



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH
Parish Priest
Fr Joseph
Assistant Priest

Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith	St Bernard's Berowra Heights
Saturday Vigil 6pm	Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm	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 all our mums, grandmothers and significant female role models in the lives of the children had a fantastic Mother's Day last Sunday. We had a wonderful celebration at school on Friday. Thank you to stage 1 and their teachers for leading us in a beautiful prayer liturgy to celebrate and give thanks for our mothers and female role models. Thank you also to all those who organised the breakfast. It was so lovely to see the community gathered to honour and celebrate the amazing mothers we have in the St Patrick's community. I thank the mums, grandmothers and others attending for joining us and hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and to connect with other mums and grandmothers.

I also sincerely thank Mrs Keely Douthwaite and her team for organising another spectacular Mother's Day Stall last Friday. Once again, the children had the chance to spoil their mums with a beautifully presented gift on Mother's Day.

Stage 3 Canberra

Stage 3 left early Wednesday morning very excited but with some nerves on their trip to Canberra. We wish them safe travels and know that they will have a fabulous time, creating some very special memories exploring our nations capital. Thank you to Miss Tran, Mr Maher, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Schyvens who have accompanied them on this excursion.

Term 2 School Uniform

Next week all students should be wearing their winter uniform. 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

Last week many parents have taken the opportunity to meet with their child/ren's class teacher at the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Together, parents and teachers were able to discuss the children's progress and set goals for the year ahead and form a positive partnership to benefit your child's learning and wellbeing. At the end of the term Semester 1 reports detailing the grade and effort for each area of learning will be made available.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Open School Tour – Wednesday 21st May

We are hosting another open morning and afternoon for families wishing to enrol their child for 2026 to come and see what makes St Patrick's such a wonderful choice.

We will be offering two sessions (9.30-10.30am and 5-6pm), 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.

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: Did you know that people feel more positive after actively singing than they do after passively listening to music or after chatting about positive life events according to the University of Oxford? Increasing evidence also suggests that our social connections can play a vital role in maintaining our health. Singing in a choir such as the parish Children's Choir can provide all these benefits and more to our children. The Choir is always open to new members from Year 3 and up. We sing at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month and practise every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in the church. For further information, come along to our practice or contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP - ONLINE

We are thrilled to announce a special event CCSP (Council of Catholic School Parents) is running on the night of Tuesday 27 May at 7.00pm to celebrate the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly. Bishop Brian Mascord, Bishop of the Diocese of Wollongong, will read The Parable of the Lost Sheep online – a book reading designed to promote reading at home.

[REGISTER HERE: Click Here To Register](#)

The video is delightful, and Bishop Brian speaks a little at the beginning about what a Bishop does. A link will be sent to your registered email address on the day of the webinar

Maths challenge **Balloons**

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:
Blue present = 5

I want to put 10 spots on my balloons.

If I put 2 spots on the purple balloon, and twice as many spots on the green balloon, how many spots must I put on my orange balloon to have 10 spots altogether?



Dates to Remember **Term 2 - 2025**

Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th May - Years 5 and 6 Trip to Canberra

Sunday 25th May - Stage 1 Family Mass 10am

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

Friday 4th July - Pupil Free Day

Term 3 - 2025

Monday 21st July - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 22nd July - First day Term 3



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



Our PBL Focus this fortnight is...

Term 2 Weeks 3-4

WE ARE **RESPECTFUL LEARNERS WHO** **TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR APPEARANCE**

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

SAFE	RESPONSIBLE	RESPECTFUL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PLAY SAFELY AND FAIRLY• MOVE SAFELY AT ALL TIMES• CARE FOR OTHERS• STAY SUN SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MAKE GOOD CHOICES• RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME, RIGHT TASK• LEARN AND LET OTHERS LEARN• CARE FOR ALL PROPERTY• CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LISTEN ACTIVELY• TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR APPEARANCE• TAKE TURNS AND INCLUDE OTHERS• USE KIND WORDS AND ACTIONS• SPEAK RESPECTFULLY

 **ST PATRICK'S**
ASQUITH

PBL FOCUS

As we head into our winter months, we expect the students to wear their full school winter uniform according to the guidelines outlined on the [school website](#). It is important for your children to remember to LABEL ALL their clothing so it can be returned to you directly (particularly reused uniforms with previous names of students: please cross out and relabel). We understand the cost, and we need to encourage the students to take ownership of the care of such items. Also, reminding students to wear their hats in the playground is essential.

Class Presenting Monday Wk 4 - 4 Green

Set up good hygiene and grooming practices

Label all your uniform items.

Have students take responsibility for their clothing at home - tidying, washing etc

Encourage to put jackets and jumpers in their school bags when they are hot.

How can we support this at home?

Encouraging your child to bring their hat and wear their hat at school each day.

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

Religious Education

We have a new Pope!



Last week the conclave of cardinals elected a new Pope. Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost has been elected the 267th Successor of Saint Peter. He will be known as Pope Leo XIV.

Born in Chicago, United States, Prevost, 69, studied science and mathematics before joining the Order of St Augustine in 1977. He spent many years in Peru as a missionary and teacher as well as two six-year terms as Prior General of the Augustinians, and also holds Peruvian citizenship.

Our prayers are with our Pope as he enters his leadership and mission.

Pope Leo XIV's words:

"Lord, grant me the wisdom to lead with integrity and humility. Help me to make decisions that are just and fair, and to always seek your will in all that I do.

Give me the courage to stand up for what is right, even when it is difficult. Help me to be a servant leader, always putting the needs of others before my own,
Amen."

You're invited - Stage 1 Family Mass

We warmly invite all families, especially those of our Year 1 and Year 2 students, to join us for the 10 am St. Patrick's Parish Mass this Sunday, followed by Morning Tea outside the Church.

These Masses are a beautiful way to come together as a school and parish community, connect with others, and share in our faith.

An invitation will be sent home with your child today. If your family is able to attend, we'd love to know, especially if your child would like to take part by reading a Prayer of the Faithful or helping with the Offertory Procession. If you're able to bring a small plate to share for morning tea, please leave it on the tables outside the church before Mass begins.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Term 2 Liturgical Events

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



LIBRARY

We are getting excited for Wednesday 21st May to celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime.

This is an annual event organised by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), where schools and libraries read the same picture book simultaneously.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the event, which aims to promote reading and literacy among children across Australia.

We will all be joining together 12pm to read and celebrate the beautiful book *The Truck Cat* written by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell. The story explores themes of belonging, connection, and the journey of a cat named Tinka and his human companion, Yacoub, as they navigate their experiences of home and identity.



Competitions and activities celebrating the book will be held in the Library next week.



Well done to those who are **READING** and logging their books with the PRC challenge. 32 students across the school have completed the challenge so far and we are looking forward to seeing this number continue to grow.

Not sure what to read next ?

Come see Mrs Wickham in the library to help you find a book or jump onto the eLibrary and browse the Premier Reading Challenge catalogue.

Looking for a new read trying listening to the PRC podcast 'Between the Shelves' to hear to book reviews and recommendations all for kids.





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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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