



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Parish Clergy

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,

Even though we are fast approaching the end of the school year there is still much to do and celebrate. We have the Leadership Assembly with the announcement of new captains for 2025 tomorrow.

In Week 9, we have Step-up for students in Kinder to Year 5 as they find out their classes and teachers for 2026 and the 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.

In Week 10 our Year 6 students have their Year 6 Fun Day, and we celebrate and farewell our leaving students with the Guard of Honour.

### Alert: Parking Inspector (School Drop-off Zone)

This week, I met Ajay a friendly Parking Inspector from Hornsby Council who was working outside our school. He was particularly interested in anyone who stopped or parked in the bus zone.

It is a regular occurrence to see parents stopping in the bus zone to drop off children or waiting in the bus zone for traffic ahead to move on so they can move into the drop-off zone.

It is important to know that regardless of the reason for stopping, it is illegal to stop or wait in a bus zone at any time. Anyone who does this risks a fine and a loss of demerit points from their license. It is frustrating and potentially costly when parents are forced to stop illegally in a bus zone because the car in front has stopped at the top of the drop-off zone. To support each other, parents are asked to drive to the furthest point in the drop-off zone to drop-off or pick up children.

### Leadership Assembly

Tomorrow, from approximately 2:10pm, we will have our Leadership Assembly to acknowledge and thank our current student leaders and announce all badged leaders for 2026. It is fantastic to have a significant number of students who have put their names forward for selection. Although there are only a few positions available I am sure the successful candidates will be congratulated and well supported by the students who have missed out on selection. All parents are welcome to attend the Leadership Assembly.

### Christmas Concert

I again thank and acknowledge the work that each class teacher and the students put in to prepare for the Christmas Concert. I especially thank our talented music teacher Mrs Teaghan Pugsley along with our Religious Education Co-ordinator Mrs Kylie L-J for much of the behind-the-scenes preparations. I also thank the P&F leadership, committee members and volunteer parents for their support and dedication to make the event so successful. I am sure families enjoyed the evening of fun and entertainment.



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## Class Arrangements for 2026

As you are aware the number of students in each grade will determine class arrangements for each year. In recent years our enrolments have been varied in size and we have had a mix of straight and mixed grade classes.

In 2026, CSBB has supported two Kindergarten classes and Stage 1 will have the same arrangement as this year with a Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2 class. Recently, student numbers have grown in Grades 1-3 which has led to staffing allocation being increased. As a result, there will be an additional class teacher for Stage 2 in 2026 with a Year 3, Year 3/4 and Year 4 class. Stage 3 will remain as single classes with one Year 5 and one Year 6 class.

**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.**

## Step Up- Class Arrangements for 2026

I have communicated in last week's newsletters that while staff take great care when finalising class groups for 2026, there is a lot to be considered. The teachers endeavour to balance the classes according to many factors including the children's social and emotional needs, academic abilities, personalities, gender, friendship groups, learning needs and work habits.

Next week, the children in Kinder to Year 5 will find out their class group and class teacher for 2026. I ask parents to please talk positively about the changes that are about to occur in the lead-up to this date. It is the best way to ensure a successful transition to next year. Please do not engage in discussions that might inadvertently undermine our very hardworking staff, or indeed families and children in classes. This achieves very little good but often sets the way for hurt feelings and difficulties.

We have organised for the children to spend some time with their new teacher on the morning of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December which will be a helpful transition to learning in 2026.

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.

## Uniform Shop

- 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

The Parish Children's Choir had a wonderful jolly time during the school concert. It has been a pleasure to sing with you all! We are nearly in recess, with only 2 more practices left.

Our last practice on 12th December will wrap up at 4:45pm, after which our Christmas party will begin until 5:30pm. If the choir families can bring some Christmas goodies to share(no nuts please), that would be great! Parents/carers/siblings, also invited! For more information, contact Patricia Smith 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

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Band Christmas Concert 11.15am  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dress up day  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - The Dish  
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