



# 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,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year with all children settling into routine and ready to be focused on learning. I thank parents for supporting us and enabling such a positive start.

Last Friday we welcomed our new Kindergarten students as well as a handful of new students across other grades. I sincerely welcome all our new families in 2026. It's always wonderful to see new faces amongst the children and parents joining St Patrick's Asquith for the first time. I am sure parents will warmly welcome our new families.

Each year I pray that we continue to work closely together so that school and home can support one another and ultimately the children who are the reason we are all here. Undoubtedly the year ahead will provide both exciting moments, and sometimes a few challenges. How we manage each of these moments will reflect directly in the messages we send our children and support them more broadly.

### School Mass

I invite all parents to join us next week on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 9:00am in St. Patrick's Church as we celebrate our Opening School Mass to welcome the new school year. The mass provides our whole school community the opportunity to thank God for all our blessings and ask for his grace and guidance for the coming year.

I look forward to witnessing the traditional Year 6 blessing of our new Kindergarten children that will be celebrated at the mass. It has a great significance in the school's traditions and is such a lovely way to welcome our youngest students to our school community. At the mass we will also acknowledge and bless the Year 6 students and have the parents or family representatives of our school captains and sports captains proudly present them their badges.

### Monday and Friday Assemblies

Our main assemblies each week occur on Monday and Friday mornings. Each Monday we pray (school prayer), acknowledge the traditional owners of the local area, raise the flag and sing the national anthem, celebrate birthdays and acknowledge students with behaviour awards. At Friday assemblies we acknowledge selected children for the week who have gained a merit or pastoral care award.

Although many parents need to drop students at school each morning and then begin their day I invite and encourage parents to consider joining us for a morning assembly from time to time.

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## Communication Methods & Protocols

Communication is an important and crucial aspect to our work as partners. Each year the communication protocols are provided to the community to support that vital partnership between home and school. The school values strong and respectful communication and when we get this right, the children are best supported.

If you wish to speak to a teacher:

- You can make contact through the school office staff by phone, via email or in person. The office staff will pass this message onto the teacher concerned. The teacher will either confirm an appointment, or phone to talk within a reasonable timeframe (usually 24 to 48 hours or the following Monday if contact is made on a Friday). Often a return call might come earlier, but for practical reasons, at least one day's grace is required.

If it is a matter to be conveyed in writing:

- Please either send a note to the teacher/staff member or an email to the front office.  
- Emails will be forwarded to the teacher within normal hours and in a timely way. If confidential, please send as an attachment and mark as confidential. The school email address is: [spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

**- I ask that parents don't email teachers/staff directly. Emails received late at night or on weekends can impact on a staff member's personal and family situations and add to their stresses, especially if the matter is emotive or subjective.** Also, if a staff member is on leave, delays in response can result.

I thank all parents in advance for adhering to and respecting these protocols and for your continued support.

## Parent Information Meetings

Parent Information Meetings will take place next week on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th February. Meetings will occur at school in classrooms.

The times for the sessions are:

### Tuesday 17th February

5.00pm- Years 1 & 2

5.30pm- Years 3 & 4

6.00pm- Years 5 & 6

### Wednesday 18th February

5.30pm- Kindergarten

The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity at the start of the school year for parents and carers to collectively meet their child's teacher. It will also allow teachers to provide information to parents and carers about class, grade and school routines and expectations, curriculum topics and planned events.

These meetings are not meant for individual parent meetings. Parents who have important information they wish to communicate to their child's class teacher are encouraged to make an appointment through the school office or communicate information via an email to the school office to be passed on to the class teacher.

## 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.

God bless you and your families.

## Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

### Dates to Remember

#### Term 1 - 2026

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Opening School Mass 9am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - The Dish

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - School Open Day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick's Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday