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Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

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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,

We began welcoming the first group of our Kinder 2026 to their initial Transition Day this week. We had a lovely morning with half the group organising school uniforms, meeting each other and beginning their school experience at St. Patrick's Asquith.

Our Year 5 student leaders stepped up to support their new Kinder buddies and begin the year-long partnership that will nurture our new students and help them settle into the school routine. This important and valued relationship between our future Year 6 students and Kinder students helps the young ones understand the expectations for our school and what it means to belong to our wonderful school community. Next week it will be exciting to welcome the second half of the Kinder 2026 group for their first transition experience from preschool to big school.

Brainstorm Productions Presents: The Protectors

This week, our students were treated to a meaningful and engaging live theatre experience called 'The Protectors'. The performance seeks to educate and support student wellbeing focusing on bullying, cyber safety, emotional resilience, and respectful relationships.

The performance piece was developed by educators and a clinical psychologist and seeks to spark meaningful conversations in the classroom. The message to students is encouragement to become "protectors" of themselves and others—standing up to bullying, seeking help, and fostering kindness and inclusion in their communities.

Surf Life Saving NSW Beach to Bush Incursion

This week, all students had the exciting opportunity to take part in the Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) Beach to Bush Incursion. With the warm weather encouraging families to visit the beach, the local pool, and waterways, this interactive educational program is a timely reminder of the vital water safety knowledge all students need.

The volunteer surf lifesavers presentation provided experiences including examples of visual safety signs used to educate and warn the community of dangers, real-life stories, and hands-on activities. During the sessions the students learned how to:

- Identify beach hazards like rips and waves
- Understand the importance of swimming between the red and yellow flags
- Recognise safety signs and marine life
- Signal for help and assist others safely
- Apply these lessons to inland waterways such as rivers, dams, and pools [sls.asn.au]

The program is tailored to suit our students who may not be regular swimmers, ensuring that even students who have never visited the beach can relate to safety messages. Each child also received a Beach to Bush pack to reinforce learning and share knowledge with their families.

We are grateful to Surf Life Saving NSW for their commitment to educating and helping our students to become confident, informed, and safe around water—whether at the beach or in their own backyard.

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Crazy Hair Day

It was great to see the children get behind the Crazy Hair Fundraiser and coming to school with many weird and wonderful hair styles. We were able to raise \$278, and I thank all families for supporting this initiative. It is also important to also acknowledge Annabel C who bravely cut her long hair in front of the entire school in effort to raise enough to turn it into a wig for children with cancer.

Mindquest

Congratulations to Ash from 2G who recently completed the Mindquest program "Science Action Green".



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: [Webinar: The Changing Face of Cyberbullying - Protect Your Child Online - Council of Catholic School Parents](#)

Stage 1 Assembly

Congratulations to our Stage 1 classes who presented their assembly this week. We were all very impressed with their rendition of the song 'We are Australian' and their convincing argument for why Australia is the best country in the world. We look forward to our next scheduled assembly will be hosted by Stage 2 scheduled for next Monday 3rd November.

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 schedule for:

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

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

School Disco – 6th November

St Pat's annual school disco will be held on Thursday 6th November. Tickets for the disco tickets will be available through the school QKR App and cost \$8. Parents are reminded that the school disco is only for children who currently attend St. Patrick's School. We cannot have students bring friends from other schools or have younger preschool siblings or older high school siblings attend.

The times for the disco sessions are:

•Kindy to year 3 is 5pm to 6.30pm

•Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is 7pm to 8.30pm

•Year 3 can choose one or the other timeslot not both.

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 end of the year is fast approaching, with only three masses remaining for our children this year. Our final 10AM mass will be on December 14th. Additionally, the children will be singing for the Jubilee of the Choirs at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Waitara on November 22nd, from 7-8PM. Please mark this in your calendars! This event offers a great opportunity for students in Year 3 and above to see what the children's choir accomplishes. For those interested, practices are held every school term Friday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at St. Patrick's Asquith church. We sing at the 10:00 AM mass on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. For further information, please contact Patricia Smith at 9482 7935.

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

Dates to Remember Term 4 - 2025

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

Thursday 6th November - School Disco

Friday 7th November - Year 5 Motiv8 Leadership Day

Wednesday 12th November - Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

Thursday 13th November - Kindy 2026 Orientation Session 3

Thursday 20th November - Kindy 2026 Orientation Session 4

Friday 28th November - Christmas Concert

Wednesday 3rd December - Kindy & Yr 6 Teddy Bears Picnic

Tuesday 9th December - The Dish

Thursday 11th December - Year 6 Graduation 5.15pm

Friday 12th December - End of Year Mass

Monday 15th December - Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 16th December - Yr 6 Guard of Honour 2.00pm

Wednesday 17th December - Students Last Day



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



Our PBL Focus this fortnight is...

Term 4 Weeks 3-4

WE ARE **RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS WHO LEARN AND LET OTHERS LEARN**

**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**

Class Presenting Monday Wk 4 - I Green

PBL FOCUS

As we move further into Term 4, it's important that we continue to support a calm and focused learning environment. Our PBL focus for the next two weeks is "Learn and Let Others Learn." This means helping students understand how their choices can impact not only their own learning, but also the learning of those around them.

By encouraging these habits, we are fostering classrooms where everyone feels safe, respected, and able to do their best. We look forward to celebrating students who show great focus, responsibility, and cooperation.

Establish some good homework routines for independent learning.

Read at home with a parent each night or when possible.

Tell your child something new about your life they might not know or teach them about a new concept they are interested in.

Develop time management skills to complete tasks around the house in accordance with other commitments.

How can we support this at home?

Get older siblings to teach younger siblings new concepts.

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

Religious Education

Year 5 and Future Kindy Parish Family Mass



All are welcome to join us on Sunday 9th November at 10am for our final Family Parish Mass for the year.

Year 5 are hosting the mass and will be joined with our future Kindergarten children.



St Patrick's is a proud participant in the new SPARK (Supporting Potential Among Remarkable Kids) Program. This is a joint initiative with neighbouring CSBB schools. Our exciting SPARK program aims to ignite the SPARK of curiosity, challenge, collaboration and skill development among students who are showing high potential or giftedness in certain domains. Our SPARK program is aimed at offering a range of immersive extension days for students in Stage 3 to collaborate with likeminded peers whilst engaging in rich learning opportunities.

St Patrick's hosted a SPARK Lego Escape room Day on the 23rd of October 2025. Students worked against time in a hands-on day involving resilience in problem solving and critical and creative thinking, with a Lego theme. Students thought creatively and logically, and strategize to solve decoding puzzles. The challenges required out-of-the-box solutions, encouraging innovation and flexible thinking, as well as improving teamwork and collaborative skills.

Many students have benefited from these SPARK days this year, as there has been different aspects of gifted and high potential learning opportunities.

We hope to see it continue with our neighbouring schools next year.

HIGH POTENTIAL EDUCATION

Maths Challenge

Maths challenge

What's the time

Here's a new puzzle to try this week!

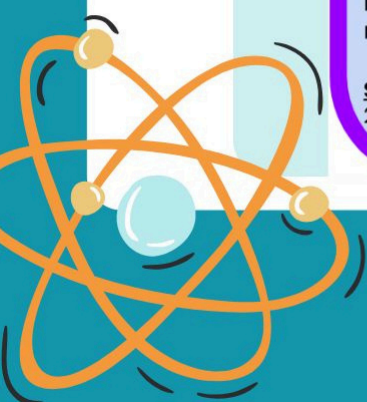
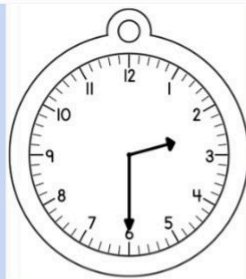
The aim is for the whole family to collaborate on solving it. Encouraging the whole family to share puzzles and talk to each other mathematically is very important to us. Enjoy!

I'll share the solution in the next newsletter.

Solution from last newsletter:
21 parents were on the bus

If it's 2:30 pm now, what will the time be in 74 hours?

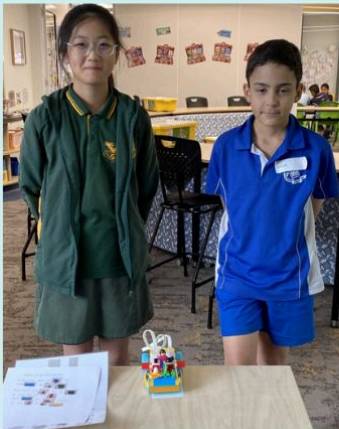
Include am or pm in your answer.





SPARK

Supporting
Potential Among
Remarkable Kids





**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.





Priority
Feeder School

A Special Invitation to Year 5-6 Parents & Carers

St Leo's proudly presents:

'Helping your Child Transition to High School'

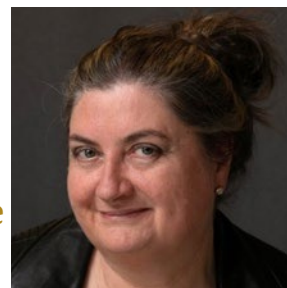
**FREE PARENT & CARER
INFORMATION SEMINAR:**

Join experienced wellbeing and resilience speaker and trainer, Jacqui Van de Velde for an informative session designed specifically for Year 5-6 parents and carers.

This seminar will provide practical tools and strategies to help you support your child through the important transition from primary to secondary school.

Jacqui will share insights on navigating the changes ahead, managing uncertainty, and fostering resilience and optimism within your family. Expect an engaging evening filled with humour and real-life stories to help you feel confident and empowered as a parent during this time. Equip yourself with the knowledge and confidence to support your child's journey into secondary school!

PARENTS/CARERS FROM ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME - REGISTER NOW



Jacqui Van de Velde is an highly-regarded professional facilitator, trainer and speaker with over 30 years experience in education, wellbeing, resilience and mental health. As Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC) at Prouille Catholic Primary, Wahroonga, we are fortunate to have her as part of our Catholic Schools Broken Bay network and willing to share her knowledge and passion with our wider St Leo's parent community.

Click here to
REGISTER NOW

Wednesday, 26 November 2025, 6-7pm

Tenison Woods Gallery, Lower Ground Floor
Mary MacKillop Centre, St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga
See attached map for parking & entry information





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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