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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,

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and there is still much to do and celebrate. This week we have the Leadership Assembly with the announcement of new captains for 2025.

Week 8, the whole school celebrates the Christmas story at our Christmas Concert. We have Step-up for students in Kinder to Year 5 as they find out their classes and teachers for 2025.

Week 9 we celebrate another wonderful year of learning, fun and community at our End of School Mass, our Year 6 students enjoy their celebration day at Moving Bodies while Year 3-5 students participate in the Annual School Swimming Carnival and the K-2 students have their Water Fun Day.

In Week 10 we celebrate and farewell our leaving students with the Guard of Honour and we acknowledge and thank our Year 6 students as we celebrate their graduation.

Year 5 Leadership Opportunities

Our entire Year 5 group demonstrated outstanding leadership in the past few weeks as they supported the Kinder 2025 Transition Sessions. It has been exciting for our Year 5 students to meet their buddies for next year and spend time together. This is a great way for our new students to be settled into the school and reduce any anxieties. I am so encouraged by our Year 5 groups efforts and proud of the way they have stepped-up to lead this initiative.

In the past few weeks, nominated Year 5 students also put themselves forward to be selected as School Captains and Colour House Captains for 2025. It is very encouraging to have so many students nominating for a leadership position. Although there are only 10 badged leadership positions available, I am sure I will be able to call on any student to assist and support wherever needed.

All selected leaders will be announced at our Leadership Assembly on Friday this week from approximately 2:00pm. We will also acknowledge and thank our current school leaders for the excellent way they have led the school this year.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Semester 2 School Reports

The class teachers are busily writing the Semester 2 Reports which will be available through your COMPASS App later in the term. This semester report will provide information on your child's achievement in the various curriculum areas and their learning dispositions for Term 3 and Term 4. Parents are encouraged to contact the office if you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher.

Class Arrangements for 2025

This week I communicated some changes in class arrangements for 2025. As Catholic Schools Broken Bay reduced the staffing allocation in line with our current enrolments we will have the following class groups:

Early Stage 1- 2 Kindergarten classes
Stage 1- Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2 classes.
Stage 2- Year 3 and Year 4 classes
Stage 3- Year 5 and Year 6 classes

Next year's arrangement of single classes for Years 3-6 has come about due to the size of the groups in each grade which does not warrant an additional class group.

I understand that parents may be concerned with the new arrangements. CSBB is providing additional classroom support for our school that the school will utilize to support learning in these classrooms especially during the morning at peak learning times.

Staffing for 2025

During our transition sessions, we seek to inform parents and new Kindergarten students about their teachers and class placements. Last week, we were delighted to announce the Kindergarten class teachers for 2025 are Mrs. Kylie Lloyd-Jones, Mrs. Loretta Rapa and Mrs. Doris Russell.

In the same way, we also seek to inform all the children who their class and teacher arrangements are for next year in the coming weeks. Doing this often reduces any worries the children and sometimes parents have leading up to the start of school.

However, with the current reduction in staffing allocation the school is still in the process of finalising staffing for 2025. In the coming weeks we will hold a Step-up Day where the children will find out who their teacher and classmates will be for next year.

Around this time of the year, it is not unusual to have some families relocate to other areas due to a change of circumstances. **We ask parents to contact the school via email or phone call if your circumstances have changed and you will be leaving the school at the end of the year.**

Christmas Concert

We are excited about the upcoming Christmas Concert scheduled for next week on the evening of Friday 6th December. We are looking forward to a fun evening for all families as we come together to celebrate.

We will begin the evening with a sausage sizzle followed by some favourite Christmas carols led by our school band prepared by Mrs Jacobson, the church choir with Mrs Pat Smith and then school choir led by Mrs Pugsley. Following this our guest performer, Drew Lane, will facilitate the remainder of the concert with the live performance of items prepared during the day.

The concert will take place in the main assembly area (weather permitting). The children will sit in their class groups. Parents are encouraged to bring along a picnic rug or fold-up chairs to sit on to watch the concert. As we have done previously, there will be a section towards the front for picnic rugs with chairs further back to allow a good view for all attending.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Families are welcome to bring along a picnic of food for their family to enjoy or you can enjoy a sausage sizzle available on the night. Families can now pre-purchase these via QKR.
Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to assist with cooking and/or serving at the Sausage Sizzle.

Christmas Concert Schedule

- From 4:30pm: Sausage Sizzle
- From 5pm: Christmas Carols with Church Children Choir, School Choir and School Band
- From 6:00pm: Christmas Concert with Drew Lane (each grade presents an item prepared by Drew)

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 Parish Children's Choir would like to thank all our families for a fantastic cake stall last Sunday. We raised money for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal!

What's next for us? We are getting ready for the school Christmas concert as well as the last mass of the year. There are 3 remaining Friday practices from 4 to 5pm until we begin our recess. Further information: contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or email stpatscchoir@gmail.com

God bless,
Todd vane-Tempest
Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 4 - 2024

Friday 6th December - 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 Last Day & Guard of Honour 2:30

Monday 16th December- Year 6 Graduation 5:15pm for 5:30 Start

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

Monday 3rd February - Kindy Best Start

Tuesday 4th February - Kindy Best Start

Wednesday 5th February - Kindergarten 1st Day



Christmas Concert

Friday December 6th

4:30pm

BBQ begins

5:10pm

Band and Choir

6pm

**Concert with Drew
Lane begins**

Religious singer/songwriter and performing arts specialist, Drew Lane, will be visiting our school to be a part of our Christmas celebrations. Drew will be working with our students to present a Christmas concert for the St Patrick's community. He brings a wealth of experience to share with the students and it'll be a great time full singing, movement and drama. Parents/parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun.

Weather permitting the concert will be held on the playground. Please bring a picnic blanket or picnic chairs to sit on.

Children are asked to wear their favourite Christmas Outfit. Students will be asked to move to sit in their class groups at 6pm ready for the concert to begin.

Food for the BBQ can be preordered through QKR.

Religious Education

The Dish

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have supported The Dish this year.

Through the generosity of schools, churches and community groups The Dish is able to support families and individuals in the community through their food parcels, community pantry and meals multiple times a week .



Our final session for The Dish will be **Tuesday 10th December Week 9**. If you are able to contribute a dish or donate fresh fruit for the evening please contact Mrs Lloyd-Jones.

Advent

The Advent Season begins this Sunday, indicating the church is entering the season of preparation before Christmas. Beginning Monday next week Stage 1 will be hosting prayer at assembly for each week of Advent. Please feel free to join us at Monday morning assembly to light the candles on the advent wreath and prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Parent Prayer

Next week as part of wellbeing week join Mrs Lloyd-Jones in our Mercy Room (next to Library) for a special Advent Prayer.

Thursday 5th November
8:30am

Term 4 Liturgical Events

- 1st Week of Advent Prayer Assembly Monday 2nd December 2 Green
- 2nd Week of Advent Prayer Assembly Monday 9th December 1/2 Gold
- End of Year Mass *including Kindy and Year 6 Blessing*: Wednesday 11th December 9:30am
- 3rd Week of Advent Prayer Assembly Monday 16th December 1 Green
- Year 6 Graduation: Monday 16th December 5:15 for 5:30 start



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Christmas is a time of hope, joy, and of giving from the heart.

This year we are supporting St Vincent De Paul through donations of Christmas Hampers. If you are able to donate any of the following items please send items into school by Tuesday 10th December So that we can assemble the hampers ready to be delivered by St Vincent De Paul

- Lollies (no chocolate)
- Long Life Custard
- Jelly Crystals
- Christmas cake or pudding
- Jar of Jam or vegemite
- Sweet Biscuits
- Packet of Pasta
- Jar of Pasta Sauce
- Savoury Biscuits
- Couscous or rice
- Tin of Ham
- Tinned vegetables
- Tin of Tuna
- Tea Bags
- Jar of Coffee
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned fruit
- Cereal
- Gravy Mix
- Soup
- Christmas Decorations



2024 ACADEMIC AWARDS

At St Patrick's we greatly value teaching and learning. This term we will be celebrating educational achievement over the school year in each class.

These awards will acknowledge academic growth in the following Key Learning Areas;

- Religious Education (Week 6)
- English (Week 7)
- Music (Week 7)
- Mathematics (Week 8)
- P.E (Week 8)
- Teacher's choice (Week 9)
- Library (Week 9)



The awards will be presented at Friday morning assemblies starting from Week 6 22nd November.

Maths challenge **Marbles**

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:

2 pens will move from the last set to the middle to make 5 in each.

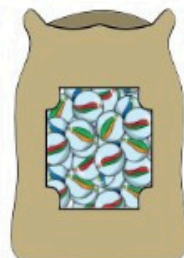
Hudson won a bag of marbles in the lucky dip at the show.

He gave half of them to his sister, Ava.

The next day at school, he gave one each to Leo, Ivy and Arlo.

He had 10 marbles left.

How many marbles did Hudson win in the lucky dip?



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