



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

Assistant Priest - Father Joseph

## 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,

What a glorious winter day it was today, and we are grateful that the sun shone for our school photos.

### Photos

School photos were taken by Advanced Life today. If you did not pre-order your photos you can still order them on [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) And enter online order code: 853 3MG AXE However please be aware that a late fee will be applied to each package purchased after photo day due to the additional cost of producing these packages separately.

### Debating

Our second round was against St Philip Neri, Northbridge. The topic was 'Students should be required to study a second language at school'. St Patrick's will be competing weekly against other schools in our diocese with our team changing every week to encourage everyone to have a go. Congratulations to everyone involved, we are proud of your sportsmanship and efforts. Thank you to Mrs Wickham, Miss Gibson and Miss Tran for your guidance in preparing the students for the debates and to the parent volunteers for driving the students to the other schools.

### Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

On Tuesday our Stage 3 students travelled to Koola Park for their Soccer Gala Day. The students showed fantastic sportsmanship and represented our school with pride. Thank you to the Stage 3 teachers and parent volunteers for making the day possible.

### Stage 1 Excursion

Yesterday our Stage 1 students braved the weather and went on a bug adventure at Sydney Botanic Gardens. They spent time looking for bugs, making clay insects using objects found in the environment and finished with a picnic lunch in the park. We received great feedback from the staff at the park on the respect our students showed to them and the environment.

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## Toys

We kindly remind parents that students should not bring toys to school. While we understand that toys can be a source of comfort and fun, they can also be a distraction during class time and may cause issues such as loss or damage. Additionally, there have been incidents in the playground involving toys, which can lead to conflicts and safety concerns. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that toys are left at home and thank you for your understanding and support.

## Enrolment for 2025

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.

## Spark

Next Tuesday our selected Stage 3 Students will be participating in the Spark Drama Day at St Gerard's. We wish them luck and cannot wait to see what they produce.

## Reports

Teachers have been very busy with assessments and reporting recently and this will continue over the next weeks. Just a reminder that reports will be sent home in week 10.

## 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](#)

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.

God bless you and your families.

**Cate Schyvens**

### Dates to Remember

#### Term 2 - 2025

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - First Communion

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - The Dish

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Official School Opening Ceremony

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Last day of term 2

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Pupil Free Day

#### Term 3 - 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - First day Term 3