



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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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,

This week, our students attended the Ash Wednesday Mass, marking the beginning of the season of Lent. During the Mass, we were reminded of the three key practices that guide us from Lent to Easter: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. These aren't just traditions—they are meaningful actions that help us focus on what truly matters.

Many children will make a personal Lenten promise, choosing something they would like to do, give up, or pray for as a way of growing closer to God and making positive choices in their daily lives.

Prayer helps us build and strengthen our relationship with God. During Lent, we encourage students to take extra moments for quiet reflection, traditional prayers, or simply talking to God about their thoughts and feelings.

Fasting is a way of practising self-discipline. By giving up certain comforts or habits, children learn to refocus their attention on gratitude, simplicity, and what is most important.

Almsgiving is about showing kindness and generosity to others. This can include helping at home, being extra thoughtful at school, supporting those in need, or choosing acts of kindness each day.

Together, these three pillars support us in making Lent a time of reflection, growth, and renewed connection with God and with one another. I pray that this season brings your family moments of peace and meaningful conversations.

School Open Day

Each year I call on all parents to assist in promoting our school as the perfect place for new students to attend. If you know of parents who have preschool children ready to start school in 2027 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them. Please encourage them to attend one of our School Open Day sessions on Thursday 4th March to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for their child.

Parents can register their attendance via the school website or using the following link: [School Open Day 2026](#)

P&F Welcome BBQ

A reminder to parents that the P&F will host a Welcome BBQ next Friday 27th February between 5pm- 7pm for all families in our school community. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to reconnect in a relaxed social setting after the summer holiday break. The sausage sizzle BBQ is free, and there will be drinks available for purchase on the night.

Please fill in this registration form if you are attending and your order so that we can gauge how many sausages are required on the night: [P&F Welcome BBQ Registration Form](#)

Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the Parent Information sessions held this week for their child/ren's class. It is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child/ren's class teacher(s) for 2026 and hear about the classroom structures, expectations and planned events for the year. It certainly makes a difference when home and school are connected and working in partnership.

I encourage parents who have important information they wish to communicate to their child's class teacher 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.

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Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

A reminder to parents using the Kiss and Drop Zone to:

- Drive through to the furthest point possible in the No Parking Zone outside the bottom gate. This will allow other cars to use the space behind your car and not get caught stopping in the Bus Zone.
- Remain in their car when dropping as this keeps the traffic moving.
- Don't jump the queue when parents are waiting in the No Parking Zone further up the street for a space to clear.
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Returning Internet Agreement

If you haven't already, I ask parents to speak with their child/ren about our expectations for using technology through the Internet User Agreement. The 2026 Internet Agreements created by CSBB for the safe use of technology at St. Patrick's Asquith has been distributed to parents which needs to be signed and returned to school.

School Photo Day - Thursday 2nd April

The St Patrick's school photography day is coming up on Thursday the 2nd of April. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below or by returning an order envelope with your payment to our photographer on school photo day. Envelopes can be collected from the school office if you wish to utilise this option.

The two easy ways to purchase are:

1. Visa, MasterCard or PayPal
2. Cash – complete the envelope supplied and return it to our photographer on photo day

Or visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

And enter online order code: 853 3MG AXE

School photography information:

- Online orders - do not require an envelope returned to your school
- Sibling Photos - Don't forget to pre-order your sibling photos online up to 24 hours before photo day. We provide your school with a list of sibling orders right up to the day of photography, so no one misses out. If you miss the online order deadline, you can submit a completed sibling order envelope first thing in the morning of the day of photography, so your school is aware you want the photo taken and can bring your children together in time for it. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at your school. Please note not all schools offer sibling photos.

For further information, please refer to the previous communication via Compass or via the website www.advancedlife.com.au

2026 Staff Development Days

Each year our staff have days set aside during the school year for professional learning opportunities. The planned Staff Development Days for the remainder of 2026 are outlined below:

Term 2: Monday, 20 April to Friday, 3 July.

Monday 20 April – Whole of system SDD & Shared Services Team Day

Friday 3 July – Whole of CSBB System Strategy Day (SDD)

Term 3: Monday, 20 July to Friday, 25 September.

Monday 20 July SDD – Network Day Cathedral North Precinct

Monday 17 August – Whole of system SDD

Term 4: Monday, 12 October to Thursday, 17 December.

Monday 12th October – SDD- Spirituality Day

Tuesday 15 December - last day for all students (Primary and Secondary)

Wednesday 16 December – SDD- No Students SDD

Thursday 17 December – SDD- No School

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 Parish Children's Choir warmly invites children from Year 3 and up to sing at St. Patrick's church! The choir sings at the 10:00 AM Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and occasionally for other special events. Practices are held every Friday during school terms from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at the church.

Additionally, we invite choir parents and carers to a Welcome Afternoon Tea on Friday, 20th February at 4:30pm at the St. Patrick's church foyer.

For more information, please contact Patricia Smith at 9482 7935 or via email at stpatscchoir@gmail.com.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2026

Friday 27th February - Welcome BBQ 5-7pm

Tuesday 3rd March - The Dish

Wednesday 4th March - School Open Day

Tuesday 17th March - St Patrick's Day

Friday 20th March - Harmony Day

Thursday 2nd April, School Photo Day

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday