



# 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,

We're looking forward to seeing all dads, grandfathers, and father figures at our Father's Day Celebration on this Friday morning. We invite all dads to come to all or part of the morning celebrations including:

- Light Breakfast – Start the day with a tea or coffee and a relaxed breakfast snack from 8:15am.
- Playground Games – Before school begins, join your child for some games and activities on the playground.
- School Assembly and Classroom Visit - we will officially welcome everyone at the Friday morning Awards Assembly, present the weekly awards before inviting all dads to visit their child's classroom.
- Father's Day Liturgy – We'll conclude the morning with a Father's Day Liturgy in the church from 9:30am, to acknowledge and celebrate the special role fathers play in their child's lives.

### Community Safety Awareness

Last week, Mrs Schyvens communicated a safety concern with a few incidents involving an individual near the café across the road from our school. In recent days we have become aware of further incidents and have again been in contact with Hornsby Police. I encourage parents to first report any incidents of concern to the police and then let the school know so we can be aware and respond as required.

I have spoken to all the children to reinforce messages around personal safety and awareness. We will continue to provide extra supervision after school to monitor the safe departure of students.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to have a conversation with your child/children about staying safe. Here are a few tips you might find helpful to discuss:

- If walking home from school, walk with a friend or in a group whenever possible.
- Stay on familiar routes and avoid isolated areas.
- Be aware of your surroundings and avoid distractions like phones or headphones.
- Know where to go for help – local shops, the school, or trusted adults.
- Trust your instincts – if something doesn't feel right, seek help immediately.
- Never engage with strangers or accept rides from people you don't know. Adults don't ask children for help.

Please feel free to contact Todd or myself if you have any concerns about this matter.

I thank you in advance for your continued support in helping us keep our community safe.

### Grade/Stage Assemblies

We're delighted to announce that our Stage/Grade Assemblies will return with our Kindergarten students hosting the first of our assemblies in the school hall at 2:15pm on Monday 22nd September (Week 10).

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the learning and creativity of our youngest students as they take the stage to share and celebrate what they have learnt this year.

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Families are warmly invited to attend and support our Kindergarten students as they showcase their growing knowledge and skills. We look forward to seeing you there as I am sure it will be a memorable event.

Future assemblies are schedule for:

Stage 1: Monday 27th October (Term 4, Week 3)

Stage 2: Monday 3rd November (Term 4, Week 4)

Stage 3: Monday 10th November (Term 4, Week 5)

## School Uniform

As we move into Spring and the warmer months, students are permitted to wear EITHER their winter OR summer uniform, starting Monday 8th September (Week 8). Students are not permitted to wear a combination of both uniforms.

It is also a good time to re-label items like school jackets and jumpers with the children's name as they are often worn at the start of the day when it is cooler but later discarded during playtime.

## Help Shape Wiser Screen Habits – Parent/Carer & Student Survey (10-15mins)

Our school has been invited to participate in a study on best practice screen use. Parents and carers are invited to complete a 10-15 min anonymous questionnaire and/or, if desired, give permission for their child to do a student survey: [Take the Parent/carers and student survey](#).

You can opt to receive a summary of the statewide results. Your insights will inform the design of classroom resources and professional learning for NSW schools.

You are asked to complete the survey within the next 2 weeks. Thank you in advance for your support.

## National Child Protection Week

This year National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the overarching message:

- Every child in every community needs a fair go.
- Last year we did so by putting conversations at the heart of the campaign.
- We encouraged communities and individuals across Australia to start a new conversation, one that forged a better future for young people everywhere
- To build on last year's focus, our theme for 2025 will be:
- Every conversation matters: Shifting Conversation to Action.

Link: [Brochures for Parents and Carers](#)

## 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.

The Kuring Gai Chase Catholic Parish have the following celebrations and opportunities available over the coming weeks. Details are in the bulletin that can be accessed using the link provided.

- Multicultural Day at Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish will be celebrated on Sunday 28th September at St. Patrick's Parish following the 10am mass. The bulletin has all the details, but in short, we hope you can come along and showcase the best of your ancestral nation's food, fashion and fun!
- Volunteer needed: We are still seeking just ONE more parishioner to join our Communion to the Housebound ministry – please call the office where staff are waiting to hear from you.
- We are hiring: Youth Ministry Coordinator Permanent Part-Time Contract, 4-6 hours per fortnight during School Terms - Please see bulletin for details.

The Parish Children's Choir wishes all fathers and father figures a happy celebration this coming Sunday! What better way to honor and serve our father in heaven than singing with friends? Join them practice every 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

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Fathers Day liturgy 9.30am & stall  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Stage 2 Netball Gala Day  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Kindergarten Farm Excursion  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Last day Term 3  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Pupil Free Day



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



Our PBL Focus this fortnight is...

Term 3 Weeks 7-8

**WE ARE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS WHO  
TAKE TURNS AND INCLUDE OTHERS.**

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

 **ST PATRICK'S ASQUITH**

## PBL FOCUS

At this stage in the term, children can sometimes feel tired and may begin to test boundaries both in the playground and the classroom. Our current PBL focus is a timely reminder about the importance of positive play and respectful social interactions.

By encouraging students to include others, we help them build a strong sense of belonging, ensuring everyone feels welcome and safe.

When we reinforce fair play, we are guiding students to follow rules, show good sportsmanship, and resolve conflicts calmly—important skills that support a respectful and caring school culture.

Class Presenting Monday Wk 8 - 5 Green

## How can we support this at home?

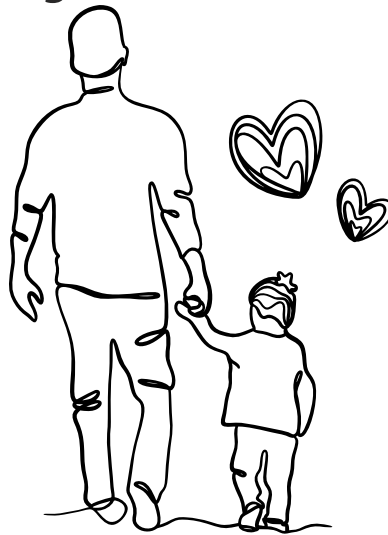
- Encourage your child to invite others into games or activities, especially someone who might be left out.
- Talk about what fair play looks like—taking turns, following rules, and accepting wins or losses graciously.
- Praise your child when they show kindness, teamwork, or good sportsmanship, reinforcing these positive behaviours.

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

# Religious Education

## A Prayer for Father's Day

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad  
- Author Unknown



We look forward to welcoming all Father's and father figures for breakfast and our liturgy tomorrow morning.

## Thank you from the Dish

A big **thank you** to all families who contributed meals, fruit, tea, coffee and additional donations to The Dish this week. Thank you to the Mercy Action Group for helping to prepare dessert to take. A big thank you to Mrs Medeiros, Miss Pugsley and Mrs Wickham who helped coordinate the service and serve the meals at the last minute. Your generosity makes a big impact on members of our local community who are finding it tough at the moment and is a great example of our Mercy Values in action.

## Tree of Hope Parent Morning Wed 10<sup>th</sup> September 8:20am

Next week at St Patrick's we will be creating a Tree of Hope as part of our celebrations of the Jubilee Year. This Tree of Hope will be an initiative to raise awareness about Mental Health as well as to encourage hope for the future. Each child will be creating leaves to add to our Tree of Hope. We also invite parents to join with us next Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 8:20am for a cup of tea and to create a leaf to add to our Tree of Hope,

## St Carlo Acutis



This weekend Blessed Carlo Acutis is being canonised a Saint. Carlo was an Italian teenager who used technology to spread the word of God and his love of the Eucharist. Carlo, a teenager of our own era, reminds us that technology and creativity can be harnessed for good, for sharing the Gospel, and for building community

*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank you for giving us Saint Carlo Acutis, a young boy who loved you with all his heart. Help us to follow his example: to be kind, to use technology for good, and to stay close to you in the Eucharist. Make us brave and joyful disciples, just like Carlo.*

*Amen.*

## Public speaking

Public speaking is finished for another year. All of our students did a fantastic job and should be very proud of themselves.

We also thank the parents for assisting your children in preparing them to speak in front of their class, the school and the Diocese.

The adjudicators for each grade found it very hard to choose the top 3 from each grade 💡

Congratulations to the top 3 medal winners from each grade:

🏆 **Kindergarten:** Hannah, Bianca and Amaira

🏆 **Year 1:** Akeyla, Milana and Jacob

🏆 **Year 2:** Liza, Luke and Rosie

🏆 **Year 3:** Clara, Gisella, Micah

🏆 **Year 4:** Sophie, Korbin, Michael

🏆 **Year 5:** Ruwinka, Olivia Marie and Andrea

🏆 **Year 6:** Evie, Rose and Cristiano



# HIGH POTENTIAL EDUCATION

## Maths Challenge

### Maths challenge

#### Maths team time

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:

25th number = 197



Three Maths Team students practise at a different time:

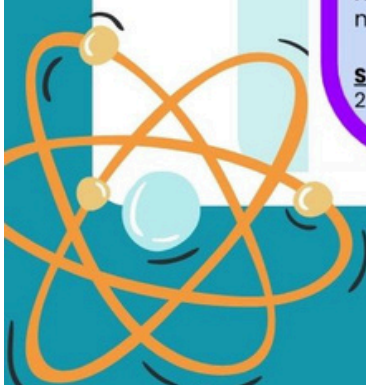
10:00 a.m., noon, and 2:00 p.m.

Jean practises either at noon or at 2:00 p.m.

Krishna doesn't practise at noon and Lisa doesn't practise at 2:00 p.m.

Krishna practises 2 hours before Lisa.

At what time does each girl practise?





# **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/>



# Netball for the Boys

Finish the year with some relaxed fun. No soggy ovals, no high stress competition. Just social netball with your mates.



## Boys Social Spring Comp is back - You don't need a team!

Is your son in grades 2-6 and looking for a fun social comp to play some netball, this is the comp for him. You don't need a team, but if you have one, great! Tuesday evenings, come along to learn new skills, play games, make new friends and have some fun. Scan the QR code below for more info.



<https://forms.office.com/r/JKdWm0n1qG>

## We also have a fantastic Boys Skills & Development Clinic coming up

### Ku-ring-gai 14s Boys State Champions 2024 & 2025



On Sunday September 28, our KNA Men's Team will be running a 1/2 day clinic at Barker College, specifically for our male netballers. For more information click QR code below.

- Beginners through to reps
- All skills levels welcome
- From 7rs-17yrs

<https://forms.office.com/r/kUPRmXnXPK>

FIVE of our Ku-ring-gai boys were selected into the NSW u15s Boys Team, to compete at the School Sport Australia National Championships in QLD



For more information, scan the QR code or email Kelly, [boys@kna.com.au](mailto:boys@kna.com.au)

Boys'  
Spring  
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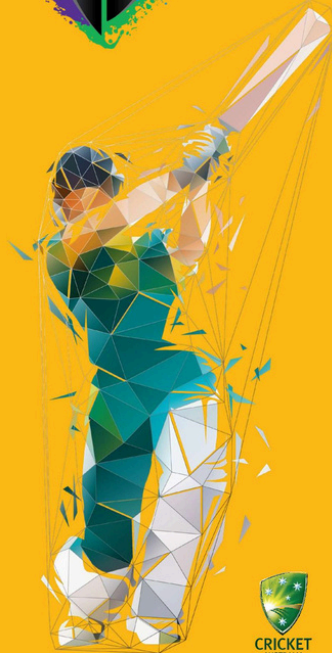


Sept --  
Skills  
& Dev  
Clinic



# JOIN THE FUN

A NEW OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM OF CRICKET AUSTRALIA LAUNCHES THIS YEAR!



## JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS

- Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- Make new friends or organise a group to learn together
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in a personalised t-shirt
- All equipment supplied, parents join in the fun

### SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR JUNIOR BLASTERS PACK!

Includes t-shirt with your name on it and bucket hat in your choice of Big Bash team colour, bat & ball, personalised bat sticker sheet & progression tracker.



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REGISTER  
NOW:

