



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

Fr Joy Thomas OSH

## 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,

Grandparent's Day was once again a great success! It was lovely to see so many grandparents attend this special celebration and the beautiful bond that exists between the children and grandchildren. We were overwhelmed by the positive responses from grandparents as they were leaving the event. I spoke to many grandparents on the day and every one of them was thankful for the opportunity to connect with their grandkids at school. It was also a delight to see the smiling faces of the children throughout the morning.

Thanks to our staff and parents for all the preparation and organisation in the lead up and during the morning's celebration. I especially thank our P&F President and Canteen Supervisor Katie Barillaro and Maegan Rose as well as Mrs. Lloyd-Jones (REC) and Mrs. Pugsley (Music) for their indispensable role they filled to make this day so successful. I also acknowledge and thank Mrs. Wickam (Library) for organizing and facilitating our well-attended and highly successful Book Fair. There were many books sold during the week and on Grandparents Day. I am sure these books will be well received and enjoyed by the children.

Our wonderfully talented School Band also played during the morning event. Grandparents were able to sit for a while, enjoy a cuppa and a snack and listen to a concert from our band. I truly thank our band teacher, Mrs. Helen Jacobsen, for all her efforts in arranging the musical performance in preparation for the band to play so successfully with her efforts with the band.

### Enrolments 2025

We began welcoming the first group of our Kinder 2025 to their initial Transition Day this week. We had a lovely morning with half the group organising school uniforms, meeting each other beginning their school experience at St. Patrick's Asquith. 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](#)

### Student Leadership

Last week our Year 5 students experienced a Leadership Skills Program facilitated by the class teachers in conjunction with the provider Motiv8 Sports. This week the children had a Leadership Reflection Day at Mercy House North Sydney. I am proud to report that the children were outstanding on both days and I am very confident that our next year's leaders will do us and their families proud. We look forward to the coming weeks as we journey towards nominating and selecting the student leaders for 2025.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

## Building Update

Last week we were able to proudly show parents and grandparents the completed classrooms during Grandparents Day. Over the next few weeks, we will also give our new Kinder parents the chance to see the new works including the new Library furniture that arrived last Friday. I encourage any parents who haven't had the chance to take a tour of the new school facilities to ask at the school office or ask me, Mrs. Schyvens or Mrs. Lloyd-Jones when you are next in the school to show you around these new spaces. Even though our new library furniture arrived last Friday 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.

## 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. K - 3 is 5 - 6.30pm and Yrs 3 - 6 is 7 - 8.30pm. Year 3 can attend either session but not both.

## 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 an opportunity for parents to join the conversation.

- 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.

## P&F Twilight Market

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the P&F Twilight Market on Saturday 16th November from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. There will be some food options, activities for the children, entertainment and a small amount of market stalls to purchase from. We are still looking for some volunteers to help out leading up to, and on the night, have a look at the sign up to see what you could help out with: If you have second hand books to donate there are 2 blue tubs labelled 'Twilight Market Donations' at the back of the hall. We would still love some donations for the handmade craft stall, so please reach out if you have any ideas. We will be looking for plant donations and cake donations closer to the date.

Stay tuned for more information in the next week...!

Katie Barillaro - P&F President

## 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** The end of the year is coming so fast! Only four Masses left for singing this year, with our final 10am Mass on 8th December. The Choir will also be singing at the parish Christmas Carols, on Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm, so make sure you mark it on your calendars as an event not to be missed! Children's Choir practises from 4 to 5pm every Friday during school terms in the church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

God bless,  
Todd vane-Tempest  
Principal

Dates to Remember  
**Term 4 - 2024**  
Thursday 7th November Kinder Transition B  
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Thursday 14th November Kinder transition 3  
Saturday 16th November - P & F Twilight Market 6.30 - 8.30pm  
Thursday 21st November Kinder Transition 4  
Thursday 28th November Kinder Transition 5  
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 - K-5  
Wednesday 18th December - SDD no students at school

# Religious Education

## 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



## Year 5 & Kindy 2025

## PARISH FAMILY MASS

Sunday 24th November 10am

### St Patrick's Church

Year 5 students with their families are invited to join the 10am St Patrick's Sunday Mass followed by Morning Tea. We also welcome our future kindergarten students and their families.

The Parish Children Choir will be hosting a Cake Stall for the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal after mass on this day.

## Term 4 Liturgical Events

- End of Year Mass: Wednesday 11th December 9:30am (Term 4 Week 9)
- Year 6 Graduation: Monday 16th December (Term 4 Week 10)

# FIRESTORM Project

Come and see the results of Stage 3's incredible learning in Geography and Science, at our special family and community showcase. There you will learn more about bushfire safety and prevention from the Stage 3 experts.



**Tuesday 19th November**

**3:30–4:30pm**

Special guests from the RFS  
and council will be joining us.

## **Maths challenge**

### **Painted cubes**

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:**

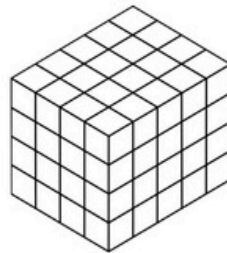
12 players did neither.

This block is 4cm by 4cm by 5cm.

The block is painted on all faces.

Then the block is cut into 80 cubes that are 1cm by 1cm by 1cm.

How many of these 80 cubes have no paint on any face?






# 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

**[Register Now](#)**



Living out our  
challenge for  
discipleship



"Never stop  
learning because  
life never stops  
teaching"  
-Unknown

# PASTORAL CARE FOCUS

Term 4 Weeks 3-4

We are respectful learners who  
learn and let others learn.

## Why is it important to develop this skill?

We are already into Week 3 of Term 4! As we know, sometimes children need to remind themselves of classroom expectations and routines for learning. The focus this fortnight is so students recognise their importance in contributing to the classroom learning environment, not only for themselves but in order to also help others learn.

We encourage children to utilise good learning behaviours in the classroom and routines at home to continue learning, whether it be through homework or everyday learning e.g. cooking, making, and creating. Working together with siblings or friends outside of school can help develop those problem-solving and relational skills with others.

Learn your  
best!



Establish some good homework  
routines for independent  
learning.

Read at home with a parent each night or  
when possible.

Get older siblings to teach  
younger siblings new concepts.

## How can you help develop this at home?

Tell your child something new  
about your life they might not  
know or teach them about a new  
concept they are interested in.

Develop time management skills to  
complete tasks around the house in  
accordance with other commitments.

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



# LIBRARY NEWS

## Term FOUR

### BOOK FAIR



Thank you to those who visited and supported our Larrikin House book fair over the past week. It has been a huge success with many happy children excited to purchase and read their new books.

The online orders are on their way and will be delivered to your child once they all arrive. Thank you for your patience with the deliveries.

The famous and ever so popular putty and pens will be arriving the end of this week. They will be sold at lunchtimes till it sells out.

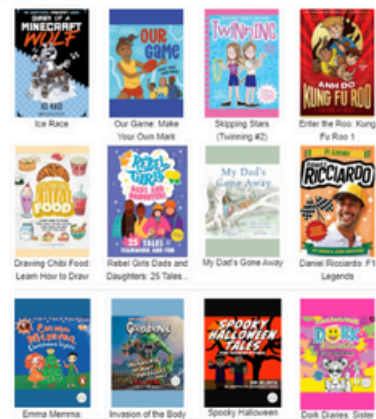


## NEW LIBRARY SPACE

NEW library furniture has arrived, and we are now busy setting up the new library spaces. It looks fresh and exciting ready to spark imagination and creativity. Here is a sneak peek of a small part of our learning space where we will gather. I cannot wait to start our learning in this space with the children, it is amazing.



Unpacking and sorting our library spaces will take time so, please keep borrowing from our Elibrary. Each month they release new books to explore. Here is October's newest additions so be sure to go check them out.



Loreto Normanhurst  
**Spring  
Fair**

**3 November 2024**  
**10am - 3 pm**

Battle of the Bands  
Boarders' Farmers Market  
Kids' Activities  
Cake Stall  
Rides  
Face Painting  
Food Trucks  
Market Stalls  
Chocolate Wheel  
Second-hand Clothing  
& Books  
BBQ  
Devonshire Tea  
AND MUCH MORE!



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TO BUY YOUR  
PRESALE RIDE  
TICKETS



SCAN HERE TO  
ENTER WIN A  
MAZDA CX-3





**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](http://mindquest.net.au)

Enrolment  
closing date is  
Friday 18th  
October.

