

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Parish Clergy

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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,

We look forward to many school and parish events in Term 4 and hope that families will take the opportunity to join in where they can. Just this week we had parents supporting the Stage 3 Touch/Tag Gala Day by manging teams throughout the day. This type of support is very much appreciated by the children as it provides additional opportunities for them to participate in fun events during the year.

We look forward to other events this term including grade/stage assemblies, Surf Lifesaving incursion and the Brainstorm Science incursion in Week 3, the Stage 2 Touch/Tag Gala Day and K-6 Gymnastics Program beginning in Week 5, the School Christmas Concert in Week 7 and Water Fun Day in Week 9.

Crazy Hair Day

On Friday we will be supporting Annabel Creswick for her brave donation of her long blonde hair to make a wig for children with cancer. We ask the children to support her efforts with a Crazy Hair Day on Friday and a gold coin donation to support the hair being made into a wig. I encourage families to get behind this initiative. The hair will be cut on Friday morning either in front of Annabel's class, grade or the entire school depending on how brave she is feeling.

Student Leadership

This term, our Year 5 students will be busy preparing for their leadership opportunities in 2025. Next week they will participate in the Yr 5 Mercy Leaders Day as part of a Leadership Reflection Day. As our school was started by the Mercy Sisters, we have a close connection to the Mercy Charism and seek to live out the Mercy Values.

During the day Year 5 will travel to North Sydney and visit Stormanston House which holds the Mercy Sister's Museum. They will learn about the Mercy Charism session and align these with the qualities we are seeking in our school leaders. Later in the term Year 5 will participate in a Team Building Leaders Day facilitated by Motiv8 Sports which will focus on communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. They will also discover that leaders don't need a badge to demonstrate great leadership qualities. Over the coming weeks our Year 5 students will also be supporting their new buddies during the Kinder 2025 Transition Sessions.

We look forward to working through the process of nominating and eventually selecting our 2025 badged leaders. The new school leaders will be announced at a special Leadership Assembly on Friday Week 8. At this assembly we acknowledge and thank our current school leaders and officially hand over responsibilities in the final weeks of school.

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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

Online Safety

A reminder to parents that the Council of Catholic School Parents in partnership with the eSafety Commissioner is offering an online free webinar addressing 'The Changing Face of Cyberbullying'. This event is scheduled for Wednesday 12th November from 7:00pm. 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: <u>Webinar: The Changing Face of Cyberbullying - Protect Your</u> Child Online - Council of Catholic School Parents

Stage 1 Assembly

We look forward to our next scheduled assembly will be hosted by Stage 1 scheduled for next 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 assembles 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)

Parish News

The Parish Children's Choir will be singing this Sunday, 26th October at the 10AM mass and is hosting the Coffee Corner/morning tea after. Everyone's welcome! Children in years 3 and up, it's not too late to join your friends practice every school term Fridays from 4-5pm at the church. Then sing at the 10AM mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. For further information, contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

Parents are encouraged to click on the following link to access the weekly <u>Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish Bulletin</u>. 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 you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember Term 4 - 2025

Friday 24th October - "Spooky" Band Concert - 11.30am
Monday 27th October - Special Lunch Order day
Tuesday 28th October - Surf Life Saving School Visit
Wednesday 29th October - Brainstorm Incursion
Thursday 30th October - Kindy 2026 Orientation Session 1
Thursday 30th October - Yrs 3 & 4 Parish Mass 9am
Friday 31st October - Year 5 Mercy Leadership Day
Monday 3rd November - Stage 2 Assembly 2.20pm
Thursday 6th November - Kindy 2026 Orientation Session 2
Thursday 6th November - Yrs 1 & 2 Parish Mass 9.00am

