



# 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, Girls and Boys

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope all families enjoyed a restful and happy Easter break, with time to recharge and spend time together. It was a pleasure to see so many excited faces back here at school and to feel the energy and excitement to see their classmates and return to class.

As we begin the new term, we look forward to a busy and rewarding period of learning. We hope that parents will take the time to connect with their child's class teacher at the Parent/Teacher Interviews in Week 2. This offers many opportunities to set new goals and take pride in the achievements—both in and out of the classroom.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews - Week 2, Term 2 (April 28th to May 1st)

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 2 in term 2 with an evening session scheduled for Wednesday 29th April. The interviews provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss their progress and set goals for the year ahead. The bookings are open for a face-to-face interview time with your child/ren's teacher via Compass.

### ANZAC Day Commemoration

On this Friday 24th April, we hold our ANZAC liturgy to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our nation. Our Anzac Day Liturgy will be held in the playground at 2.15pm. All parents are invited to come and join us for this commemoration. A reminder that Monday 27th May is a public holiday. After School Care will not be operating on this day.

### Mother's Day Celebrations – Friday 8th May

We are looking forward to our Mother's Day Celebration at school in Week 3. We warmly encourage mothers, mother figures and women role models in the lives of our children to come along on Friday 8th of May at 8.00am for a cuppa, something sweet and tasty and get together. Classrooms will be open from 8:45 for Mums to visit. This will be followed by our Mother's Day Liturgy at 9:30am.

### Mother's Day Stall Friday 8th May

Parents can purchase an individual order for each child in the family, through the QKR App. All gifts are \$8:50 each and are to be purchased through the QKR app before 10am Wed 6th May. The stall will be held at school on Friday 8th May. Thank you to Keely Douthwaite for coordinating the stall this year.

### Term 2 School Uniform

We will have a 'phase in' period towards Winter uniform. Students may wear either full Summer or full Winter uniform for the first three weeks of Term 2. Students should be in full Winter uniform by Monday 18th May. For Term 2, please note that Sports Uniform Days will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that students come to school in the appropriate attire on these days.

# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

## Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion - Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd May

The teachers are busily preparing for our Stage 3 excursion to Bathurst which will be focussing on Australia as a Nation. A medical form is going home today for anybody who needs medication while away. Please complete as necessary and return to Mrs LJ before boarding the bus.

## Open School Tour - Wednesday 13th May

We have decided to offer another opportunity for prospective parents wishing to enrol their child for 2026 to come and see why St Patrick's would be a great choice. We will be offering two sessions (9.30-10.30am and 5-6pm) to allow families the chance to learn about our amazing school.

We are also calling 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 2026 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them and encourage them to attend one of our School Tour Day sessions on Wednesday 13th May.

## Safe and Respectful behaviour online

As part of our ongoing commitment to student wellbeing and positive learning environments, we take this opportunity to engage with families to raise the importance of safe, respectful and responsible online behaviour.

At school, we regularly discuss our expectations for being a good digital citizen, including:

- Using respectful language when communicating online
- Treating others with kindness and inclusion
- Understanding that words and actions online can have real consequences
- Knowing how and when to seek help if something doesn't feel right
- Protecting personal information and respecting the privacy of others
- Understand that no messaging can occur between students or between home and school while at school.

We ask for your continued support at home by reinforcing these same expectations. Talking with your child about their online activities, safeguard their wellbeing and safety by maintaining regular supervision, setting clear boundaries like devices are only used in communal spaces (not bedrooms), and encouraging open communication if problems arise can make a significant difference.

Please remind your child that being respectful means always being respectful whether face-to-face or behind a screen.

## Parent Resources- eSafety Commissioner

The [eSafety Commissioner website](#) has many resources to support families navigate the digital and online space. We value the strong partnership we share with our families and thank you for working with us to ensure our students are safe, respectful and responsible digital citizens.

## School Canteen

Do you have time once a term to help out our canteen? We are still have some spots not filled. If you can spare an hour from 1-2pm on a Tuesday or Friday please click the link below to register.

[Canteen Volunteer link.](#)

## Kuringai-Chase Parish

Parents are encouraged to click on the link to connect with all the current information regarding the parish through parish website including the weekly Parish Bulletin.

Link- [Parish Bulletin](#)

The Parish Children's Choir resumes its regular practices for Term 2 this week, Friday 24th April. Practices are every Friday during school terms, from 4 to 5pm in the church, and singing services at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Our next Mass will be on Sunday 26th April. Children's Choir welcomes new members from Year 3 and up at any time. For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or email [kccpcchoir@gmail.com](mailto:kccpcchoir@gmail.com).

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

### Dates to Remember

#### Term 2 - 2026

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Anzac Day Liturgy 2.15pm

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - No School Public Holiday

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Zone Cross Country

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Playgroup 9.00am

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Parent Teacher Meetings

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Mothers Day Liturgy 9.30am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May - School Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May - School Open Day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Full Winter Uniform

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- Stage 3 Bathurst Camp

# Religious Education

## ANZAC Day

All are welcome to join us on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2:20pm as we commemorate ANZAC Day with a special prayer to remember the Fallen as well as those who have served and continue to serve in the Australian Armed Forces. This is also an opportunity to pray for peace in our world.



On Saturday morning the school Captains and Vice Captains will attend the Dawn Service at Hornsby Cenotaph and lay a wreath on behalf of the St Patrick's Community.

## Project Compassion - Thank You

As part of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion, we united with schools and parishes across the country in solidarity with vulnerable communities all over the world, paving the way to a brighter, more just future for all.

Our whole school community stepped up and answered the call, and we are truly grateful to all of you for your incredible support. We harnessed the collective kindness and generosity of our students, parents, teachers and wider community and turned it into real, lasting change for those who need it most. Together, we became a powerful force for good, achieving so much more together than we ever could alone.

THANK YOU for standing with us and choosing to Unite Against Poverty this Lent!

## Upcoming Family Masses

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May -Stage 2 followed by  
Practice for First Communion.



MUMS, GRANDMOTHERS, AND SIGNIFICANT  
FEMALES YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

# *Mother's Day* Celebration

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FRIDAY 8th MAY

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8AM BREAKFAST AND FLOWERMARKET ART  
GALLERY

8:45AM OPEM CLASSROOMS

9:30AM LITURGY IN THE CHURCH

**PLEASE CLICK TO COMPLETE THE FORM TO**  
**RSVP**



Dear St Patrick's Parents,

This term we are hoping to utilise the beautiful space we have for a garden. With the help of the students, we will begin to plan, grow and harvest small crops. Stage 1 have already planted some beans and they are growing well in the little greenhouse we have. Our goal is to try to source as much as we can from the community to promote the idea of reusing and recycling. We will also be reinvesting the money we raise from Return and Earn to support this ongoing project.

Currently we are calling out for the following items, if you have them at home, and are willing to give them another life at school. Any items brought in should be directed to Mrs Rapa.

### **Sprouting potatoes from your cupboard**



### **Calico/cloth/hessian bags**



### **Small children sized gardening tools**



### **Small watering cans**



Thank you in advance for your support. We are very excited.

With best wishes,

St Patrick's Gardeners



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# PLAYGROUP 2026

For children aged 3-5 years and their parents and carers

Join us in our newly  
refurbished Library for:

- Stories
- Songs
- Craft
- Free play
- Connection with local families

**Term 1 & 2 Dates**  
**9.00am-10.30am**

**Wed 18th March**  
**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June**

# HIGH POTENTIAL EDUCATION



## SPARK

Supporting  
Potential Among  
Remarkable Kids



St Patrick's is excited to be a part of the SPARK (Supporting Potential Among Remarkable Kids) Program again this year, with our first workshop taking place on Monday at St Gerard's. This joint initiative with neighbouring CSBB schools aims to ignite curiosity, challenge, collaboration, and skill development among students who show high potential or giftedness across a range of domains. The SPARK program offers immersive extension days for Stage 3 students, giving them the opportunity to learn alongside like-minded peers while engaging in rich and meaningful learning experiences.



Our school is excited to join the Northside Gifted and Talented Network, a group of sixteen private and public schools in our area working together to provide enriching learning opportunities for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Through this partnership, students can take part in workshops in areas like English, Art, Science and Sport, helping them extend their skills and explore their talents. Teachers from each school also meet throughout the year to share ideas that support all learners. We are proud to be the first Catholic school invited to join this network. We look forward to our first workshop taking place later this month.

# LIBRARY

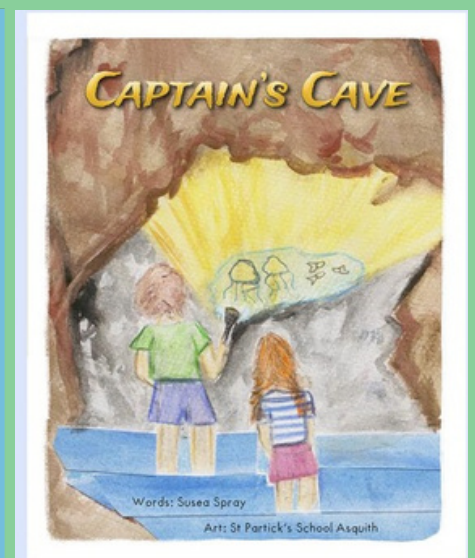
**Thank you!** Thank you to the families who have kindly contacted some of our new library books. The children are already excited to borrow and start reading them. If you are able to assist with contacting library books please let me know via the office. They are sent home in a bundle of 10 with the contact. Any help is always appreciated.



## Captain's Cave

Don't miss out on your copy of our illustrated book Captain's Cave.

Order ahead of the launch to guarantee your book on the day. Click the image to preorder via the link.





# 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**



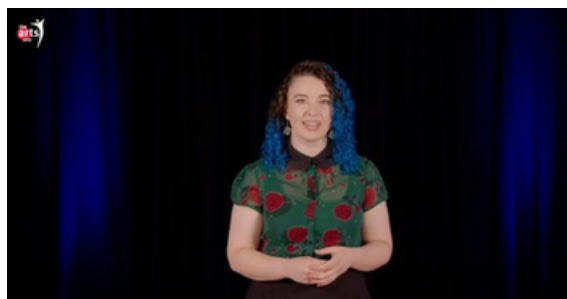
## **Book bites: A PRC podcast**

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](#).

## **CHESS!!**

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Patrick's Primary School (Asquith) is held on Fridays from 1:15pm to 1:55pm, starting on 24 April 2026.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email [office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com](mailto:office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com) for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.