



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

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Fr Joy Thomas OSH

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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,

This week we welcomed the second group of our Kinder 2025 to their initial Transition Day this week. Again, we had a lovely morning with half the group organizing school uniforms, meeting each other and beginning their school experience at St. Patrick's Asquith.

During the last two sessions our Year 5 student leaders have stepped up to support their new Kinder buddies and begin the year-long partnership that will nurture our new students and help them settle into the school routine. This important and valued relationship between our future Year 6 students and Kinder students helps the young ones understand the expectations for our school and what it means to belong to our wonderful school community. Next week it will be exciting to welcome the entire Kinder 2025 group for the first time while we continue to support the children's transition from preschool to big school.

A reminder to our current parents, if you 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](#)

### Twilight Market

We are looking forward to the upcoming Twilight Market event on Saturday 16th November 6:30pm – 8:30pm. The markets are timed perfectly so that families can attend Mass at 6pm and then enjoy the markets afterwards. It will be a great night of fun activities that the entire family can enjoy. I acknowledge and thank our P&F President Katie Barillaro and the team of parents volunteering to putting on another community event for families to gather and connect with one another.

The P&F are still looking for donations including:

Craft Stall – we have had some crafty people come forward with ideas such as knitted/crocheted items, scrunchies, wooden items etc. If you, or a family member, enjoys crafting we can find ways to get materials together to help you to make some items to donate to the stall.

Plant stall – if you have a green thumb, we'd love for you to put some pots together for us. So far, we have people working on putting cuttings into jars, but we could do with a few bigger plants. Also, closer to the date we would love to get some herb posies together to sell at the stall.

Secondhand books – please donate any books you have that are in good condition (that you would be happy to buy yourself). There will be a tub left in the back of the school hall in the next week to drop your donations.

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Cakes/Cupcakes/Slices/Cookies/Sweet or Savoury Treats – a cake box will be sent home which you can fill with homemade treats in the days before the event. Please clearly label ingredients on the outside of the box.

Balls of wool – if you have any leftover half or full balls of wool (yarn), please donate to the box that I will leave at the back of the school hall.

## Volunteers

We are always in needs parent support, so if parents have some time to give, I encourage you to Please click the link to lend a hand at the markets: <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../9040E4AA8AC2BA2FE3...>

## Building Update

The building works including the outdoor spaces are set to be completed in the next few weeks. We should have a new shade sail installed over the newly refurbished playground including new synthetic grass space by end of next week. The roof over the new lift and final touches including painting will also be finished soon. Classrooms for Years 1 and 2 still require the instalment of sliding doors which is scheduled for the end of November.

## School Disco

The children need to get their dancing shoes ready as the P&F is holding the annual school disco tonight, Thursday 7 November. K - 3 is between 5:00pm - 6.30pm and Yrs 3 - 6 is between 7:00pm - 8.30pm. Year 3 students can attend either session but not both. The school disco is provided by the good works of our P&F and is provided for students who attend the school only. The disco is not intended for preschoolers or past students.

## BYOD iPad Program for 2025

Yesterday I provided information via Compass to parents of our current Year 3 students regarding the BYOD iPad Program for 2025. I also provided a document from Catholic School Broken Bay that further explains the minimum specifications required for these devices and other optional items available. The school will hold an online 'Get to Know your iPad' parent information Session in the coming weeks to provide information about the BYOD program.

## 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.

## 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.

We are honored to sing with the school community at the Christmas Carols on December 6th, Friday! This will be a wonderful prelude to the Parish Christmas Carols on December 19th. Choir practises on Fridays from 4 to 5 PM at the church and sings at the 10 AM Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. For more information, contact us at [stpatcchoir@gmail.com](mailto:stpatcchoir@gmail.com) or call Patricia Smith at 9482 7935. We look forward to sharing the joy of music with you!

God bless,  
Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal .

### Dates to Remember

#### Term 4 - 2024

Thursday 7th November - School Disco  
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

#### Term 1 - 2025

Friday 31st January - First Day Term 1 SDD no students at school  
Monday 3rd February - Years 1 - 6 Return

# 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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