



## **ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2026**

Dear Year 2-6 Parents and Carers,

The Annual School Athletics Carnival for Years 2-6 will be held on **Monday 23rd March 2026 at The Ridge Athletic Track, Barden Ridge**. The carnival is a fun, school event but also acts as a trial for the Conference 3 Athletics held on **Tuesday 4th August 2026**. Our Kindergarten and Year 1 students will participate in a fun sport day called the St Patrick's Games held at school on an alternative date.

An electronic permission note will be sent via COMPASS next week. Please provide consent for your child when this has been launched. Permission to attend must be completed by Friday 20th March.

Students are to wear appropriate coloured clothing **in their house colour**. Each child's house colour can be found on COMPASS. Please ensure students have a healthy recess and lunch with plenty of water plus hats and sunscreen with all belongings clearly labelled. Illawong Athletics will be running a canteen on the day. Students are not allowed to access the canteen, however parents can purchase drinks or food for their child.

Spikes are permitted in the sprint events (100m and 200m). Only students wearing spikes AND who are trained in using starting blocks have the option to use the available blocks supplied by the track. Spikes must be removed at the end of each race.

**All students must travel by bus** to the track. They will be required at school by **8:20am** and it is expected the carnival will finish at approximately 2:15pm. Students can leave the carnival with a parent/carer or travel back to school by bus. If you are choosing to take your child/children home directly after the event, you will need to sign your child out with their classroom teacher. We will invite parents with an announcement to find your child's teacher at the conclusion of all events. If an arrangement changes after the electronic permission form on COMPASS has been submitted, please send a note to your child's class teacher.

Our carnival will conduct competitive timed/measured events amongst age groups and participation events amongst grades. Timed/measured events are for athletes with a high level of skill who want to be considered to represent the school at the Conference 3 Trial. Grade events are for students who do not wish to be considered for selection at the Conference trial but would like to compete against students in their own grade. Ribbons/Placings will be awarded for both options.

If you would like to nominate your child for a timed/measured event, please complete this **Registration Form** by **Friday 6th March 2026**. After this date the link will expire. If you do not fill out this form, your child will rotate through the activities on the day through the grade events (no form required). Some of these events will be the same or modified with the addition of novelty activities.

**Age Groupings** are determined by the age turned in 2026. Please keep in mind that any student turning 7 years old in 2026 (born 2019) who would like to participate in a timed/measured event may do so at our school carnival but will not be able to progress to the Conference trial due to age eligibility.

Girls and Boys compete in separate divisions for all events:

- **Juniors** - 8,9,10 years (born 2016, 2017, 2018)
- **Intermediate** - 11 years (born 2015) and
- **Seniors** - 12/13 years (born 2013/2014).

**Timed Events on the day are as followed:**

**Track**

- 100 Metres, 200 Metres, 800 Metres and 1500m (optional)

**Field**

- High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put: Junior (2kg), 11 years (2kg), 12/13 years (3kg), Discus: Junior (500gms), 11 years (750gms), 12/13 years (750gms)

**The 8 fastest juniors and 8 fastest seniors in the 100 meter sprint will race in a final to select our relay team.**

If you are available to assist we would greatly appreciate your help. Please register via the [Parent Helper Registration Form](#). You require a WWCC number and will need it verified by Sydney Catholic Schools along with completing the online volunteer induction.

We encourage all family members to come and be part of the day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Amanda Col and Miss Chloe Devlin

***Sports Coordinator Team***