



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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 and Carers,

This week we farewelled Fr. Joy from our parish and school community with a mass dedicated to him. Our school is very thankful for the care and leadership Fr. Joy has given our school and we wish him every success as he heads back to India. We are certainly blessed to have such dedicated priests who leave their home country to be missionaries in our community. Following are some heartfelt words from Fr. Joy that was included in last week's parish bulletin

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you all know, I am leaving Australia after 14 years of priestly ministry on the 1st of April. My heart is filled with gratitude and fond memories, especially to the parish of Ku-ring-gai Chase, where I spent six long years of my ministry time.

I come from India, a land of diverse culture, religion and language. You have to make an extensive travel to experience this multi-dimension in my home country.

On the contrary, in Australia, my adopted new home, I was lucky to experience this diverse, multi-cultural dimension within a suburb. It was a great experience for me to acquaint myself with people from across the globe within a parish set up.

As I return home, I carry with me an experience and learning of a lifetime. Serving the Church in Australia has been a privilege and a blessing. The love, concern, care and encouragement I have received from the Church authorities and the People of God have sustained and strengthened me in my vocation. I don't dare to mention any names, since it is too many people to name.

Finally, a word of thanks for putting up with me

To those I may have wronged, I ask forgiveness.

To those I may have helped, I wish I did more.

To those I neglected to help, I ask for understanding.

To those who helped me, I sincerely thank you so much ...

Transfers may set us apart, but friendship will keep us connected.

Let us be united in prayers,

Fr Joy.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Open Classrooms

We had a good roll-up of Kinder parents and some grandparents to our Kinder Open Classrooms this week. They were able to witness the children in action in their class setting, meet and greet the teachers and generally get a feel of school life their child/ren.

Parent/Teacher Interviews- Term 2

During term 2, 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 - Kindergarten

I encourage you to recommend our school to prospective families and we would be happy for anyone to contact the school, book a private tour, pick up an enrolment pack from the school office or enquire online via a link on our website. If you have a child starting in 2026, please complete your enrolment form and return it to the school office asap, this will help secure your child's place for kindergarten next year. I also 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.

Enrolment at St. Leo's

St. Leo's are now accepting final applications for Year 7, 2027 (closing May 1) and 2028 (closing June 1) as well as for 2029 and beyond – up to 2036! Families with students of all ages are welcome. Parents with children at our school are encouraged to apply as St. Leo's is often over-subscribed with applications

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@catholiccaredbb.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@asquithcatholiccaredbb.org.au

Cross Country Carnival - Wednesday 2nd April, Mills Park

We would love to have a few more parents assisting even if it is for a short while. The main tasks are to be a checkpoint around the course, directing children or marking students at the finish line as they complete their laps. Parent volunteers are asked to register via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/7nhCdwFj8W>. Following is a guide to the timing of each event. The events may run earlier or later than advertised below.

The scheduled program is 9.15am - 11.00am.

9.15am - Stage 1 - 1km race (1 lap Fun Run)

9.30am - Stage 2 - 2km race – 8- and 9-Year Olds

9.45am - Stage 2 - 2km race – 10 Year Olds

10am - Stage 3 - 3km race – 11 Year Olds

10.15am - Stage 3 - 3km race – 12 and 13 Year Olds

10.30am - Stage 3 & Kindy - Kindergarten Fun Run – 100m

Easter Egg Raffle - Drawn Wednesday 9th April (week 10) following the K - 2 Easter Hat Parade

I 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. Tickets will be sold at school by our Year 6 students, or purchased online through QKR.

Easter Hat Parade

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.

Important Dates – Compass Parent Calendar

Our Compass parent calendar is now up and running, you can see it . We have populated all relevant dates up to the beginning of term 2. I encourage all of you to use this as a reference point for all school activities. We are working on additional functionality which will be announced in due course.

Kuringai-Chase Parish

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

The Parish Children's Choir will be performing this Sunday, March 30th, at a special mass to express our gratitude and bid farewell to Fr. Joy. We warmly invite everyone to join us for morning tea afterward. Choir practices are held every Friday during school terms from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at the church. For more information, please contact Patricia Smith at 9482 7935 or email kccpcchoir@gmail.com.

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal .

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2025

Wednesday 2nd April - Cross Country

Wednesday 9th April - Easter Hat Parade 9.00am

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