



## St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Asquith

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night we had a great turn out of around 30 parents to our Term 3 P & F Meeting. It is always encouraging to see the commitment and goodwill that our parent volunteers give to our school community. From organising events, supporting school initiatives and creating opportunities for connection, the P&F Committee provides opportunities for partnership and collaboration and foster a welcoming and inclusive environment in our school.

I particularly extend a deep appreciation to those who serve our school community on the various P & F Committees. Their work, that is often unseen, plays a vital role in supporting all students and connecting families and the school.

Being part of the P&F is more than volunteering—it's a chance to build relationships, share ideas, and make a meaningful impact. I encourage all parents to consider getting involved even in a small way, whether through joining a committee, helping at events, or simply attending and connecting with others.

### **P&F Meeting**

At last night's meeting we discussed a range of topics including the recently communicated Online Safety, Community Safety and Arrival and Dismissal concerns:

### **Online Safety**

Following the recent communication via Compass regarding online safety concerns for students, Mrs Schyvens and I presented a Cyber Safety Parent Talk at last night's P&F Meeting. We hope that the presentation supports parents in their endeavour to keep their children safe and respectful when they are online. This presentation which includes valuable information, videos and links to support online safety will be sent out separately to all parents.

We continue to encourage you to monitor your child's online activity, including their participation in group chats, messaging apps, and games such as Roblox or similar platforms. Regularly checking their messages and having open conversations about respectful online behaviour can make a big difference.

I thank all parents for their continued support in keeping our school community safe and respectful.

### **Community Safety Awareness**

The school continues to maintain a vigilance during school arrival and dismissal times in response to recently communicated safety concerns. We know that the individual in question continues to frequent the café across the road from our school.

Again, 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 thank parents for their support with this matter.

### **Arrival and Dismissal Procedures**

The 'Kiss and Drop Zone' is a continuing topic of frustration and concern for our parent community. I will again send out a copy of the most recent communication for arrival and dismissal procedures. I ask parents



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to take the time to read and follow the procedures to support a streamlined process that will benefit everyone.

### Father's Day

I hope all dads, grandfathers, and father figures have a wonderful Father's Day celebration last weekend. I thank the more than 100 dads who supported the morning events last Friday which was a fantastic response. I am sure those who attended our Father's Day Celebration would have experienced our school community alive with a joyous spirit as our dads connected with each other and with their children to celebrate the important role father's play in their children's lives. It was also a great opportunity to see what their children are achieving in class and celebrate together.

I thank our parent volunteers and staff who supported with organising activities, serving tea and coffee and a light breakfast.

A big thank you also to Keeley Douthwaite and her team of volunteers who prepared the Father's Day Stall. They were busily wrapping gifts and setting up the night before so that in the morning the children could select their gift ready for Father's Day.

### Grade/Stage Assemblies

A reminder 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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 27<sup>th</sup> October (Term 4, Week 3)

Stage 2: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Term 4, Week 4)

Stage 3: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November (Term 4, Week 5)

### School Uniform

A reminder that students are permitted to wear EITHER their winter OR summer uniform. 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.

### Survey Closing Soon- 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.](#)



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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 week. Thank you in advance for your support.

### 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, the sacramental program and so much more.

God bless,  
Todd Vane-Tempest  
Principal  
Yours sincerely

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