



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Royston Parade Asquith 2077

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Parish Clergy

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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 the children commemorated and reflected on the Holy Week events following the weeks of preparation during the season of Lent. In the Lenten season, we have the opportunity to reflect on our renewal through prayer, fasting and compassion through giving to others through Project Compassion.

The hope that we are given by Jesus rising after his death when we celebrate on Sunday at the Easter Mass is at the centre of our Catholic faith. This will also be recalled and celebrated at school on Holy Thursday. Whether through classroom learning, creative projects, or simply taking time to show care for others, our students have embraced the spirit of Easter with enthusiasm and generosity.

As we head into the holidays, we wish all families a happy, safe and restful Easter break. We hope the coming days provide time for relaxation, connection and enjoyment. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for a great start to Term 2.

I encourage families to join with the parish community to commemorate Holy Week and celebrate Easter.

Pope Leo Appoints Bishop Anthony Randazzo to New Role

Last week we received the news that the Holy Father, Pope Leo has appointed Bishop Anthony as the Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts with the personal title of Archbishop. As a result, Bishop Anthony will move to the Vatican in three months to take up this role. Until this time, the Holy Father has appointed Archbishop Anthony as the Apostolic Administrator of our diocese of Broken Bay.

While this is wonderful recognition for Bishop Anthony and outstanding news for the Church, it will be very sad to see him leave us in a few months' time. Bishop Anthony was appointed the Bishop of Broken Bay just over 6 years ago and in that time, he has made many remarkable achievements especially engaging in the youth and young people of the diocese. We are extremely proud of his achievement but will also miss his presence working with and amongst us.

I am sure you will join with me in congratulating Archbishop Anthony, and I ask that you keep him and Pope Leo very much in your prayers for the important work ahead.

Photo Day

Parents are reminded that tomorrow (Thursday 2nd April) is the School Photo Day. Please make sure your child/ren are wearing the full Summer School Uniform. Please refer to previous communication about ordering photos.

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Raffle

Our K-2 Easter Hat Parade was a great success with our K-2 students participating in the annual Easter Hat Parade. It was a joyous occasion as each class had the chance to parade around the school to show off their bright and colourful Easter Hats. I thank all our K-2 parents for putting their craft skills to the test in the past week and to those parents who came along to support this fun event.

I also acknowledge and thank families who have supported the Easter Egg Raffle through purchasing tickets. The Easter Egg Raffle was drawn following the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday with funds raised going towards the Year 6 school gift for 2026.

Book Launch

Last Friday, we welcomed author Susea Spray for the launch of her book Captain's Cave. The children celebrated by participating in a formal presentation and reading of the book, dressing up in the sea theme and completing fun activities related to the book. I congratulate our amazing librarian Mrs Wickham who worked tirelessly with the students over the past 18 months to support the illustration of the book.

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Parent/Teacher Interviews- Term 2

Next term, during Week 2 parents we will be offering more formalised appointments for parents and class teachers to meet. Parents can now book a time via Compass. At these meetings teachers will feed back how your child has started and is progressing so far.

Enrolment for 2027

If you have a child starting next year, please complete your enrolment form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. If you know of anyone else considering a school for their child, please let them know about St Patrick's.

Enrolment at Catholic High Schools

This week I provided new enrolment timelines for applying for our local catholic high schools (St. Leo's Catholic College, Mercy Catholic College & Siena Catholic College). Please be aware that over the next two years we will be moving towards offering secondary school placements when students are in Year 3. We are doing this to provide our families with the reassurance that they can continue their family journey with CSBB.

The new timeline for Year 7, first round offers are outlined in the table below –

Current Year Group	First Round Applications Close	First Round Offers Made
Year 5 for Year 7 (2028)	Extended to Week 1 of Term 2 (2026)	Early in Term 2 (2026)
Year 4 for Year 7 (2029)	End of Term 2 (2026)	Early in Term 3 (2026)
Year 3 for Year 7 (2030)	End of Term 1 (2027)	Early in Term 2 (2027)
Year 2 for Year 7 (2031)	End of Term 2 (2027)	Early in Term 3 (2027)
Year 1 for Year 7 (2032)	End of Term 1 (2028)	Early in Term 2 (2028)
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Mother's Day Celebrations

We are looking forward to our Mother's Day Celebration at school next term. We warmly encourage mothers, mother figures and women role models in the lives of our children to come along on Friday 8th May from 8.00am for a cuppa, something sweet and tasty and get together.

This will be followed by some time with mums and children in classrooms and from 9:30am our Mother's Day Liturgy. Please stay for as long as you can on the morning. Thanks to our parent volunteers for running the Mother's Day stall set for Friday 8th May.

Parents will be notified soon when to complete 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. The stall will be held at school on Friday 8th May.

Vacation Care

A reminder that our Out of Hours School Care provider Catholic Care is now providing Vacation Care at St. Patrick's each holiday period beginning with the upcoming Easter break at the end of Term 1. There will be a mix of at school activities, incursions and excursions. Interested parents can contact St. Patrick's OSHC, Asquith via Ph: 0481 602 053 or by E: oshc.asquith@catholiccareddb.org.au

2026 Staff Development Days

A reminder that our staff have days set aside during the school year for professional learning opportunities. We have one day planned at the start of Term 2. This date is:

Term 2 – 2026: Monday 20 April – Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

If parents require supervision for their child during this time, our Out of Hours School Care provider Catholic Care will be providing a service on these days. Parents can contact them via phone: 0481 602 053 or email: oshc@asquithcatholiccareddb.org.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.

Childrens Choir

Whilst there will be no practice on the 3rd April and during school holidays, we are still singing 12th April during the 10AM mass, after which the winner of the choir's chocolate raffle will be drawn. Hang tight to those tickets!

Easter Sunday, 5th April will be an all-in Sunday. All available parish singers and musicians are welcome to join the choir at the 10AM mass.

Practices will resume on the 24th April in Term 2. Wishing you all a lovely break and a blessed and wonderful Easter in advance!

For more information, contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or email stpatsscchoir@gmail.com.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 1 - 2026

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