



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Priest

Assistant Priest - Father Joseph

## 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,

As we come to the close of another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many blessings we have shared as a community. This Advent season invites us to pause, prepare our hearts, and welcome the joy of Christ's birth. Christmas is not only a time of celebration but also a reminder of God's love made visible in the gift of His Son.

I am deeply grateful to our students for their enthusiasm and efforts to grow in their learning, the dedication and care of our staff, and to our families for their tremendous support throughout 2025. Together, we have gathered as a community where faith, learning, and goodwill flourish.

On behalf of our school, I wish you and your family a blessed and holy Christmas and a safe, happy New Year. Below is a list of Christmas Masses here in our Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish. I urge our families to come to Mass over Christmas to celebrate as a family.

## Year 6 Celebrations

Our Year 6 students celebrated their graduation last Thursday evening with mass and a graduation supper and presentation. It was a great way to celebrate them during their time at St. Patrick's. Some Year 6 children were acknowledged for their sporting, academic and community building achievements as was the strong commitment of our 2025 School Captains.

During the End of Year Mass, the Year 6 children also received a special blessing from their Kinder buddies. This is a wonderful tradition that returns the blessing that our Year 6 students gave their buddies at the beginning of the year.

They completed their time at St. Patrick's with the traditional guard of honour. This tradition was well supported by the parents especially families that finish their strong connection with the school after many years. We wish all our leaving students and families all the very best for the future.

## 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 is on the same day as our School Swimming Carnival.



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## 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 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.

## 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](#)

## Uniform Shop

- 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.

## e-bike Safety Information

The NSW Government have published an important update regarding e-bikes in the lead up to Christmas.

Schools may wish to share this via their families via regular communication channels.

"With around 600,000 households now owning an e-bike, and many more expected to buy one this Christmas, parents are being urged to check that any new device is safe, compliant and appropriate for young riders.

Parents buying an e-bike this Christmas are encouraged to look for:

1. A clear EN 15194 sticker or certification
2. A motor output of no more than 250 watts
3. A reputable brand with proper safety documentation
4. A model that has not been modified, "chipped," or had its speed limiter removed

The Government is also urging parents to talk to their kids about responsible riding: wearing a helmet, not carrying passengers, sticking to bike paths and roads where permitted, and never modifying a device to go faster."

Read the full media release here: [Making e-bikes safer for kids and communities this Christmas](#) | [NSW Government](#)

## 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, the sacramental program and so much more.

- 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 you and your families.

## Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

### CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES

**1ST RITE** ~ see left hand column for details

**2ND RITE** ~ Thursday 18 ~ 7.30pm

St Bernard's, Berowra Heights

#### Christmas Eve - 24 December

5pm St Bernard's Vigil Mass (Grass area outside church with Carols & Sausage Sizzle ~ bring a seat or rug).

6pm St Patrick's Vigil Mass (Children may dress up as Angels & Shepherds etc)

9pm St Patrick's Youth Vigil Mass

#### Christmas Day - 25 December

12 am St Patrick's 'Midnight' Mass

8am St Patrick's Mass

9am St Bernard's Mass

10am St Patrick's Mass

NB: There is **NO Evening Mass** on Christmas Day



### Dates to Remember

#### Term 1 - 2026

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Yrs 1-6 students return

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Kindergarten starts

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb - School Swimming Carnival

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb - K-2 Water fun Day