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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.



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! We are excited about the wonderful opportunities ahead as we continue the children's learning journey. This term, we look forward to coming together as a school community to celebrate achievements including the completion of the building project, enjoy end-of-year festivities, and participate in meaningful events.

Highlights include:

- Grandparents Day and Book Fair
- Kinder 2024 Transition Sessions: Welcoming our future students.
- School Disco: A fun-filled evening for all.
- Year 5 Leadership Day with Motiv8 Sports: Building leadership skills.
- Year 6 Celebration Day at Moving Bodies: A special day to celebrate our Year 6 students.
- School Swimming Carnival and Water Fun Day
- End of School Mass: A time to reflect and give thanks.
- Farewell to Leaving Students: Acknowledging and celebrating their contributions.
- School Christmas Concert: A joyful celebration of the season.
- We look forward to a term filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit!

Book Fair

Our Book Fair is not far away and we are getting excited about browsing and purchasing new books to enjoy. Please see the attached information on how you can add to your own reading collection, get sorted with book gifts for Christmas or those December birthdays or even donate some new books to our school library.

We are also currently busy packing up the library and getting excited about the move to our new space. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please send in any library books you have at home to help with this process. A green tub is located outside Kindy Gold for any returns you may have.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Grandparents Day

We are looking forward to many of the children's grandparents joining us to celebrate Grandparents Day on Friday 25th October, (Week 2 Term 4). Our Grandparents Day Celebration coincides with the completing of all the classroom spaces refurbishment and our Book Fair.

Outline of the morning events:

9am Book Fair open and a chance to visit the new classroom spaces

9:30am we will gather in the church to celebrate a special liturgy to give thanks for how wonderful our grandparents are. Term 3

Art awards will be presented to selected artists at the conclusion to the liturgy

Following this will be a cuppa and morning tea, and time to visit our recently renovated classrooms to observe classroom learning.

The band will be playing a few numbers in the playground whilst morning tea is served. The book fair will continue with an opportunity to donate books to our new library space.

It is not too late to send photographs of grandparents with their grandchildren to Mrs Lloyd-Jones so we can prepare a short reflection for the liturgy.

I thank parents in advance who are supporting the catering and serving of a cuppa and morning tea during the morning.

Enrolments 2025

We are gearing up for our Kinder 2025 Transition sessions scheduled for 5 consecutive weeks in October and November. We have 2 classes and there is room for more enrolments. If parents are aware of families that have children ready to start school next year, I encourage you to recommend our school and the offer to come and find out more information. Prospective parents can contact the school to have a private tour and pick up an enrolment pack from the school office or enquire online: [Enrolment Enquiry Form](#)

Building Update

The new Year 1 and 2 classrooms are being finalised with new furniture expected tomorrow and children and teachers moving in by Tuesday next week. This signals the end of the refurbishment of classrooms and office spaces with only the new lift for Block C and playground works to be completed. This will also signal the removal of buildings off the basketball court and a return of this area as a play space.

E-Library

With the completion of the new classrooms in the next week, we will also be taking delivery of new furniture in preparation for our new library space returning to its intended function. The resources in the temporary library are currently being packed up ready to be moved and set up in the new spaces in the coming few weeks. As a result, the children will not be able to borrow physical books during this time.

Children and parents are reminded that the E-Library reading resources are available to the children. This digital platform provides all students access to over 3000 e-books. I again thank Mrs Wickham for organising this great resource.

I also acknowledge and thank Mrs Wickham for her patience while teaching in the temporary library space and her energy and efforts to pack up and set up the library resources multiple times. It is a significant undertaking to keep resources available and ready for the children and staff which has been made doubly difficult during the past 11 months of the building project.

Canteen Volunteers

The canteen is a valued service provided out of the goodwill of our parent community volunteering to serve the children a few days a week. To date we do not have many volunteers that have put their name on the Canteen Roster for this term. We understand that parents are busy, but we cannot offer the canteen service without our wonderful band of volunteers. If you can help, please click on the following link and register your name: [St Patrick's Canteen: St Patrick's Canteen \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

I acknowledge and thank Maegan and the wonderful volunteers who make volunteering so simple. Parents or grandparents are only required for one hour on Wednesday or Friday. So please consider registering your name for a day.

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North Shore Pastoral Discernment Process

Bishop Anthony invites all people in the North Shore Deanery to participate in the pastoral discernment process. This is an opportunity to engage in conversation to discern the particular needs of the community on the North Shore. You can find more information on the [Diocese of Broken Bay website](#).

Working in community with our parish Ku-ring-gai Chase we are hosting a number of opportunities for parents to join these conversations.

- Online :Friday 18 October at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm please join [using this link](#).
- In Person Session at Asquith: Sunday 27 October, after the 10am Mass at Asquith, to be held at the Asquith School Hall (i.e. 11:30 am to 12:30 pm).
- In Person Session at Berowra: Sunday 3 November, after the 9am Mass at Berowra, to be held at the Berowra School Hall (i.e. 10:30 am to 11:30 am).

Additionally, Staff and Stage 3 students will participate in the Discernment process early this term.

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, the sacramental program and so much more.

Parish Children's Choir practices resume this week, on Friday afternoons as usual from 4to 5pm in the church. Congratulations to our newly trained cantors, Nicola, Himaya, Anamaria, Emillie, Charlotte and Akinsa! All these young singers have taken on this responsible leadership role for our parish community. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

God bless,
Todd vane-Tempest
Principal

Dates to Remember

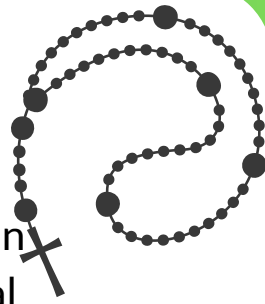
Term 4 - 2024

- 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

October - Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. This week in classes children have been making their own sets of Rosary beads and tomorrow (Friday 18th October) will join Father Biju in praying the Rosary. Everyone is welcome to join us in this special time of prayer.



Catholic Mission - Soctober

Soctober, a Catholic Mission initiative, engages students with global issues like poverty and social justice through soccer. The program encourages them to take action by raising awareness and funds in their communities.

This year, students are learning about the work of mission in Mongolia and the reality of the people living there; as they face challenges such as extremely harsh winters, increased rates of poverty and lack of social services to assist those in need.

We will be hosting a Soctober Day on Wednesday 23rd October and invite students to wear crazy socks and bring a gold coin donation for Catholic Mission. During the day students will participate in learning activities in their classroom about Catholic Mission.



Term 4 Liturgical Events

- 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.

Christmas Card Competition

Bishop Anthony is looking for designs for his Christmas Cards. Create a Christmas Card featuring a religious image and hand in to Mrs LJ by Thursday 7th November

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The following questions were developed based on North Shore Social Profile Report data. Communities across the North Shore are invited to respond to the Guiding Consultation questions through the Conversation in the Spirit methodology, listening and dialoguing together at the service of shaping a Pastoral Discernment Submission for Bishop Anthony's consideration.

QUESTION 1: The data highlights a clear and significant decline in participation in the pastoral and sacramental life of our communities. How does this shift impact our sense of identity and mission within our local communities? What resourcing initiatives or areas of mission should be considered to address this decline in Catholic identification in the North Shore Deanery?

QUESTION 2: What pastoral synergies exist across our North Shore Deanery? How might clusters of parish communities collaborate more effectively? What may be possible across our cluster of parishes in our Deanery?

QUESTION 3: What do you consider to be the most pressing issues for people living in the North Shore Deanery and how best might parish communities respond to these?

QUESTION 4: The data highlights an increasing demand and stress on community members due to high living costs and housing distress. How can the Church's pastoral mission be adapted to address these challenges? What specific pastoral initiatives can the Church implement to support individuals and families facing financial hardship? What areas for outreach may need to be thought through and considered?

QUESTION 5: How does the current configuration of Catholic Communities on the North Shore facilitate or limit mission, ministry, worship, liturgy, and catechesis? What may need to be considered or reviewed to enhance and strengthen Catholic Communities on the North Shore?

Living out our
challenge for
discipleship



"Respect yourself
and others will
respect you"

- Confucious

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 4 Weeks 1 and 2

We are respectful learners who take
pride in their appearance.

Why is it important to develop this skill?

As we now head into our summer months, we expect the students to be now wearing their full school summer uniform according to the guidelines outlined on the [school website](#). It is an important reminder for your children to remember to LABEL ALL their clothing so it can be returned to you directly (particularly reused uniforms with previous names of students: please cross out and relabel). We understand the cost and we need to encourage the students to take ownership of the care of such items. Also, it is important to remind students to be wearing their hats in the playground.

If, for any reason, your child is not able to wear their correct uniform on a given day please just write a note to their teacher to let them know the reason.

Wearing our uniform with pride



Label all your uniform items.

Set up good hygiene and
grooming practices

Encourage to put jackets and
jumpers in their school bags
when they are hot.

How can you help develop this at home?

Have students take
responsibility for their clothing
at home - tidying, washing etc

Encouraging your child to bring
their hat and wear their hat at
school each day.

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



BOOK FAIR

Our school is hosting a Book Fair with Larrikin House STARTING NEXT WEDNESDAY 23RD – 29th October. Classes will have the chance to attend the Larrikin Book Fair prior to opening to browse and make a 'wish list.

You are able to browse some of the books on offer and pre order online using click and collect at - <https://larrikinhouse.com.au/collections/book-fair-range> . We will also be accepting cash and credit card payments on site during the Book Fair too.

The book fair will be open the below times along with lunchtimes to those making a purchase

WEDNESDAY 29th - 8.15 -8.45am & 3-3.00pm

THURSDAY 30th - 8.15- 8.45 am

FRIDAY 31st (GRANDPARENTS DAY) 8.15 - RECESS

MONDAY 1st - 8.15 - 8.45 am & 3- 3.30pm

TUESDAY 2nd - 8.15 - 8.45 am & 3 -3.30pm

You might like to purchase a new book to DONATE to our NEW school library. It would be labelled noting your family's generous donation and your child would be the first offered to borrow the book!!!

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO OFFER HELP AT THE BOOK FAIR DURING GRANDPARENTS DAY AND/OR PACKING UP AFTER THE FAIR I WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP.

LARRIKIN BOOK FAIRS TOP 200' CLICK & COLLECT ORDERING IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

1. You can ONLY order from our 'Book Fair Top 200' range/page below.
2. In the cart below your selection add your Child's Name and Class in the 'Click & Collect Information' field.
3. At Checkout be sure to select 'Click & Collect' as your Shipping Method.
4. Carefully Choose your School Name from the list.
5. Print / show your order email at the Book Fair as proof of purchase by the closing date.



**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.





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communication skills & self-development
through drama.**

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

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5 week block

venue

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



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more info

INALA FAIR

Sunday 20 October

99 Franklin Rd, Cherrybrook

9am-3pm

Pony Ride

White Elephant

Art and Craft

Market Stalls



Event Partner

