



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Parish Clergy

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Parish Priest
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Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith	St Bernard's Berowra Heights
Saturday Vigil 6pm	Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm	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,

I met with our Year 5 students this week to outline the process for selecting our school captains and sports captains for 2026. I am enormously proud of the way they have responded to the leadership experiences provided in recent weeks. These children continue to step up and take on responsibility enthusiastically with each opportunity like they have in supporting their new buddies during the Kinder Transition Sessions. They received high praise when they traveled to North Sydney and visited Stormanston House which holds the Mercy Sister's Museum. 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 of Compassion, Hospitality, Respect, Innovation, Stewardship & Team work.

On Monday the children again impressed when they joined other Catholic primary schools at the Youth Ministry Day held at St. Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga. I expect they will take full advantage of the upcoming Team Building Leaders Day facilitated by Motiv8 Sports on Friday. This day 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.

We look forward to working through the process of nominating and eventually selecting our 2026 badged leaders. The new school leaders will be announced at a special Leadership Assembly on Friday 5th December, Week 8. At this assembly we acknowledge and thank our current school leaders and officially hand over responsibilities in the final weeks of school.

Online Cyber Safety Experience

This week the students across all grades will participate in online experiences to teach them about being cyber-safe. Teaching cyber safety in schools is essential to prepare students for the digital world they navigate almost daily. As technology becomes increasingly integrated into education and social life, young people face risks such as cyberbullying and misinformation. Through the strategies and processes embedded in the school's day-to-day practice students become empowered to make informed decisions, protect their personal information, and engage respectfully online. It also seeks to foster a culture of responsibility in digital spaces, helping students understand the consequences of their actions and the importance of ethical online behaviour. Ultimately, cyber safety education is a vital component of developing digitally literate, resilient, and responsible citizens.

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

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](#)

Early Arrival

In recent weeks we have had several children arriving at school well before the start of supervision. Please remember that supervision for the school day **begins at 8:15am** each morning. Our before and after school service, Catholic Care, provides excellent care and supervision if required.

Stage 2 Assembly

Congratulations to our Stage 2 classes who presented their assembly this week. We look forward to our next scheduled assembly which will be hosted by Stage 3 scheduled for next Monday 10th 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 from our students as they showcase their growing knowledge and skills. We look forward to seeing you there.

Next Assembly:

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

Get Ready to Boogie at the School Disco!

We are excited for our St Pat's annual school disco scheduled for tonight (Thursday 6th November). This is a fun and festive event for all students as it will be a night of fun, dancing, and laughter. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to celebrate with your friends and have a great time!

Tickets for the disco are 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 event.

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.

I thank the organising committee for all their preparation for this great community event.

Parish News

"The Parish Children's Choir will be singing this Sunday, 9th November, at the 10AM Mass with the school community. See you there!

Please note that the Jubilee of the Choirs event has been rescheduled – the new time is 6:30–7:45 PM on the 22nd November. Kindly update your calendars accordingly. We are still welcoming children in Years 3 and above to join our choir! Practices are held every Friday during the school term from 4:00–5:00 PM at the church, and we sing at the 10:00 AM Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. For more information, please contact Patricia Smith at (02) 9482 7935."

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 you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 4 - 2025

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