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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,

During the holiday break I was fortunate to travel with other principals and leaders of our diocese on a pilgrimage to Poland and Rome lead by our Bishop, the Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo. This pilgrimage was part of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope as declared by Pope Francis. In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis and now Pope Leo, invites us to rediscover what it means to walk as people of faith in our world. And to remember that hope is not optimism, but confidence in God's faithfulness.

As pilgrims, we travelled widely in Poland to visit many holy and sacred places including the monastery of St Maximilian Kolbe who dedicated his life to doing good works in the name of Mary the mother of Jesus. Saint Maximilian later gave his life to save another prisoner in the Auschwitz death camp (a place we also visited). Other features of the pilgrimage were to pray at many shrines and churches that were special to Pope John Paul II and learning about the saints and church history of Poland.

What was obvious throughout the time I spent in Poland were the significant challenges they faced during World War II and communist rule and their dedication to expressing their faith especially through their devotion to Mary. It was very common to see shrines to Mary or Jesus outside the homes of the people of Poland or by the roadside of towns we travelled through.

In Rome, we visited the 4 Basilicas that have the 'Holy Doors' that are only opened by the pope in a Jubilee Year. This included the Basilicas of John Lateran, Saint Mary Major (which has the tomb of Pope Francis), Saint Peter's (Vatican) and St. Paul Outside the Walls. In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we are reminded of the passage from the Gospel of John 10: 9 "I am the door, if anyone enters by me, he will be saved..."

I pray that this Jubilee Year will remind us always that Christ is our strength. Christ is our reason. Christ is our hope. And hope will never disappoint.

Attendance- Every Day Counts

Late last term I communicated to parents regarding the importance of each student maintaining regular attendance at school. The school systematically review attendance data for all students and seek to have most children attend over 95% of the school days each year. This year our school averages are:

Term 1 school averaged a healthy 95.2% attendance.

Term 2 school attendance average has slipped to 90.5%.

Term 3 school attendance average- 92.9%

Attending school every day supports your child's learning achievement and connection to their friends and school community. Currently we have concerns regarding the attendance pattern of some students and will be sending some families a letter outlining these concerns. I thank all families in advance for your continued support with this matter.

The Council of Catholic School Parents

The Council of Catholic School Parents supports parents in catholic schools across the 11 dioceses of NSW and the ACT. Parents are encouraged to click on the following link to access the website full of information and resources to support families like the following free webinar to support online safety - [Home - Council of Catholic School Parents](#)

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Online Safety

Last term Mrs Schyvens and I presented a Cyber Safety Talk to parents at the P&F Meeting. To further support families in navigating some of the online challenges experienced, the Council of Catholic School Parents in partnership with the eSafety Commissioner is offering an online free webinar addressing 'The Changing Face of Cyberbullying'.

The Council of Catholic School Parents provides the following description of the webinar: Cyberbullying is evolving, with the use of AI-powered tactics, coded emoji language, and the covert manipulation that many adults may miss. This 45-minute webinar helps parents spot the signs, build support at home and guide children on how to respond and stay safe. It's suitable for parents and carers of primary and high school students.

Parents can register to attend the webinar using the following link: [Webinar: The Changing Face of Cyberbullying - Protect Your Child Online - Council of Catholic School Parents](#)

iPads for Learning 2026 and Beyond

Yesterday I communicated to Year 3 parents of a change in the iPad program for Year 4 students next year. From 2026 and beyond, Catholic Schools Broken Bay will seek to provide school owned devices for the students in Year 4. As a result, from 2028 school devices will be available for all year groups.

Advantages of Using School Owned Devices include:

- A reduced cost to families.
- Parent choice of device and use at home.
- Management of devices by CSBB including updating software.
- iPads not being lost or damaged when travelling.
- Increased security of devices that is managed by CSBB.
- Ensures compatibility and access with the CSBB Network.

In preparation for this change the school has purchased charging cabinets to keep the additional school owned devices stored safely, charged and ready to use.

Parents are not required to do anything regarding these changes. The school will be provided with a set of iPads by CSBB that students in Year 4 2026 can access and use at school next year and beyond.

Science Day

Last term we celebrated Science Day with the children experiencing many experiments and activities to spark the excitement and wonder of our world. During the day the children spent time in each classroom conducting experiments around the theme 'Decoding the Universe'. The children had a great day of learning and fun while they were challenged to think about each experience. I thank our fantastic librarian, Mrs Wickham for organising the day events and our wonderful teachers for facilitating the experiments.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

The start of the term is a good time to recall our Arrival and Dismissal Procedures that we ask all families to abide. Please take the time to read the recently recommunicated procedures to assist our efforts to maintain safety and streamline the process that will benefit everyone.

Stage 1 Assembly

Last term we celebrated the learning journey of our Kindergarten classes with the first of our assemblies for this year. Our next scheduled assembly will be hosted by Stage 1 on Monday 27th October.

The assembly will take place in the school hall from around 2:15pm. All parents are invited to this celebration of learning and creativity of our youngest 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 scheduled 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

A reminder that at the beginning of this term, all students will need to wear their full summer uniform. Please label items like school hats, jackets and jumpers with the children's name.

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 Parish Children's Choir hopes everyone had a great break and has recharged their voices. Keen years 3 and up can join our practice this Friday, 17th October, 4-5pm, and join singing every 2nd and 4th Sundays, 10am at St. Patrick's church. For further information, contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935. For your calendar: We will hold our Annual Bake Sale on the 23rd November. We'll send more information about this in the coming weeks.

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal



Dates to Remember

Term 4 - 2025

Tuesday 21st October - Stage 3 Touch Tag Gala Day

Wednesday 22nd October - Playgroup

Friday 24th October - "Spooky" Band Concert - 11.30am

Tuesday 28th October - Surf Life Saving School Visit

Wednesday 29th October - Brainstorm Incursion

Thursday 30th October - Kindergarten 2026 Orientation Session 1

Friday 31st October - Year 5 Mercy Leadership Day



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



Our PBL Focus this fortnight is...

Term 4 Weeks 1-2

WE ARE **RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS** WHO ARE IN THE **RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME, DOING THE RIGHT TASK**

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

SAFE	RESPONSIBLE	RESPECTFUL
• PLAY SAFELY AND FAIRLY • MOVE SAFELY AT ALL TIMES • CARE FOR OTHERS • STAY SUN SAFE	• MAKE GOOD CHOICES • RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME, RIGHT TASK • LEARN AND LET OTHERS LEARN • CARE FOR ALL PROPERTY • CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT	• 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

Our PBL focus for Weeks 1-2 is "Right Place, Right Time, Right Task." At the start of a new term, it's important to re-establish routines and expectations that help students feel settled and ready for learning. This focus reminds students about being where they need to be, when they need to be there, and doing what they should be doing. It encourages responsibility, organisation, and respect for others' time and learning. By practising these habits, students build independence and contribute to a calm, productive school environment.

Class Presenting Monday Wk 2 - 4 Green

Being responsible for their own schedule of getting ready in the morning.

Helping to make dinner or other chores at home.

Have a checklist or calendar at home so they feel a sense of responsibility of the tasks that need accomplishing through the week.

How can we support this at home?

How can I be safe at home, school, on transport etc?

Playing safely with toys and in different spaces at home or in public.

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

Religious Education

Crazy Sock Day for Catholic Mission



Last term we held a crazy sock day to support Catholic Mission. Thank you to the St Patrick's community for raising \$235 to donate to Catholic Mission. This year the Catholic Mission Socktober appeal supports communities in Zambia, to help ensure children have access to food and education, giving them the chance to build a brighter future.

This morning I took Belle, Cris, Esha and Elise from Year 6 to the Diocesan Mission Month Celebration at the Cathedral Waitara.

We participated in solidarity activities where we were challenged to create a soccer ball made of socks, rags, bags and string. This sockball is an example of the ball used by children in impoverished communities and helped us to walk in the shoes of those less fortunate than us around the world.

We then attended the Mission Mass with students from all the Diocesan schools.

For more information: <https://www.socktober.org.au/>

Rosary for October Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. Please join us tomorrow as we pray the Rosary at assembly.

Year 5 and Future Kindy Parish Mass

The Year 5 and Future Kindy Family Parish Mass is to be held on Sunday 9th November at 10am. All are welcome to join this celebration.

'What Matters' writing competition

Back in Term 2, we had 8 girls in Stage 3, participate in the 'What Matters?' Writing Competition.

The national competition is hosted by the Whitlam Institute within Western Sydney University and encourages students to respond to the simple question 'What matters?', where they are free to express their views on any matter they care about in 600 words or less.

Unfortunately we had no winners within our school, however we are extremely proud of Rose, Alice, Freya, Esha, Bella, Layla, Eva and Madeleine for giving it a go and getting their voices heard on particular matters that are important to them.



HIGH POTENTIAL EDUCATION

Maths Challenge

Maths challenge

On the bus

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:

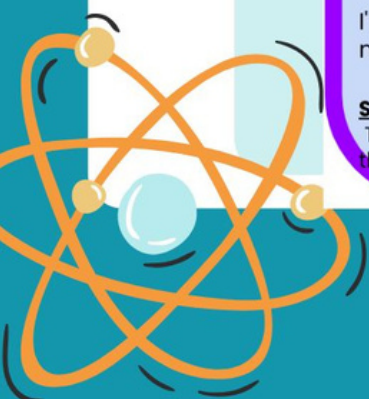
There were 6 different ways to place the toppings.

This bus is taking parents and children to the zoo.

There are 47 people on the bus.

There are 5 more children than parents on the bus.

How many parents are on the bus?



ST PATRICK'S SPELLING BEE GRAND FINAL!

Last term, in Week 6 students began the 2025 St Patrick's spelling bee process. Every student completed a paper based assessment based on words they had focused on throughout the year, with the top 10 progressing to their grade verbal spelling in Week 8. During Week 10, the top 5 from each grade competed in our Grand Finals to find the 2 winners for 2025.

It was a tough challenge, but also amazing to see the progress students have come in their spelling. Teachers also commented on the progress of students spelling from last year, which is positive to hear.

This year the winning 2 from each grade were:

Kindergarten: Annabel L & Ilan A

Year 1: Christopher R & Ramindi D

Year 2: Cara B & Illyana A

Year 3: Clara H & Laura B

Year 4: Sophie V & Ellena B

Year 5: Nicola S & Ira A

Year 6: Esha D & Kassy C

Congratulations to all students for their hard work and impressive spelling skills demonstrated throughout the term. They should all be proud of themselves.



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OCTOBER

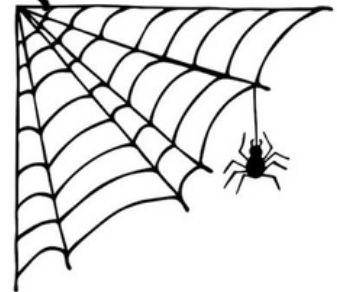
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CONCERT
FRIDAY 24TH



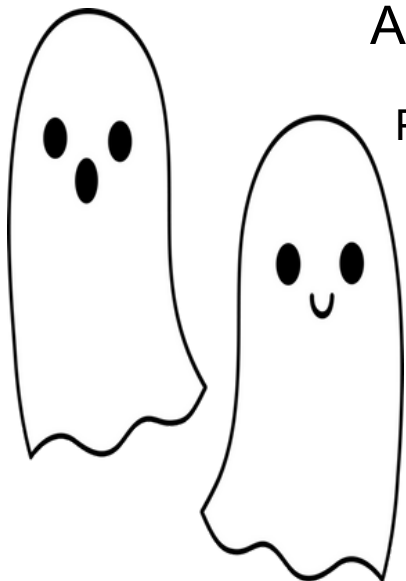
TIME 11.15AM

WHERE SCHOOL HALL
ALL WELCOME

Spooky



PROGRAMME
Monster Rock
Zombie Dance
Ghostbusters
The Spook
Dragon Dance
Phantom Run
Megawatt Rock
Creepy Crawlies
Harry Potter



Spooky
SPOOKY



**GLENWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL**

MIND QUEST PROGRAM

FOR 1ST TO 6TH GRADERS



On the weekend of 15th and 16th November, the NSW talent enrichment weekend will be held for primary students at Glenwood HS.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 33 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include Chemistry, Earth sciences, Drama, Lego robotics, Art and much more.

Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$250.

For more information
and to enrol visit
mindquest.net.au

Enrolment
closing date is
Friday 17th
October.





1-2-3 Magic parenting program

A 3 week course for parents of 2 – 12 year olds

TUESDAY

ONLINE

28 October & 4, 11 November 2025

7.30pm - 9.00pm

Learn how to manage behaviour without arguing or shouting and discover methods to stop unwanted behaviours, increase co-operation and enhance your relationship with your children. We're here to help parents raise well behaved, happy, competent children and put the fun back into parenting!

Feel free to bring your dinner to the session.

Please note: this program is funded for parents residing in these LGAs only - Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Willoughby, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney and Northern Beaches.

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ONLINE

MANAGING KIDS' SCREEN TIME WITHOUT THE STRUGGLE

Feeling overwhelmed by screens at home? You're not alone.

This practical session with parenting educator Genevieve Muir will help you:

- Understand why screens are so hard to manage - for both kids and adults.
- Learn why some children struggle more with screens and how to support them.
- Set clear, age-appropriate screen-time boundaries that work.
- Reduce screen-related meltdowns and arguments.
- Make informed decisions about phones, YouTube, and social media.
- Feel more confident and in control of your family's screen use.

Perfect for parents of kids aged 2 - 15 years, it includes practical tools and time for real-life questions.

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