



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,

Yesterday, our school hosted two very successful School Open Day sessions with many families taking the opportunity to tour our facilities and find out why St. Patrick's is a great school. We received very positive feedback from those attending and we have already booked enrolment interviews for Kindergarten 2027.

A huge thank you to our Stage 3 student leaders who conducted the tours with prospective parents and were most impressive in demonstrating in a practical way what it means to be a student here at St. Patrick's. It was wonderful to see these students speak with confidence and with pride about their school.

I also thank our wonderful parent volunteers and staff for their efforts to support the Open Day by giving their time on Wednesday to meet new parents, express an authentic and positive view of the school, serve tea and coffee and thoroughly welcome our visitors to the school. It is this positive and generous sentiment that always impresses parents seeking a school for their child.

Enrolment for 2027

If parents are aware of families that have children ready to start school next year, I encourage you to recommend our school and the offer to come and find out more information. Prospective parents can contact the school to have a private tour and pick up an enrolment pack from the school office or enquire online via a link on our website.

If you have a child starting next year I strongly encourage you to complete your enrolment form and return it to the school office as soon as possible, as this will help secure your child's place for kindergarten next year.

P&F Welcome BBQ

It was disappointing having to cancel the P&F Welcome BBQ last Friday due to wet weather. I thank our outgoing P&F President Katie Barillaro and her supporting team for their efforts to organise this event. However, with our already busy term it was not possible to reschedule the Welcome BBQ. The P&F will look to hold other school community events in Term 2. It is a great chance for families to reconnect and enjoy a free sausage sizzle BBQ.

P&F AGM Meeting

Next week on Wednesday 11th March the P&F will hold their Annual General Meeting. We whole-heartedly thank those members of the P&F who are not continuing in their roles in 2026. I encourage parents to come along to the meeting either in person or online. A separate invitation with details including accessing the meeting online will be sent via Compass.

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St Patrick's Feast Day

We are looking forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Feast Day on Tuesday 17th March by wearing a touch of green, getting involved with many fun activities throughout the day and learning about our Patron Saint- St. Patrick. Parents are welcome to join us for a special patron saint school mass at 9:00am.

St. Patrick has a special place in the history of our church. As the Patron Saint of Ireland, he inspired and created an incredible legacy in that country but also around the world as Irish missionaries. Priests, brothers and nuns, went to many countries spreading the Good News of the Christian faith. It was St. Patrick's Faith, Courage and Determination that inspired many people to their faith.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Next term, during Week 2, we will be offering more formalised appointments for parents and class teachers to meet. At these meetings we will feed back how your child has started and is progressing so far. At the appropriate time we will send home details of how to book online for these meetings.

Kindergarten- Open Classrooms

A reminder that on Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th March, parents of Kindergarten students are invited to come to school and see the children in action in their class setting. Parents will be able to visit the classroom, meet and greet the teachers and generally get a feel of school life for your child.

We have chosen two afternoons to assist parents with some flexibility, and this will also mean the classrooms aren't too densely crowded with parents (to assist, please choose one or the other date rather than both). In the past, some grandparents have attended in place of parents due to parent work commitments. The chosen dates and schedule are below:

2:00pm: Meet in the hall for informal chat with Mr Vane-Tempest.

2.15pm: Parents go to their child's class, look at some of his/her work and chat to your child about "class life". Class teachers are available to informally chat to parents.

2.45pm: Parents can take their child home for the day.

Easter Egg Raffle

I thank our Year 6 parents in advance for supporting this year's Easter Egg Basket Raffle fundraiser that will go towards the Year 6 school gift for 2026. Tickets will be sold at school by our Year 6 students and/or purchased online through QKR. The Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn following the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 1st April (Week 10).

Easter Hat Parade

On Wednesday 1st April (Week 10) we will be holding our K-2 Easter Hat Parade. The parade will be held in the shade sail area, commencing around 9am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing the many creative Easter hats. More information will be sent to K-2 parents soon.

Catholic Colleges Open Days

Students at St. Patrick's Asquith have an obvious pathway to secondary enrolment with opportunities to seek enrolment at St. Leo's Wahroonga, Mercy College Chatswood and Siena Catholic College Pymble.

Parents can complete an Online Enrolment Enquiry Form to notify your interest. As a general guide, we suggest you complete an online Enrolment Enquiry Form and complete the full enrolment application for your child no later than Year 3.

Parents can register online for each school's Open Day through each school's website. The Open Day dates are below:

St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga: Open Day Wednesday 25th March

Mercy Catholic College Chatswood: Open Day Saturday 28th March

Siena Catholic College Pymble: Open Day Wednesday 18th March

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

I have noticed a few parents not following the communicated procedures for arrival and dismissal.

Please do not send your child to school before 8:15am. This week we had a child arriving 30 minutes before supervision begins. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case. Parents are asked to access the Before School Care when early drop off is needed.

Some parents are also coming to the Kiss and Drop Zone to collect children before the buses have finished the afternoon pick-up. It is unsafe to ask teachers to call students to cars while they are supervising hundreds of children being collected by parents walking in and arranging children onto buses between 2:55pm and 3:15pm.

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

- Don't arrive to pick up by car before 3:15pm.
- 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:

- 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

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 is one with the community in prayer this lenten season. We also welcome everyone to join the Taize evening this Friday, 7:30pm at the church for a night of music, prayer, and silence—in an atmosphere of quiet and candles. If you/your children have a passion for singing, it's never too late to become part of our choir family—no audition necessary. Choir practice is every Friday during school terms from 4-5pm at the church. For more information, please contact Patricia Smith at 9482 7935 or email stpatscchoir@gmail.com.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2026

- Tuesday 17th March - St Patrick's Day - Mass 9am
- Friday 20th March - Harmony Day
- Wednesday 25th March - School Cross Country
- Friday 27th March - Book Launch with Susea Spray
- Thursday 2nd April, School Photo Day
- Friday 3rd April - Good Friday