



# 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 and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break filled with joy and relaxation. It was a pleasure to see so many excited faces back here at school. Yesterday we held our ANZAC liturgy to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our nation, I would like to extend our gratitude to Mr Phil White from Hornsby RSL Sub-Branch for his presence which made the commemoration even more special. Thank you to our readers, the band, Mrs LJ, Mrs Medeiros and Mrs Jacobsen.

We are looking forward to a special mass on Friday 2nd May at 9.30am to celebrate the Easter Season. Parents are always welcome to attend our school masses.

Mr V-T will be taking some leave this term so please contact Cate Schyvens for any matters.

### Term 2 School Uniform

We will have a 'phase in' period towards Winter uniform. Students may wear either full Summer or full Winter uniform for the first three weeks of Term 2. Students should be in full Winter uniform by Monday 19th May. For Term 2, please note that Sports Uniform Days will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that students come to school in the appropriate attire on these days.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews - Week 2, Term 2 (May 5th to 9th)

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 2 in term 2 with an evening session scheduled for Wednesday 7th May. The interviews provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss their progress and set goals for the year ahead. The bookings are open for a face-to-face interview time with your child/ren's teacher via Compass.

### Mother's Day Celebrations - Week 2 Friday 9th May

We are looking forward to our Mother's Day Celebration at school in week 2. We warmly encourage mothers, mother figures and women role models in the lives of our children to come along on Friday 9th of May at 8.00am for a cuppa, something sweet and tasty and get together. Classrooms will be open from 8:45 for Mums to visit. This will be followed by our Mother's Day Liturgy at 9:30am.

### Mother's Day Stall Friday 9th May

Parents can purchase 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 before 5pm Fri 2nd May. The stall will be held at school on Friday 9th May. Thank you to Keely Douthwaite for coordinating the stall this year.

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## Stage 3 Canberra Excursion - Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th May

The teachers are busily preparing for our stage 3 excursion to Canberra which will be focussing on Australia as a Nation. Compass permission forms including the Microsoft form needs to be completed by this Friday 2nd May as we need to provide dietary requirements to the accommodation provider on Friday afternoon. Both the medical and consent forms need to be completed.

## Open School Tour – Wednesday 21st May

We have decided to offer another opportunity for prospective parents wishing to enrol their child for 2026 to come and see why St Patrick's would be a great choice. We will be offering two sessions (9.30-10.30am and 5-6pm) to allow families the chance to learn about our amazing school.

We are also calling on all parents to assist in promoting our school as the perfect place for new students to attend. If you know of parents who have preschool children ready to start school in 2026 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them. Please encourage them to attend one of our School Tour Day sessions on Wednesday 21st May to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for their child.

## Important Dates- Compass Parent Calendar

Our Compass parent calendar is up and running and can be seen in the Compass App. You will be able to view upcoming school activities for the term.

On the last day of Term 1 Cristiano participated in the 2025 NSWPSA Swimming Championships held at SOPAC.

It was a wonderful day and opportunity to see all the talented swimmers from across NSW from Public, Catholic and Independent schools meet and compete. There are many amazing young athletes and it was an experience which we will be able to remember.

Cristiano is now ranked 22nd in the state and we are beyond proud of his efforts at all levels.

He has represented the school, zone, Broken Bay and Polding association and done so with good sportsmanship. Cristiano spent much of 2024 not being able to enter the pool due to his eye injuries and was only granted clearance a few days before the school swimming carnival held late last year, so we are very proud of his determination.

## 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](#)

Parish Children's Choir resumes its regular practices for Term 2 this week, on Friday 2nd May. Children's Choir practises every Friday during school terms, from 4 to 5pm in the church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Our next Mass will be on Sunday 11th May: Mother's Day! Please mark it on your calendars! Children's Choir welcomes new members from Year 3 and up at any time. For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

We look forward to an exciting and productive term ahead!

Cate Schyvens

Acting Principal



### Dates to Remember

#### Term 2 - 2025

Tuesday 6th May - Easter Egg Hunt Mills Park 3.15pm  
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  
Tuesday 3rd June - Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day  
Wednesday 4th June - Years 1 & 2 Excursion to Royal Botanical Gardens  
Thursday 5th June - School Photo Day  
Tuesday 24th June - The Dish  
Thursday 3rd July - Last day of term 2

Living out our  
challenge for  
discipleship



We believe  
in keeping  
you safe!

## PBL FOCUS

Term 2 Weeks 1-2

We are safe learners who are at  
the right place, at the right time,  
doing the right task.

### Why is it important to develop this skill?

Welcome back to Term 2! There are already lots of exciting things happening inside and outside of school. We hope to establish the expectations for the term in these first few weeks. It is important for us to remind children of their responsibility to be safe learners in these spaces, by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right task.

This includes using the spaces on the playground and in the classroom, in the right and safe way, following instructions and being where they need to be at particular times.

It is important to remind our older students to model this to our younger students as they look up to them for guidance.

### Am I on task?



Being responsible for their own schedule of  
getting ready in the morning.

How can I be safe at home,  
school, on transport etc?

Helping to make dinner or other  
chores at home.

How can you  
help develop  
this at home?

Have a checklist or calendar at  
home so they feel a sense of  
responsibility of the tasks that  
need accomplishing through the  
week.

Playing safely with toys and in  
different spaces at home or in public.



# Religious Education



## A Prayer for Pope Francis

Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself.

Thank you for the gift of his papacy.

When he was with us, he tirelessly showed the Church your constant mercy toward sinners.

Grant him now your mercy and let him rest eternally with you in your Kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## May the Month of Mary

May is the Month of Mary. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, but the entire month.

Mary was only a young girl when she learned that she was going to be an important part of God's plan for the whole world. When Mary went to visit Elizabeth, Elizabeth called her "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43). The title 'Mother of God' goes back to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form, 'Theotokos' or 'God-bearer'



## First Communion Sacramental Program

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Communion begins Week 3 from the 12th of May. Phil the parish sacramental coordinator will be in contact regarding dates and times of workshops. For all inquiries please contact the Parish Sacramental team on [kccpsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:kccpsacraments@gmail.com)

### Term 2 Liturgical Events

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

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

Week 6: Friday 6th June Pentecost Prayer at Assembly (Kindy)

Week 9: Friday 27th June Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass 9am

### 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



Artwork by Matt Ottley

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# 2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

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**Key dates  
for students  
in K-10:**

**Challenge opens**  
Monday 24 February

**Challenge closes  
for student entries**  
Friday 22 August

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