



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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### Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH  
Parish Priest  
Fr Joseph  
Assistant Priest

### 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,

We are rapidly approaching the end of another school year and 2025 will soon be a memory. I would like to acknowledge the great support we continue to receive from the parent community and your ongoing commitment to seeking a Catholic education for your children. I would like to acknowledge and thank our P&F Executive and P&F Organising Committees. Each have been outstanding in their commitment and resolve to support the school. I particularly thank our P&F President Mrs. Katie Barillaro for her leadership and tireless commitment to supporting the school.

This week we had Step-up for students in Kinder to Year 5 and they found out their classes and teachers for 2026 and our Water Fun Day. We also acknowledge and thank our Year 6 students as we celebrate their graduation and we celebrate another wonderful year of learning, fun and community at our End of School Mass.

### Step Up- Class Arrangements for 2026

This week we provided an opportunity for the children to step up into their 2026 classes and meet their class teacher and see the classroom they will occupy next year. This opportunity is provided so that the children know who their teacher is before heading into the holidays and possibly make some connections with them in the coming week. This opportunity and these simple interactions before the year ends can often settle the nerves before it is time to return to St. Patrick's for 2026.

Please talk about your child's teacher for 2026 as it is the best way to ensure a positive build-up to next year. It takes many hours to determine the classes across all year groups. Once classes at school are announced, we cannot change them. I thank you for your support of our school and look forward to a great year of learning in 2026.

**We ask parents to contact the school via email or phone call if your circumstances have changed and you will be leaving the school at the end of the year.**

### Staffing for Classes in 2026

Below is a staff list and the classes they will be taking in 2026. You will notice that there are a few changes including some new staff members.

We welcome Miss Gabrielle McKay to our school as our Year 4 teacher for next year. Miss McKay has been teaching at our sister school Prouille Wahroonga.

We also welcome Mrs Janca Theron as our Year 6 teacher for next year. Mrs Theron is familiar with our school as she teaches regularly at St. Patrick's.

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We also welcome (back) Mrs Alice Rowley who will be teaching Kindergarten Green with Mrs Russell and Mr Jordan Barlow who will return as our PE teacher each Tuesday.

Class	Teachers
• Kinder <b>Gold</b>	Mrs Loretta Rapa & Mrs Melissa Barker
• Kinder <b>Green</b>	Mrs Alice Rowley & Mrs Doris Russell
• Year 1 <b>Green</b>	Miss Amy Supple
• Year 1/2 <b>Gold</b>	Miss Hannah Fryar
• Year 2 <b>Green</b>	Miss Laura Gibson
• Year 3 <b>Green</b>	Mrs Kylie Lloyd-Jones & Mrs Tahnee Reynolds
• Year 3/4 <b>Gold</b>	Mrs Monica Medeiros
• Year 4 <b>Green</b>	Miss Gabrielle McKay
• Year 5 <b>Green</b>	Mr Jim Maher
• Year 6 <b>Green</b>	Mrs Janca Theron
• Library	Mrs Belinda Wickham
• Music/PDH	Mrs Teaghan Pugsley
• PE	Mr Jordan Barlow

## Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 Reports are available on Compass. I thank our dedicated staff for the long hours and effort to provide parents with a review of each child's achievements and efforts over the last two terms. I ask parents to read their child's report carefully and encourage parents to talk constructively and positively with your child focusing on his/her successes and challenges outlined in the report. Parents are encouraged to send an email to the office if you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher. For those of you whose children are leaving the school it is a good idea to download the report as you may not be able to access it next year if you no longer have compass.

## Year 6 Leaders for 2026

Last Friday we announced our student Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains as part of our student leaders for 2026. I also acknowledge all our senior students who have important leadership roles next year. Congratulations to all who were elected as our captains for 2026.

**School Captains**  
Ruwinka D James W

**School Vice-Captain**  
Oliviamarie G William C

**Mercy House**  
Craig A & Nicola S

**Coolock House**  
Hugo B & Charlotte R

**Xavier House**  
Mina M & Sophie C

**McAuley House**  
Madeleine H & Ira A

At the assembly we also acknowledged and thanked this year's badged leaders, School Captains- Evie W, Cristiano G, Esha D & Belle C and our Sports Captains- Rose M, Seanna S, Amy F, Holly M, Elizaveta K, Ethan C, Layla B & Charlotte A. They have all done an outstanding job as leaders and I thank them for their commitment and efforts to represent our school with pride.

## Whole School End of Year Mass

We will be celebrating our End of School Mass on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am. This celebration will acknowledge the successful year we have had at St. Patrick's but also acknowledge, bless and thank our leaving Year 6 students. As is the tradition, our Kinder students will give a special blessing to their Year 6 buddy as they prepare to leave St. Patrick's and start a new learning journey in high school next year. Parents are very welcome to attend the End of Year Mass.

## Key Dates for Year 1-6 in 2026

The first day back at school in 2026 for all children in Year 1-6 is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

## Key Dates for Kindergarten in 2026

Kindergarten will complete the Start of Kindergarten Screener on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>. The first day of school for Kindergarten is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Kindergarten students will commence full day school attendance with a slightly earlier pick-up from 2:40pm to support the establishment of the pick-up routine. This will continue for the following week with the later pick-up time of 2:55pm with all students beginning in Week 3.

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## School Swimming Carnival 2026

During the holiday break, parents will receive an online form (information & permission note) for the Annual School Swimming Carnival scheduled for Week 2 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026. I ask that this form be completed when it becomes available so that the organisation of the carnival can be completed in a timely way.

The K-2 Water Fun Day will be on the same day as our School Swimming Carnival.

## School Uniform

A reminder to parents to please check the requirements for school uniform before making purchases during the Christmas break. The error sometimes made is purchasing school shoes that are not fully black or are a totally different colour. I ask parents to respect the agreed uniform code and purchase only items that align with our uniform policy. I have provided a link for your convenience- [School Uniform](#)

- Please note the uniform shop will be open on the last day of school Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 8.30-9.00am.
- As a one off it will be open on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January, first day back at school 8.30-9.00am.
- Moving on from that the opening days for 2026 will be Mondays and Wednesdays 8.30-9.00am.

## 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 will be wrapping up on Friday, 12th December with a Christmas party at 4:45pm outside the church after the 4pm practice and the final mass on the 14th December. Please bring festive goodies without the nuts please! It has been a great year indeed and we'd love to see our choir families before the holiday recess.

- The children's choir will also participate at the Parish Christmas Carols celebration at St Bernard's, on Wednesday 17th December, 6-8pm, supper included. Everyone's invited!
- Calling singers and actors of all ages (not just the choir) for the Christmas Eve Children's Mass on 24th December at 6pm.

Practices on 22nd and 24th Dec 9:30am (timing to be finalised). Any parents who want to help out, let Pat Smith know - you'd be very welcome!!

- Whilst in recess, the children are welcome to join and sing at the 10AM mass on the 28th Dec as it is a 4th Sunday.

See you there! For further information: Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or email [stpatscchoir@gmail.com](mailto:stpatscchoir@gmail.com)

God bless,

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal



### Dates to Remember

#### Term 4 - 2025

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Graduation 5.15pm  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - End of Year Mass 9.30am  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Fun Day  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Yr 6 Guard of Honour 2.00pm  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Students Last Day

#### Term 1 - 2026

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Yrs 1-6 students return  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Kindergarten starts

# Religious Education

## Advent Prayer Celebrations

Throughout Advent we will be having weekly prayer assemblies to help us to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

All are welcome to join us each Monday morning to pray as we light the candles on the Advent Wreath and journey closer to Christmas.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent - 1/2 Gold

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent - 1 Green

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent - Kindergarten

## Vinnies and The Dish

A enormous thank you for your support of our St Vincent De Paul Christmas appeal and our final Dish hosting of the year. The generosity of the St Patrick's community is incredible and your donations will help to spread some Christmas cheer to others.

### A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart  
As Christmas time draws near.  
May hope fill each room you decorate  
And bring joy to those you hold dear.  
May peace be before you at every meal  
And faith ring through every song.  
For Christ is alive, the light of the world  
May he bless you all season long.



# Mindquest

During the weekend of 15th-16<sup>th</sup> November, Glenwood High school hosted a program called Mindquest. It is a fast-paced, academic program offering 35 exciting courses for High Potential and Gifted students from Years 1-6. It is designed to enrich and extend children's learning through a broad range of experiences that are one or two years beyond their year level and scope of the general curriculum.

Each course leader gives 1 or 2 students an award for their achievement during the weekend. We were very lucky to acknowledge Liesel in Year 4 for achieving this award in her course.

Congratulations Liesel!



## HIGH POTENTIAL EDUCATION

### Maths Challenge

#### Maths challenge Shape sum

Here's a new puzzle to try this week!

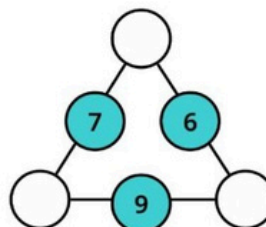
The aim is for the whole family to collaborate on solving it. Encouraging the whole family to share puzzles and talk to each other mathematically is very important to us. Enjoy!

I'll share the solution in the next newsletter.

Solution from last newsletter:  
Jake came second.

This is a Shape Sum.

The green circles show the sum of the vertices they touch.  
Put a number from 1 - 9 on each vertex to solve this Shape Sum.





# Academic Awards

At St Patrick's, we greatly value teaching and learning. Over the past 2 weeks, we continued to celebrate educational achievement of students within English, library, Mathematics and Teacher choice of KLA. These awards recognised the students who have shown hard work, perseverance, and progress in these domains throughout the year.

The students who achieved these awards for 2025 were: .

Kindy Gold- Gisselle, Ralph, Ethan and Savannah

Kindy Green- Amy, Hallie, Elsie and Leo

1 Green- Isabelle, Ramindi, April and Aadesh

½ Gold- Grace, Jolene, Madeline and Annabelle

2 Green- Cara, Achilles, Sebastian and Giuliana

3 Green- Clara, Aria, Jack and William

4 Green- Chelsey, Dylan, Liesel and Arudra

5 Green- Hugo, Madeleine, Vincent and James

6 Green- Rose, Elizaveta, Elise and Lila

Well done to all of our 2025 recipients!.



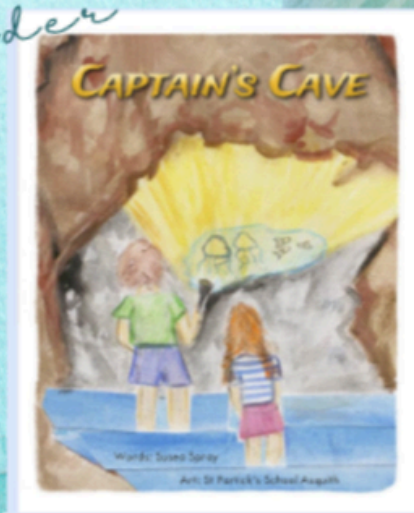


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As the end of year is near we are asking for all books to be returned to the library please. Borrowing has stopped to allow for a stocktake to take place. We appreciate your support in returning any books you may have at home. The returns trolley is outside the library to allow students to return any day of the week.



## **BOOK COVERING**

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### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Instrument lessons taught at school
- Band Taster Classes Term 1, 2026 (new musicians)
- Opportunities to join the School Band
- Performances throughout the year
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