

# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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**Weekend Mass Times** 

St Patrick's Asquith Saturday Vigil 6pm

St Bernard's Berowra Heights 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,** 

#### Stage 3 Canberra

Last week the students undertook an educational tour of Canberra, our national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The school uses this funding to reduce the amount charged to parents for the excursion. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the parents for their support and understanding regarding our delayed return to St Patrick's and acknowledge the efforts of Mr Maher, Miss Tran, Mrs Reynolds, who supported the students over the three days and transformed our misadventure into a memorable adventure. Additionally, I would like to thank Mrs Lloyd Jones and Miss Fryar for staying at school to assist with our arrival and for their help in promptly communicating updates. We are incredibly grateful for the delicious lunch Stage 3 parents provided as a thank you for the teachers' efforts during camp.

#### **Term 2 School Uniform**

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.

A reminder that we are looking forward to our Stage1 Parish Family Mass this Sunday 25th May at 10am. All families are invited to attend.

## **National Simultaneous Reading**

Yesterday at noon, we joined over 2 million participants across Australia to celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime. It was incredible to settle into our classrooms and listen to the story "The Truck Cat," knowing that students all around the country were doing the same! What a fantastic way to connect and share the joy of reading together. A huge shoutout to the staff who embraced the theme by dressing in trucker caps and flannelette shirts—we even had our own cat!

### **Debating**

We wish our Year 6 students' good luck in their first round of debating. Thank you to Mrs Wickham and Miss Tran for supporting the students in their preparation for the debate.

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#### **Enrolment for 2025**

Yesterday we held an informal school tour for prospective parents looking at sending their children to St Patrick's. If parents are aware of families that have children ready to start school next year, I encourage you to recommend our school and the offer to come and find out more information. 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 this <u>link</u> on our website.

The school initially requires up to 28 enrolments to create one class before a second class will be considered. Enrolments beyond that number will be placed on a waiting list until we have enough applications to make a second class. We have already received application forms from families and enrolment interviews have already started. I strongly encourage you to complete your enrolment form and return it to the school office as soon as possible, as 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.

#### **Athletics Carnival**

We're excited about our upcoming athletics carnival at Foxglove Oval on Thursday, 29th May! It's going to be a fantastic day filled with fun, competition, and community spirit. We're looking forward to seeing everyone participate and cheer on their peers. However, we still need parent helpers to ensure the event runs smoothly. If you can lend a hand, please refer to the Compass note that went out today for more details. Your support is greatly appreciated and will make a big difference!

#### **School Photos**

School photos are coming up in June, please don't forget to order your photos from Advanced Life, please refer to the ordering details here. There are envelopes in the office if you would like to pay by cash.



#### **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- <u>Parish Bulletin</u>

The Parish Children's choir is happy to sing with the school community on Sunday, 25th May, during the Stage 1 Family Mass. If you are year 3 and above, come join your friends practice every Friday during school terms, 4-5pm at St. Patrick's church. We sing at the 10AM mass during the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For more information, contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

God bless you and your families.

### **Cate Schyvens**

#### Dates to Remember Term 2 - 2025

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