



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Royston Parade Asquith 2077

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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,

The children enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's Feast Day together on Tuesday with a special mass, wearing a touch of green, getting involved by learning about our Patron Saint- St. Patrick and our Mercy Values through Catherine McAuley through their peer support groups.

It was also nice to see so many parents join us for the special patron saint school mass. I also thank the handful of volunteers that were able to support the cooking of the BBQ and the setting up and serving of the sausage sizzle. The children were very excited to enjoy a great day of celebration.

Today the children will be enjoying another day of fun with various activities to support Harmony Day. This is an important day in our school calendar as we recognise the rich multicultural heritage of the families in our school community and the way our community works together in harmony.

Cross Country Carnival

Our School Cross Country Carnival is being held next week, Wednesday, 25th March, at Mills Park, Asquith. This is for all Years K – 6. The scheduled program is planned to commence at 9.15am and run to approximately 11.00am. All students will compete in their sports uniform. Please make sure your child has a drink bottle, sunscreen applied and a hat. We will be walking to and from the park as a school, leaving in staggered intervals based on times the students will race.

The children who are turning 8, 9 and 10 years old this year are eligible to trial in the 2km run. Children turning 11 and 12 years old will trial in the 3km event. Parents are welcome to attend but we ask that you please watch from the designated area to allow the children to prepare and be ready for when it is their time to race.

Order of events:

1km – 1 lap of course (Year 1 and 2 not turning 8).

2 km events - 8 yrs girls, boys, 9 yrs girls, boys and 10 yrs girls, boys

3 km events - 11 yrs girls, boys and 12yrs girls, boys

Kinder Fun Run – Students will run a shorter course for fun

Parent Helpers: As always, our school events run with ease with the help from our wonderful parents and carers. If you would like to put your hand up to assist on the day, please let me know via the [link](#)

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Attendance- Everyday Counts

Last week I communicated the importance of the children attending school every school day. Attending school every day supports each child's learning achievement and connection to their friends and the school community. While most children attend over 95% of the school days each year, there are some children who already have an attendance rate below 90%.

Our school continues to systematically review attendance data for all students. Currently, our Term 1 school is averaging a healthy 95.2% attendance. However, our attendance level of students with 90%+ attendance rate is only 86.2% of all students. That means that nearly 14% of students are below the expected attendance level.

We understand that some absences are unavoidable due to illness or family circumstances, however it is important for parents to be aware when absences accumulate to a level that creates negative impacts. Currently we have concerns regarding the attendance pattern of some students and in the coming weeks will be sending some families a letter outlining these concerns. If we can support you and your family in improving your child's attendance, please reach out to your class teacher as the first point of call.



Supporting Respect for School Property

Mrs Schyvens communicate this week that we have experienced several incidents around the school that have caused some concern. These include playing in and misuse of the toilets and blocking the bubblers with sand. While these actions may seem minor to some students, they cause damage to school property and create hygiene and safety issues.

As you are aware, we expect all students to be responsible, safe and respectful learners. This includes:

- Being responsible by using school facilities appropriately and caring for shared spaces
- Being safe by ensuring toilets and bubblers are used correctly and hygienically
- Being respectful by taking pride in our school environment and considering the needs of others

We ask for your support in speaking with your child about these expectations and the importance of respecting school property. Reinforcing these messages at home can make a significant difference.

Our aim is to work together to ensure our school remains a safe, clean and welcoming place for all students and staff. We appreciate your ongoing support in helping students understand their responsibilities.

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 from Monday by our Year 6 students or purchased online through QKR. The Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn following the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 9th April (Week 10).

Easter Hat Parade

On Wednesday 9th 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.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

A reminder that 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.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop are holding their second Hand Uniform sale, come and grab some bargains for winter, prices starting from \$2. 23rd, 25th, 30th March & 1st April - 8.30am - 9.30am

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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

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 and the sacramental program.

The Parish Children's Choir will be singing with the school community on Sunday, 22nd March during the 10AM Kindy-Year 6 family mass. After the mass, we'll be joining everyone to celebrate St. Patrick's day as well! Children from years 3 and up are still welcome to join us! For further information, contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or email stpatscchoir@gmail.com.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2026

Sunday 22nd March - Parish Family Mass Kindy & Yr 6 - 10am

Wednesday 25th March - School Cross Country

Wednesday 25th March - St Leo's College Open Day

Friday 27th March - Book Launch with Susea Spray 9.30am

Saturday 28th March - Mercy Catholic College Chatswood Open Day

Tuesday 31st March - Holy Week Liturgy 2.00pm

Wednesday 1st April - Easter Hat Parade K-2 8.45am

Thursday 2nd April - Easter Liturgy 2.00pm

Thursday 2nd April - School Photo Day

Thursday 2nd April - Last Day Term 1

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

Term 2 - 2026

Monday 20th April - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21st April - First Day Term 2

Tuesday 21st April - The Dish