



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

Fr Joy Thomas OSH

Assistant Priest

## 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, Carers, Girls and Boys,

The P&F Association at our school plays a crucial role in fostering a vibrant and supportive school community. Their dedication and hard work have a significant positive impact for our school which is evident through engaging many school events, by building an active and strong community as well as supporting the acquisition of school resources to enhance learning experiences.

Last night we held the first of our P&F Meetings for the year where we were able to update parents about a few initiatives we have in 2025 and show some of the new resources the school has acquired through the support of funds from the P&F.

At the meeting Miss Fryar, our amazing Well-being Coordinator, presented a new initiative the school has adopted to support student learning and wellbeing. Our new Positive Behaviours for Learning or PBL initiative builds on the work we already have in place to support student learning and wellbeing. PBL is a whole school approach to behaviour support that adopts proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviours to create positive school environments. Through this program the students are being taught explicitly the expected behaviours through our behaviour curriculum. I thank Miss Fryar and our staff for implementing the various elements of the PBL program over the past term. We look forward to continuing to provide a Safe, Responsible and Respectful learning environment for the students in our care.

The school also showed the new resources that we obtained with the support of funds from the P&F. The school purchased Lego Spike and Lego BricQ Motion kits that enhance the teaching Science and Technology, Mathematics and Literacy. I am sure these resources will be well used and valued by the staff and students. A huge thank you to our parent community led by our P&F for supporting the purchase of these wonderful resources.

### Easter Egg Raffle

There is still a chance to purchase tickets in the Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets will be sold at school by our Year 6 students, or purchased online through QKR. The Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn following the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 9th April (Week 10). I again thank our Year 6 parents in advance for supporting this year's Easter Egg Basket Raffle fundraiser that will go towards the Year 6 school gift for 2025.

### Easter Hat Parade

Next week, on Wednesday 9th April (Week 10) we will be holding our K-2 Easter Hat Parade. The parade will be held in the shade sail area, commencing around 9am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing the many creative Easter hats. More information will be sent to K-2 parents soon.

### Cross Country Carnival

Our School Cross Country Carnival held this week was an overwhelming success. I saw many students participating enthusiastically and with great determination to finish the course. I thank Miss Fryar and Mrs Wickham for organising and facilitating the carnival. I also thank the parent volunteers for giving up their time to help run the carnival and those who were able to come and watch even if it was for a short time. Your efforts are very much appreciated by the staff and the students.

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## SPARK Program

This week we sent a selected group of talented Year 5 and Year 6 students to St Gerard's Carlingford to participate in a hands-on art experience. The new SPARK (Supporting Potential Among Remarkable Kids) Program is a joint initiative with neighbouring CSBB schools including St. Gerard's, OLOR Waitara, St. Agatha's Pennant Hills and St. Patrick's Asquith. This program aims to ignite the SPARK of curiosity, challenge, collaboration and skill development among students who are showing high potential or giftedness in certain domains. Our SPARK program is aimed at offering a range of immersive extension days for students in Stage 3 to collaborate with likeminded peers whilst engaging in rich learning opportunities. St Gerard's hosted the first SPARK Day in the area of Visual Arts. Students had an inspiring experience where they created two dynamic artworks, experimenting with design, texture, and colour. Congratulations to Annalise W, Emillie G, Eva P, Kassy C, Isabella S and Joanna Y for participating enthusiastically in the art day. They certainly represented our school proudly and reported that they enjoyed learning new artistic techniques.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews- Term 2

Next term, during Week 2, we will be offering more formalised appointments for parents and class teachers to meet. At these meetings we will feed back how your child has started and is progressing so far. At the appropriate time we will send home details of how to book online for these meetings.

## Enrolment for 2026

I encourage parents to tell your friends who have children starting school to consider St. Patrick's, as that could boost enrolments and secure a second kindergarten class. Prospective parents can contact the school to have a private tour and pick up an enrolment pack from the school office or enquire online via a link on our website. If you have a child starting next year, please complete your enrolment form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

## Mother's Day Celebrations

We are looking forward to our Mother's Day Celebration at school next term. We warmly encourage mothers, mother figures and women role models in the lives of our children to come along on Friday 9th May from 8.00am for a cuppa, something sweet and tasty and get together.

This will be followed by some time with mums and children in classrooms and from 9:30am our Mother's Day Liturgy. Please stay for as long as you can on the morning. Thanks to Keely Douthwaite and other parent volunteers for running the Mother's Day stall set for Friday 9th May.

Parents will be notified soon when to complete an individual order for each child in the family, through the QKR App. All gifts are \$7:50 each and are to be purchased through the QKR app. The stall will be held at school on Friday 9th May.

## Vacation Care

A reminder that our Out of Hours School Care provider Catholic Care is now providing Vacation Care at St. Patrick's each holiday period beginning with the upcoming Easter break at the end of Term 1. There will be a mix of at school activities, incursions and excursions. Interested parents can contact St. Patrick's OSHC, Asquith via Ph: 0481 602 053 or by E: [oshc.asquith@catholiccareddb.org.au](mailto:oshc.asquith@catholiccareddb.org.au)

## 2025 Staff Development Days

A reminder that our staff have days set aside during the school year for professional learning opportunities. We have one day planned for the end of this term and two more days at the start of Term 2. These dates are outlined below:

**Term 1 - 2025:** Friday 11 April - Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

**Term 2 - 2025:** Monday 28 & Tuesday 29 April - Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

If parents require supervision for their child during this time, our Out of Hours School Care provider Catholic Care will be providing a service on these days. Parents can contact them via phone: 0481 602 053 or email: [oshc@asquithcatholiccareddb.org.au](mailto:oshc@asquithcatholiccareddb.org.au)

## Parish News

Parents are encouraged to click on the link to connect with all the current information regarding the parish through parish website including the weekly Parish Bulletin. Link- [Parish Bulletin](#)

The Parish Children's Choir thanks all the singers and their families for the lovely service these past four consecutive Sundays.

Practice as usual this Friday, 4:00 to 5:00 PM at the church. Last practice for this term will be on the 11th April. For more information, please contact Patricia Smith at 9482 7935 or email [kccpcchoir@gmail.com](mailto:kccpcchoir@gmail.com).

### Dates to Remember

#### Term 1 - 2025

Wednesday 9th April - Easter Hat Parade K-2 - 9am and Raffle Draw  
Thursday 10th April - Last day for Students  
Friday 11th April - Last day term Pupil Free Day

#### Term 2 - 2025

Monday 28th April - SDD Pupil Free Day  
Tuesday 29th April - SDD Pupil Free Day  
Wednesday 30th April - First Day Term 2  
Friday 9th May - Mother's Day Stall and Mother's Day Liturgy  
Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th May - Years 5 and 6 Trip to Canberra  
Thursday 29th May - School Athletics Carnival - Foxglove Oval  
Thursday 5th June - School Photo Day  
Tuesday 24th June - The Dish  
Thursday 3rd July - Last day of term 2

God bless,  
Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal .



# AT ST PATRICK'S WE ARE **SAFE, RESPONSIBLE** AND **RESPECTFUL LEARNERS**



## Our PBL Focus this fortnight is...

### Term 1 Weeks 9 and 10

# WE ARE **RESPECTFUL LEARNERS WHO USE KIND WORDS AND ACTIONS**

AT ST PATRICK'S WE ARE **RESPECTFUL LEARNERS**  
WHEN WE:



### USE KIND WORDS AND ACTIONS

THIS LOOKS LIKE:

- USE KIND AND POLITE WORDS WHEN TALKING TO OTHERS.
- WAIT YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, WITHOUT INTERRUPTING.
- SPEAK IN A CALM VOICE, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE UPSET.
- LISTEN TO OTHERS' OPINIONS AND SHOW UNDERSTANDING.
- AVOID TEASING, NAME-CALLING, OR RUDE COMMENTS.



ST PATRICK'S  
ASQUITH

### PBL FOCUS

This is our last fortnight of the term, and as we have noticed these last couple of weeks the children have been getting a little tired and the reminders to be kind to each other are becoming more frequent. This fortnight is a timely reminder for children to think before they act and use kind words and actions as much as they can.

It is also the last few weeks for Project Compassion, so links in nicely with giving back to others and the Lenten Values of almsgiving and forgiveness.

Speak and act kindly so your child learns from your example.

Foster appreciation and acts of kindness at home.

Notice and acknowledge when your child uses kind words or actions.

### How can we support this at home?

Create simple family rules about kindness and respect.

Help kids understand how their words and actions affect others.

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



# Religious Education

## Project Compassion



Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

This year we have raised over **\$500** for Project Compassion which could fund hygiene training in Samoa to help prevent the spread of disease, or rehabilitation devices to support people with disabilities in Vietnam. Thank you for your generous donations.

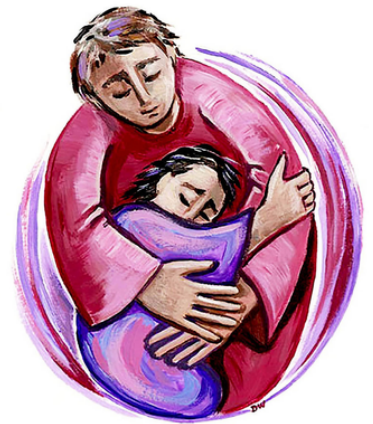
Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

## Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers the following students who will be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation next week.

Eva B	Alessandro M
Leo B	Ysabelle N
Halle B	Chelsey R
Max C	Koby R
Amelia D	Michael S
Henry D	Brielle T
Dylan K	
Gerson L	
Casey M	
Louis M	

Thank you to the group leaders and sacramental co-ordinators who have been preparing the children to receive Reconciliation.



## Term 1 Liturgical Events

Week 10: Thursday 10th April - Reflections on the Events of Holy Week

## Term 2 Liturgical Events

Week 1: Wednesday 30th April ANZAC Liturgy 2pm

Week 1: Friday 2nd May Easter Mass 9:30am

Week 2: Friday 9th May Mother's Day Liturgy 9:30am

## Parish Family Masses

Term 2: Sunday 25th May 10am - Stage 1

Term 3: Sunday 24th August 10am - Stage 2 Parish Family Mass

Term 4: Sunday 9th November 10am - Year 5 and Future Kindy Parish Family Mass

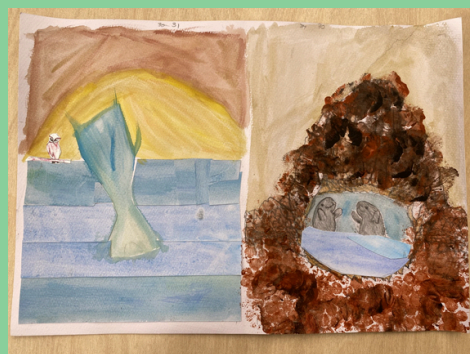
# LIBRARY

Last Thursday we were lucky to have a visit from our author pen pal Susea Spray. We were able to present to her the illustrations to our joint book adventure 'Captains Cave'. This is a process that has taken 6 months with every child in the school contributing in some way to the illustrations.

I have also had a small creative team assisting me at lunchtimes to complete the pages and the end result is **AMAZING!**

Susea was blown away by our illustrations and cannot wait to send them off to the Editor to get its final touches before being published. It is such an exciting time watching a book come together! Follow Susea Spray's blog to see how our book is traveling.

<https://suseaspray.com/a-big-blue-boat-prequel/>





## Maths challenge

### Presents

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:

Bernard flew his paper plane the furthest.

$$\text{Blue bow} + \text{Green bow} + \text{Green bow} = 21$$

$$\text{Blue bow} + \text{Green bow} + \text{Pink bow} = 26$$

$$\text{Pink bow} + \text{Green bow} + \text{Pink bow} = 34$$

$$\text{Blue bow} = ?$$

### **Our St Patrick's Swimming Champion**

Congratulations to Cristiano G in Year 6, who, on Wednesday this week, competed at the NSW Polding Championships at Homebush. He competed in the 13yrs 50m Freestyle and came 3rd overall! With a personal best time as well! We are all so proud of his achievements, representing our School, Cluster and Diocese at this level. Cristiano will now compete at the NSW PSSA Competition against all the best independent and Catholic schools in our state next week. We wish him all the best!



Thank you to all the parent volunteers who assisted at Cross Country yesterday. It was a successful event thanks to all this support. If your child will be advancing to the next level you will receive information before the end of the term.



**ST PATRICK'S ASQUITH OSHC**

# VACATION CARE IS COMING!

**APRIL 2025**

St Patrick's OSHC is  
excited to bring you  
vacation care this  
April!



OSHC Olympics



**More Info &  
Bookings**

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