



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

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 seen a strong increase in interest from families considering enrolment at St Patrick's Asquith, with nearly 40 families indicating they will attend our upcoming Open Day and more than 50 families expressing interest in enrolling their child for 2027.

Our School Open Day will be held next Wednesday, 4 March 2026, with two available sessions:

9:00am – 10:30am

5:30pm – 7:00pm

The Open Day provides an excellent opportunity for families to learn more about our school through an Information Session and a guided School Tour. Families attending the morning session will also have the added benefit of seeing the school in action during the school day.

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

P&F Welcome BBQ

I am looking forward to seeing many families attend the P&F Welcome BBQ this Friday 27th February between 5pm- 7pm for all families in our school community. It is a great chance for families to reconnect and enjoy a free sausage sizzle BBQ.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

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

- Do not drop off or stop to wait for a space in the bus zone. Stopping for any length of time in the bus zone risks a fine.
- Please 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.

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:

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- 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

Housekeeping

Could I please ask you to read the uniform reminders below and please discuss these with your child.

1. Please ensure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled, including lunch boxes, drink bottles, jumpers and other personal items.
2. As we are a SunSmart school, students are also required to wear their labelled hats during outdoor activities.
3. Due to hygiene considerations, we will no longer be providing hats from the office for children who have forgotten their hats from home.
4. Please ensure that long hair is tied back, this reduces the incidences of head lice in the school

Crossing Royston Parade

We have had calls from members of the public expressing their concern at the number of parents that are crossing Royston Parade without using the traffic lights.

We ask that you please set a good example for your children and consideration for the safety of both children and drivers and adhere to the pedestrian crossings.

If this continues, police will begin to increase their patrols in this area.

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 and the sacramental program.

Parish Administrative Assistant (Part-Time)

The Parish of Ku-ring-gai Chase is seeking a warm and organised person to join the Parish Office team.

This part-time role (Thursdays & Fridays, up to 13 hours per week) provides reception and administrative support to the Parish Priest and Parish community. Strong organisational skills, computer proficiency and a current WWCC are required. An understanding of Parish life is highly desirable.

If you are welcoming, reliable and committed to serving the mission of the Church, please contact parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au for further information.

Application close 20 March 2026

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Parish of Ku-ring-gai Chase

Thursdays & Fridays | Up to 13 hours per week

The Parish Children's Choir is still welcoming new members from Year 3 and up. No previous experience is required to join the Choir - pure interest and readiness to learn would do. They will learn the music and how to sing gradually with practice. The Choir practises every Friday during school terms, from 4 to 5pm in the church, and sings at 10am Mass at St Patrick's on 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, and other special occasions. We'd love for you to join - just come along to practice and register, and start singing! For further information, contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or email stpatccchoir@gmail.com.

God bless,

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

Friday 27th March - Book Launch with Susea Spray

Thursday 2nd April, School Photo Day

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

Religious Education

Project Compassion

This Lent, we are proud to support Caritas Australia's Project Compassion and to stand in solidarity with school communities across the world who have their education disrupted by the daily struggle for clean, safe water.

This week, we're introduced to Sisilia, a 13-year-old girl from Tanzania. Sisilia supported her mother by walking long distances three times a day to fetch water. The water was unsafe, causing frequent illness, and the long walks left Sisilia exhausted and struggling to focus on her studies.

Thanks to Project Compassion and the support of schools like ours, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water taps. This means it takes Sisilia just two minutes to collect water, giving her more time to learn so she can fulfil her dreams of one day becoming a pilot.

"I'd like to fly to different countries and pass through the sky." – said Sisilia. "Also, I want to help my family live a better life. If I can study without spending so much time fetching water, I know I can achieve my dream."

Watch Sisilia's story [HERE](#) to learn more about how our school's support of Project Compassion helps to create ripples of change that are felt by our fellow students, teachers and parents across the world.

So far for Project Compassion in 2026 we have raised \$300 dollars from our Pancake Tuesday. Each classroom has a Project Compassion box for donations during Lent.



Parish Family Masses 2026

Sunday 22nd March – Kindy and Year 6 Parish Family Mass

Sunday 24th May – Year 1 and Year 2 Parish Family Mass

Sunday 31st May – First Communion

Sunday 23rd August – Year 3 & 4 Parish Family Mass

Sunday 8th November – Year 5 and Future Kindy Mass



AT ST PATRICK'S WE ARE SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNERS



Our PBL Focus this fortnight is...

Term 1 Weeks 5-6

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS

AT ST PATRICK'S WE ARE **SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL** LEARNERS

SAFE	RESPONSIBLE	RESPECTFUL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PLAY SAFELY AND FAIRLY• MOVE SAFELY AT ALL TIMES• CARE FOR OTHERS• STAY SUN SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MAKE GOOD CHOICES• RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME, RIGHT TASK• LEARN AND LET OTHERS LEARN• CARE FOR ALL PROPERTY• CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LISTEN ACTIVELY• TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR APPEARANCE• TAKE TURNS AND INCLUDE OTHERS• USE KIND WORDS AND ACTIONS• SPEAK RESPECTFULLY

 **ST PATRICK'S**
ASQUITH

PBL FOCUS

This fortnight, our PBL focus is on being Responsible Learners. Students have been learning what responsibility looks like in the classroom, during transitions and in shared spaces. This includes listening carefully, following instructions, caring for property and taking pride in their work.

We are celebrating students who show independence, make positive choices and take ownership of their learning. This week we are also taking part in Clean Up Schools Day, which is a great way to show how we can be responsible learners who care for the environment and make good choices with our waste.

How can we support this at home?

- Encourage your child to pack and unpack their own school bag.
- Establish simple routines for homework, reading and bedtime.
- Support your child to care for their belongings (hat, jumper, lunchbox).
- Give small household jobs to build independence (e.g. tidying toys, setting the table).
- Praise effort and follow-through to reinforce responsibility.
- Look into ways at home you can care for the environment - composting, recycling, return and earn, cleaning up your local area.



Take care and be kind to yourselves,
Hannah Fryar
Curriculum Coordinator

SPORTNEWS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2026



Congratulations to our Age Champions!

A huge well-done to all the students who achieved Age Champion at our recent swimming carnival. Your hard work, determination and sportsmanship have truly shone.

8 Years Girl - Elizabeth O

9 Years Girl - Annabelle C

9 Years Boy - Luke G

10 Years Girl - Amelia D

10 Years Boy - Korbin E

11 Years Girl - Sophie V

11 Years Boy - Koby R & Michael S

12 Years Girl - Mina M

12 Years Boy - James W



Spirit House Award

Congratulations to McAuley House, who proudly received the Spirit House Award! McAuley showed outstanding participation throughout the carnival and filled the venue with enthusiastic cheering and support for their teammates.



House Colour Champion

Congratulations to Mercy House, who were crowned our overall House Champions! Their consistent effort, teamwork and performance across all events helped secure a well-deserved victory. Well done, Mercy!



We have 19 students proudly representing St Patrick's at the Zone swimming carnival on Tuesday, 3rd March. We wish them all the very best as they compete—go team!



LIBRARY



FRIDAY 27 MARCH
SAVE THE DATE

BOOK LAUNCH

You are invited to the launch of
Captain's Cave at St Patrick's
school.

THE DATE IS SET AND YOU'RE INVITED!!

SAVE THE DATE FOR

Friday 27th March

FOR SUSEA SPRAY'S BOOK LAUNCH OF *Captain's Cave*!

IT TRULY IS INCREDIBLE TO THINK ST PATRICK'S HAVE BEEN A PART OF SPARKING A BOOK IDEA AND SEEING IT COME TO LIFE THROUGH OUR STUDENT ILLUSTRATIONS FOR EVERYONE TO READ AND ENJOY!

👁️ MORE DETAILS TO COME. 📖 TO PRE-ORDER THE BOOK VISIT ➡️

[HTTPS://SUSEASPRAY.COM/PRODUCT/CAPTAINS-CAVE/](https://suseaspray.com/product/captains-cave/)





2026 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Celebrating 25 years of reading



FEBRUARY 2026

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and St Patrick's is excited to be participating!

Celebrating 25 years of the Premier's Reading Challenge

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge! Since it began in 2001, millions of students across New South Wales have enjoyed taking part in this wonderful reading journey. St Patrick's is proud to be celebrating this milestone and joining in the fun again this year!

What is the NSW PRC?

The PRC is a statewide initiative that encourages students to develop a lifelong love of reading for fun and pleasure. It is not a competition, but a challenge to inspire every student to read more books and explore different kinds of stories and information.

All students who complete the Challenge and have their reading logged and validated by Mrs Wickham will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

How many books do students need to read?

- **Kindergarten to Year 2:** Read or experience 30 books in total. At least 20 must come from the official PRC booklists, and up to 10 can be books of their own choice. Books can be read by the student, or shared with a parent, carer, teacher, or another student. **Year 3 to Year 10:** Read
- 20 books independently. At least 10 must come from the official PRC booklists, and up to 10 can be books of their own choice.

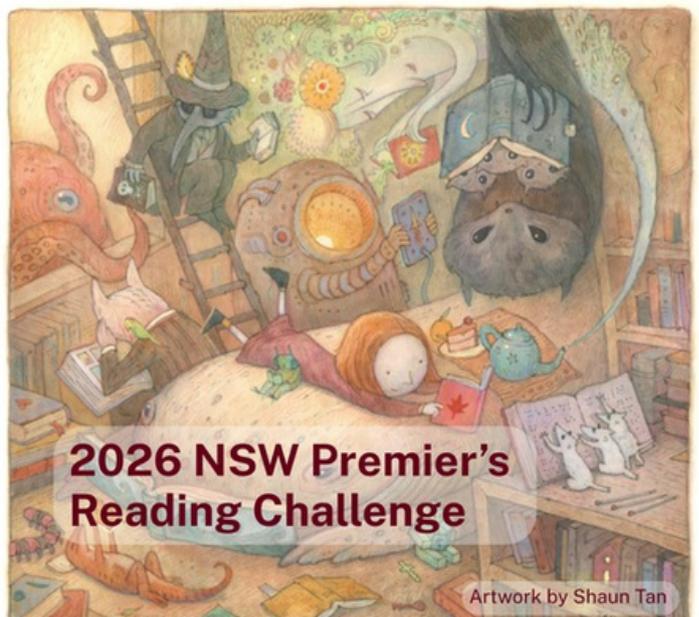
If a book is part of an approved PRC series, students can include up to 5 of those books on their Challenge list and up to 10 more from the same series as Personal Choice books.

Books must be added to students' online reading records by **Friday 18 September 2026** to be validated and qualify for a certificate.

How do students log their reading?

Students can log their reading using the PRC Student Experience website, which they can access via the link

<https://online.education.nsw.gov.au/prc/home.html>



What do students get for completing the PRC?

- 1-3 years of completion:** Standard certificate
- 4 years of completion:** Gold certificate
- 5-6 years of completion:** Standard certificate
- 7 years of completion:** Platinum certificate
- 8-10 years of completion:** Standard certificate

PRC Medal: The PRC medal is awarded to Year 9 or 10 students only.

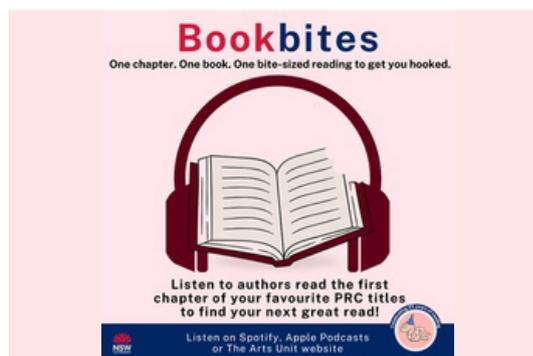
Year 9 students qualify by completing the Challenge every year from Year 3 to Year 9. Year 10 students qualify by completing the Challenge seven times between Year 3 and Year 10, allowing them to skip one year.

When students complete the challenge, their name will be displayed in the library. The first 2 classes to complete the challenge win a class prize.

If your child has previously participated in the PRC but has changed schools, make sure you check their challenge history. If they have previously attended a non-government school, their accounts may need to be merged. If this applies to you please let Mrs Wickham know so she can do this for you.

If you have any questions or want to support your child's reading, please get in touch!

Mrs Belinda Wickham
Librarian



Book bites: A PRC podcast

This year the PRC have developed a new, student-focused podcast called *Book bites!*

Every episode features an Australian author reading the first chapter of their book that features on the PRC book lists.

This podcast is a great way to explore new books your child might like to read as part of the Challenge.

Listen to the podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or the Listen at the Arts Unit webpage.



How do students log their reading?

Students log their reading using the **student experience site**. You can watch a live demonstration of how to do this via [this video](#).

You can also see a step-by-step guide on the [PRC's support site](#).



SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Senior Campus Pymble

OPEN DAYS



SIENA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

- 4:00PM-7:00PM

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

- 9:00AM-10:30AM

**ENROLLING FOR:
Year 7 2027 & Year 8 2028**

CSBB primary school students benefit from a direct pathway and priority enrolment into Year 7 at Sienna College.

Discover Sienna

A new Kindergarten to Year 12 co-educational, multi-campus Catholic college in Sydney.

**DON'T MISS OUT -REGISTER TODAY
TO JOIN OUR MARCH OPEN DAYS**

REGISTER TODAY TO ATTEND

NorthShoreOpenDays.com.au



WHAT'S ON TERM 1



	GYMNASTICS	ACTIVITIES
MON	GYM STAR TRAMPOLINING	LEARN-TO-PLAY BASKETBALL KIDS BOXING
TUES	GYM STAR PARKOUR	
WED	GYM STAR TRAMPOLINING	LEARN-TO-PLAY PICKLEBALL KIDS BOXING
THURS	GYM STAR PARKOUR	LEARN-TO-PLAY NETBALL KIDS BOXING
FRI	GYM STAR	LEARN-TO-PLAY BASKETBALL KIDS + TEENS BOXING
SAT	GYM STAR	

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HORNSBY HEIGHTS FOOTBALL CLUB
TRYOUTS NOW ON

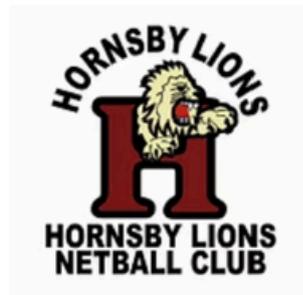
REGISTRATIONS FOR WINTER SEASON NOW OPEN

MONTVIEW OVAL
HORNSBY HEIGHTS

GAMES -
SATURDAY FOR MIXED
SUNDAY FOR GIRLS

IS YOUR CHILD KEEN TO PLAY FOOTBALL IN 2026?

SIGN UP NOW
<https://hhfc.majestri.com.au/winter-season-2026>



JOIN THE HORNSBY LIONS ■

COME & TRY DAY
Saturday 14 February 2026
 3:00 – 4:30pm
 Montview Netball Courts

2026 Netball Season – Registrations Now Open!
 A fun, friendly and inclusive community netball club.

Who can play?
 NetSetGO • Juniors • Cadets • Seniors

Training: Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights
Games: Pennant Hills Park

Registrations close: 17 February 2026

■ Register now at:
www.hornsbylionsnetball.com.au

All skill levels welcome – beginners encouraged!



KNA ALL ABILITIES NETBALL “COME AND TRY” MORNING

Have you always wanted to play netball, learn new skills, build your confidence, and improve your health and fitness in an accessible, inclusive, fun, and supportive environment?

Join us at the KNA “Come and Try” morning including a free KNA sausage sizzle lunch for players.

- For:** Females and males aged 15 years or older
- When:** Sunday 16th March, 2025
- Time:** 10am-12pm
- Where:** Canoon Rd Netball Courts, South Turramurra
- Cost:** FREE!!

RSVP: 28th February, 2025
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