11th December 9:30am (Term 4 Week 9)
- Year 6 Graduation: Monday 16th December (Term 4 Week 10)

Religious Education



GRANDPARENTS DAY!

WE WELCOME ALL GRANDPARENTS AND
SPECIAL FRIENDS TO JOIN US

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Liturgy in the church 9:30AM

Followed by morning tea and classroom
visits

We would love to prepare a special presentation Grandparent's Day featuring photographs of students with their Grandparents. Could you please send photographs of Grandparents with their grandchildren to kylie.lloydjones@dbb.catholic.edu.au by Wednesday 16th October.

Parent Prayer

All parents are invited to join for a prayer next Wednesday 25th September at 8:15am in 5/6 Gold. Looking forward to seeing you there next week.

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



Life is a matter
of choices and
every choice you
make makes you.
- John C Maxwell

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 3 Weeks 9-10

We are responsible learners who
make good choices.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

As we come towards the end of the term, sometimes we need some reminders to make good choices in order to be a cooperative member of our school community. Talk about choices in terms of: what is a good choice for their learning? A good choice to help others' learning? A good choice for being safe and caring? Or even a good choice to make someone else's day just a little brighter?

Things we can encourage our students to do:

- Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task
- Choosing to be safe and caring in your actions
- Make a good choice that benefits everyone around them and not just themselves
- Be the best that they can be

Make good choices



Making sure they are including
all their friends in online games.

Thinking out strategies to making a calm
decision - traffic lights, breathing, counting
to three.

Problem solving at home.

How can you help develop this at home?

Playing safely and looking after
their toys in a responsible way.

Making responsible choices for
completing homework on time
and helping out at home.

Take care and be kind to yourselves,
Hannah Fryar
Wellbeing Coordinator

ST PATRICK'S SPELLING BEE GRAND FINAL!

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

YEARS 3-6 FROM 9:15 AM
KINDERGARTEN- YEAR 2 FROM
11:15AM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME TO
ATTEND.



Maths challenge

Soccer

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 the next newsletter.

Solution from last newsletter:
Ava collected 9 shells

There are **22** soccer players on the field.

7 players have taken a corner kick.

6 players have taken a throw in.

3 players have done both.

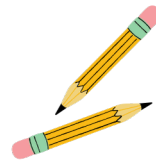
How many of the players have done **neither**?



LIBRARY NEWS

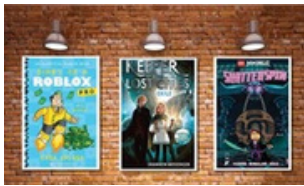
Term Three

PRC & elibrary



Congratulations to the 136 students who completed the Premier Reading Challenge. What an amazing achievement, it is wonderful to see so many students engaging with a variety of books. The holidays are a perfect time to escape in a new book. Jump onto our e-library to check out the newest additions.

<https://stpatasquith.eplatform.co/>



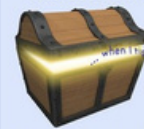
The Captain's Prequel Book

Many talented artists entered our illustrator's competition and we are excited to start our book project with Susea Spray. We will have a creative group assisting with the layout and main characters and each class will complete a double page illustration for OUR book.

The book rhymes and has been edited by the fabulous Jackie Hasking. We have been able to follow the writing editing process which has been an incredible experience to see how 'real author's adapt and change to perfect their written pieces. Check out our writing journey with Susea by following her blog.

<https://suseaspray.com/a-big-blue-boat-prequel/>

The Captain's prequel has been edited ...



PRC & elibrary

We were lucky to have some wonderful helpers from Mercy College assist in the library with labelling new books. If you are able to help contact these books please contact the office.

I would love your help!



WE WILL BE HAVING A
BOOK FAIR EARLY NEXT
TERM!!!
MORE INFORMATION TO
FOLLOW





**GLENWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL**

MIND QUEST PROGRAM

FOR 1ST TO 6TH GRADERS



On the weekend of 9th and 10th November, the 99th NSW talent enrichment weekend will be held for primary students at Glenwood HS. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 35 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include Chemistry, Earth sciences, Drama, Lego robotics, Art and much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$240.

For more information
and to enrol visit
mindquest.net.au

Enrolment
closing date is
Friday 18th
October.





Act, Create, Communicate

The difference is dramatic.....

**Boost your child's creativity, confidence,
communication skills & self-development
through drama.**

**Our drama programme covers speech,
mimes, drama games, improvisations,
play building and productions.**

Enrolling term 4 2024

5 week block

venue

**St. Patrick's School
lunchtime class**



**For further information Please call
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2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Macquarie Park, NSW



Scan the
QR code or
[click here](#)
to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Tuesday & Wednesday
15 & 16 October, 2024
9:30am - 2:30pm



MGSM Conference Centre
Ground Floor
5 Management Drive
MACQUARIE PARK NSW 2109

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided




Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

 <https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>
 amacrae@positivepartnerships.com.au



0466 364 903



Scan for
more info

INALA FAIR

Sunday 20 October

99 Franklin Rd, Cherrybrook

9am-3pm

Pony Ride

White Elephant

Art and Craft

Market Stalls



Event Partner





REGISTRATION OPEN

Boys Spring Season Social Netball

COME AND TRY

We have boys signed up from Westleigh, Thornleigh, Killara, Turrumurra, Roseville, West Pennant Hills, Lindfield, Galston, Berowra, Wahroonga, St Ives, Mt Colah & even North Ryde!

Many of these are individuals, looking forward to trying out a fun new summer sport.

Registrations are now open, and we are starting to form teams, so register now - boys born 2010-2014

No experience necessary and game instruction will be provided if needed

- No uniform required, just same colour shirt per team (*decided when we finalise teams*)
- \$37 - Netball NSW 3-month player registration/insurance
- \$48 - KNA admin fees
- Tues Oct 15 to Dec 10 (9-weeks)
- 6pm Canoon Road Courts, Sth Turrumurra
- Each team to pay umpire each week

DON'T MISS OUT

If the link closes, email our Boys Coordinator to see what's possible!

boys@kna.com.au



REGISTER TODAY!

Have end of year fun, playing Spring Season Social Netball

Use the link or scan the QR code to register.

