

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 St Bernard's Saturday Vigil 6pm Saturday Vig Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm Sunday 9am

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,

Being a parent of four children, I remember the challenges of getting everyone ready for school each day for 40 weeks of the year. It is a monumental task to have everyone fed, dressed, bags packed with books and lunches and off to school each school day.

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors which has a positive impact on a child's academic success. Arriving late or leaving early disrupts not only the student's learning but also the flow of the classroom. Consistent attendance helps build routines, friendships, and confidence. When children miss school, even for part of the day, it can create challenges for those students as they try to catch up.

I understand that illness and unforeseen events will occur in every family, however additional days of absence can add up quickly. Missing just one day a fortnight adds up to 20 days a year which equals a full month of lost learning.

Stage 2 Mass

Last Sunday, our Stage 2 students took a leading role in our Parish School Family Mass, bringing a sense of reverence and connection with our parish community. It was a lovely celebration that highlighted their emerging confidence and leadership through their participation in key roles of reading, processing the Offertory gifts, leading the choir and reflection after communion.

We are incredibly proud of our Stage 2 students for their leadership, reverence, and enthusiasm. Their involvement in the Mass not only enriched the liturgical experience but also strengthened the bond between our school and parish community. Thank you to parents who supported the children attending the mass and Miss Fryar and Mrs Medeiros for their efforts to prepare the children to lead mass.

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: <u>Take the Parent/carer and</u> 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 3 weeks. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Father's Day Celebrations

A reminder that next week we will be celebrating all fathers, father figures and male role models in our children's lives with our special Father's Day celebrations. It will be held next week 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.

Father's Day Attendance Form

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.

Parent Education Webinars in Term 3

A reminder to parents that the following online learning opportunity is available:

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 link to connect with all the current information regarding the parish through parish website including the weekly Parish Bulletin. Link- <u>Parish Bulletin</u>

God bless

Todd Vane-Tempest Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 3 - 2025

Friday 5th September - Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy (please RSVP)

Tuesday 9th September - Stage 2 Netball Gala Day Pennant Hills

Thursday 11 September - Kindergarten Farm Excursion

Tuesday 16 September - Public Speaking Final

Thursday 25th September - Final day of term 3

Friday 26th September - Staff Development Day