



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,

With the constant wet weather in recent weeks and as we move through the school term, it's important to remember that each child's ability to learn and thrive socially and emotionally is closely linked to their overall wellbeing. We encourage all families to keep a few key areas in mind to help children feel their best and stay engaged at school.

We all know that consistent, quality sleep is good for everyone. It helps children to concentrate, regulate emotions, and retain new information. Limiting screen time and keeping a regular bedtime routine can make a big difference.

Good nutrition through a balanced diet keeps both body and brain ready for action. And of course, exercise is vital for children. Daily physical activity supports mental health, improves mood, and helps children manage stress. With this wet weather finding any chance to get them physically moving will be a benefit.

When children feel well physically and emotionally, they are better equipped to learn, maintain friendships, and enjoy school.

Father's Day Celebrations

Following our recent celebration of Grandparent's Day we now turn our attention to celebrating all fathers, father figures and male role models in our children's lives with our special Father's Day celebrations, to be held on Friday 5th September from 8.15am at school.

I do understand and respect that in many families there are a range of people who might be "father figures" to our children. This might include grandfathers, step-dads, family friends and relatives. I hope to see all my fellow dads and father figures here on the morning.

The morning will comprise of a light breakfast snack (muffin/croissant etc.) for our dads (not the children) and a cuppa along with Men in the Morning activities. Morning Assembly including weekly awards, Open Classrooms where all dads are invited to go into classrooms to see their children showcase some of their learning followed by a liturgy to acknowledge and celebrate fathers.

I ask adults coming to the Father's Day Celebrations in Week 7 to register your attendance to support our preparations especially with catering. Please click the link below to advice of how many adults from your family are attending the celebration.

Link: [Father's Day Attendance Form](#)

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Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day Stall will also be held on Friday 5th September. Gifts will be \$7.50 available for purchase via QKR. Purchases must be made 5pm Tuesday 2nd September. Please do not send in cash on the day as all gifts must be pre-ordered.

Mercy College Visit

This week we welcomed Mercy Catholic College Acting Principal Mellissa Murray into our school to speak to the girls from Years 2-6 about the school and the wonderful opportunities it offers. Mercy College is a Catholic High School for girls situated at Chatswood. Interested parents are invited to attend an Open Morning at Mercy College next Tuesday 26th August from 9-11am. I understand that there are limited spots available for enrolment in 2026.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS UPDATES AND EVENTS TERM 3

Additional Parent Education Webinars in Term 3

Last week we alerted parents to the upcoming webinar about AI & the Digital Generation. Listed below are a few additional parent education opportunities available for parents to access.

NURTURING STRENGTHS: UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

Presented by Beyond

For parents of Years 3-6 primary school

This webinar empowers parents to recognise and nurture their child's unique strengths and talents, guiding them toward greater confidence, motivation, and resilience.

Parents learn how to observe their children's natural abilities, encourage self-expression, and create hands-on opportunities that align with their interests

Date: Wednesday 10 September
Time: 12.30pm – 1.15pm
Register: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Parish News

Parents are encouraged to click on the following link to access the weekly [Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish Bulletin](#). Parents will find information for St. Patrick's Church including opportunities for families to support parish events including charitable works initiatives, joining the children's choir and the sacramental program.

We're Hiring!
Catechist Coordinator (Admin only) KCCCP
Part-Time | Casual Contract | 10 hours per week
As you know, Catechism is one of the most important ministries of the Church. It is mainly through Catechism that our kids come to know Jesus, the Bible, the Church, the Sacraments etc.
By the Grace of God, we have Catechism teachers, but we need a Catechist Coordinator to ensure Catechists can minister to the children in our State Primary Schools.

About the role:
✦ Administrative only (no regular classroom time required)
✦ 10 hours per week during school terms with flexible days to suit your lifestyle and the needs of our catechists.
✦ Work from home ~ with occasional need to attend the parish office or Diocese for a meeting.
✦ You will be self-reliant, however, use of the parish office resources are available to you for your use.
✦ You will report directly to the Parish Priest in conjunction with the CCD office.

Essential:
Current Drivers Licence; WWCC and Safeguarding training.
Highly Desirable: Willingness to undertake a National Police History Check;
For a full position description please contact the parish office on 02 9456 2450.
Closing Date: Friday 22 August 2025
Please submit your application to parishkcccp@bbcatholic.org.au

The Parish Children's Choir will be singing at the Stage 2 family mass this coming Sunday, 24th August. Children from year 3 and up can come and join their friends practice every Friday from 4-5pm at St. Patrick's Asquith church and sing every 2nd and 4th Sundays at the 10AM mass. For further information, contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

Dates to Remember Term 3 - 2025

Monday 1st September - Open Morning & Afternoon
Tuesday 2nd September - The Dish
Friday 5th September - Fathers Day liturgy 9.30am & stall
Tuesday 9th September - Stage 2 Netball Gala Day
Thursday 11th September - Kindergarten Farm Excursion
Thursday 25th September - Last day Term 3
Friday 26th September - Pupil Free Day



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



Our PBL Focus this fortnight is...

Term 3 Weeks 5-6

**WE ARE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS WHO
SPEAK AND ACT RESPECTFULLY.**

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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

This fortnight, our PBL focus is "Speak and Act Respectfully." This follows our recent focus on listening actively, reminding students that respect is shown not only in how we listen but also in the words we choose and the way we treat others. By speaking kindly and acting with care, students help create a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment where everyone can learn and thrive. This focus also connects with the learning and conversations children have been having during Bullying No Way Week. At St Patrick's, we do not tolerate bullying in any form. By learning to speak respectfully, children build the skills to communicate positively with others and to recognise when someone may not be treating others with the same respect.

Class Presenting Monday Wk 6 - 2 Green

How can we support this at home?

- Model respectful language at home by speaking kindly and calmly, even when solving problems or disagreements.
- Encourage children to use polite words such as "please," "thank you," and "excuse me" in daily interactions.
- Talk about respect together by noticing examples in books, TV shows, or real-life situations and discussing how people are treating one another.
- Praise respectful behaviour when you see it, highlighting how it makes others feel safe, valued, and included.

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

Religious Education



Religious Creative Arts Prize

Last Chance to get your entries to Mrs Lloyd-Jones this week.

You can enter in the following categories:

Visual Arts

Dance

Music

Drama

Short Film

For more information speak to Mrs Lloyd-Jones.

Donations of Wool Required

our Year 6 students are currently involved in a weekly craft club and learning to crochet under the expert guidance of Mrs Denise K (Grandmother or Harrison and Annabel). They would like to try making beanies to donate to Vinnies but require some donations of 8ply wool. if you have any spare wool at home this will be gratefully accepted.

Term 3 Liturgical Events

Week 7: Friday 5th September Father's Day Liturgy

Parish Family Masses

Term 3: Sunday 24th August 10am - Stage 2 Parish Family Mass

Term 4: Sunday 9th November 10am - Year 5 and Future Kindy Parish Family

Public speaking

Year 6 completed their grand final for public speaking 2 weeks ago with Evie and Rose moving forward to represent St Patrick's at the North shore diocesan competition this week.

All of the top 5 did a fantastic job and it was a very hard decision for our adjudicators.

K-5 grand final is this Friday with K-2 starting at 9:15am and 3-5 at 11:15am.

All are welcome to attend.



Mindquest program

During the last school holidays, Glenwood High school, held a program called Mindquest. It is a fast-paced, academic program offering 35 exciting courses for High Potential and Gifted Students from years 1-6. It is designed to enrich and extend children's learning through a broad range of experiences that are one or two years beyond students' year level and the scope of the general curriculum.

Each course leader gives 1 or 2 students an award for their achievement during the weekend. We were very lucky to acknowledge Luke in Year 4 for achieving this award in his course. Congratulations Luke!



HIGH POTENTIAL EDUCATION

Maths Challenge

Maths challenge

Number sequence

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:

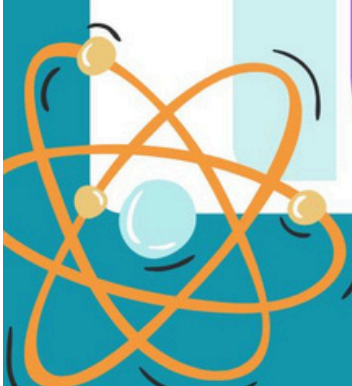
Caleb spent \$1.80

Beth starts with the number 5 and counts by **eights**.

This results in the sequence 5, 13, 21, 29, 37, and so on.

What is the **25th** number in the sequence?

5 13 21 29 37





ST PATRICK'S SPELLING BEE CONTEST

**Buzz your way
to the victory!**



**Grades
K-6**

3 ROUNDS

Week 6- 1st round in class, paper based.

Top 10 will progress to Round 2.

**Week 8- Round 2- Top 10 in the Grade
compete in verbal spelling.**

**Week 10- Round 3- Grandfinal! Top 5 in
each grade will compete in verbal spelling.**

WORDS

**Kindergarten will
spell 10 words.**

**Year 1 and 2 will
spell 20 words.**

**Years 3 and 4- will
spell 25 words.**

**Years 5 and 6- will
spell 30 words.**

GRAND FINAL

Term 3 Week 10 TBA

**GOODLUCK AND
HAPPY SPELLING**

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR THE SPELLING BEE

USE YOUR HOME

Write the challenging words on pieces of paper and stick them on the fridge. This way your child will be exposed to them on a daily basis and they can be practised at meal times. Alternatively, you could put them on the bedroom wall and he/she can read them as they get dressed in the morning and ready for bed in the evening.



HOMEWORK

Encourage your child to complete the spelling component of their homework.

Give them a practice spelling test at the end of the week to check their spelling of those words.

GAP FILLS

Provide additional support with difficult words by removing letters from a word and asking your child to fill in the blanks. Remove examples of silent letters or long vowel sounds (e.g. oo/ee/ai/ie) that usually cause some difficulty..

FUN IDEAS TO HELP TEACH SPELLING AT HOME

- <https://teachmama.com/fun-ways-to-learn-spelling-words/>
- <https://www.literacyplanet.com/blog/8-fun-ways-to-teach-spelling/>



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