



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

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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 and Carers,

Today at the Broken Bay Diocesan Mission Mass, attended by our school captains and representatives from all schools across our diocese, we heard how 80% of the world's resources are owned and controlled by 20% of the world's population. That is an astounding fact that shows us how lucky we are here in our community. Catholic Mission is the Pope's international mission agency in Australia that seeks to even out that balance by partnering with communities to help them flourish and support all people to live life to the full.

This week, to raise awareness for Mission Month as part of Catholic Mission the children celebrated Socktober with a crazy sock day. During Mission Month Catholic Mission shines a spotlight those communities in need and asks us to act. Click the link for more information: [Socktober](#)

### Grandparent's Day

We are looking forward to many of the children's grandparents joining us to celebrate Grandparents Day tomorrow, Friday 25th October. 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.

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

### Book Fair

Our Book Fair is underway with many children and parents browsing and purchasing new books online or at school in the temporary library space. 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.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## Enrolments 2025

Next week we welcome the first group of our Kinder 2025 to their initial Transition Day. 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 school has become a little quieter with the completion of the last stage of the classroom refurbishment. This week Year 1 and 2 class groups along with their class resources were successfully relocated to their new classrooms. The children were excited to be back in their usual space along with new surroundings and furniture. The new library furniture arrives on Friday, but we expect that it will take a week or two to return all the resources to the shelves. As a result, the children will not be able to borrow physical books during this time. Children and parents are again reminded that the E-Library reading resources are available to the children. This digital platform provides all students access to over 3000 e-books.

## Canteen Volunteers

This week we had to close the canteen due to no available parent 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 \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

## Student Leadership

The process for selecting the student leaders for 2025 begins this week with the Year 5 students experiencing a Leadership Skills Program facilitated by the class teachers in conjunction with the provider Motiv8 Sports. Following this experience the children will also have a Leadership Reflection Day at Mercy House North Sydney. These opportunities are provided to support the children in their journey towards nominating and selecting the student leaders for 2025.

## School Uniform

Our behaviour focus for the past two weeks has been 'Take Pride in Our Appearance' which includes wearing the school uniform correctly. I am very pleased to see so many children attend school each day with this commitment. However, I have noticed a few students wearing their winter uniform this term. At this time of the year the weather is warning up sufficiently for all students to be wearing their summer uniform during Term 4. I thank parents for supporting their children to attend school each day wearing the full school uniform.

## School Disco

The children need to get their dancing shoes ready as the P&F is holding the annual school disco on Thursday 7 November. More information will be provided soon.

## 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.

- **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.

God bless,  
Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal

## Dates to Remember Term 4 - 2024

Friday 25th October - Grandparents  
Day 9.30am

Saturday 27th October - 11:30am  
North Shore Discernment at St  
Patrick's

Tuesday 29th October - Year 5 Mercy  
Leaders Day

Thursday 31st October - First Kindy  
2025 Transition Day

Thursday 7th November - Second  
Kindy 2025 Transition Day

Thursday 7th November School Disco

Thursday 14th November - Third  
Kindy 2025 Transition Day

Thursday 14th November - Small  
Steps High School Transition Seminar

Saturday 16th November - Twilight  
Christmas Markets

Thursday 21st November- Forth  
Kindy Transition Day

Sunday 24th November - Year 5 and  
Future Kindy Family Mass 10am

Thursday 28th - 5th Kindy Transition  
Day

Friday 6th December - Drew Lane  
Christmas Concert

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

## Small Steps Transition to High School

A seminar  
for Yr 5 & 6  
parents

6.00 -7.15 pm  
Thursday  
14 November

Come along to St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Asquith,  
to learn more about:

- When is anxiety a problem?
- Symptoms of anxiety in young people
- Starting high school
- The Small Steps plan- to support young people to face their worries in small steps
- Developing emotional regulation
- Resources for parents and carers

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Term 4, 2024

### Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live  
webinar designed for parent and carers.

#### Term 4 topics:

- **Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into high school (30 minutes)**  
Suitable for parents and carers of young people in upper primary school (aged 11-12) and Year 7.
- **eSafety 101: How eSafety can help (30 minutes)**  
Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school. An overview of the eSafety Commissioner, and supporting programs and resources for parents and carers, children, and young people.



For more information and to register now: [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



eSafety Commissioner

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