

Family Mass  
Children's Liturgy every 9am Mass  
except in school holidays

P & F Meeting  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7pm

St Patrick's Hall  
Enquires and bookings please call the  
school office

Outside School Hours Care  
E: [eastgosford.oshc@dbb.org.au](mailto:eastgosford.oshc@dbb.org.au)  
or phone 0408 165 671  
or visit the school website

The Uniform Shop  
phone 0412 087 696  
opening hours during school terms  
*Tuesday*  
8.30am – 10.30am  
Also 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month  
2.00pm – 4.00pm  
The uniform shop can be contacted  
outside of business hours by email  
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payments can be made direct to  
Alinta Apparel in the form of cash,  
credit card, or debit credit card  
**NO CHEQUES**  
uniform price list & online shopping  
available at  
<http://www.alintaapparel.com.au/alinta/>

2nd Hand Uniform Shop  
Fortnightly Friday 2pm  
or as advised.

Canteen  
*Infants: Wednesday & Friday*  
*Primary: Wednesday & Friday*  
Rostered volunteers please give  
24 hours' notice if you are unable to  
attend

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2023. This year we have been able to celebrate together as a community more than we have for the past two years. It has been wonderful to see so many of our families back on site and joining us for many activities, like our masses, class liturgies, assemblies, carnivals, gala days, parent teacher interviews and Mather's Day and Father's Day to name a few.



Congratulations to Cooper McIvor he received a prize in the CSBB Christmas Card Competition

Today we had our Step-Up and our final whole school mass. Thank you to all those families who joined us for mass today. The students met their class teachers for next year and the students who will be in their class. We also welcomed the new students who will be joining us at the beginning of 2023.



I would like to thank Father Greg for his support this year; for his spiritual leadership and for bringing so much to our school and parish community.

I would also like to thank all our volunteers; our P & F for all their fundraising activities and support; and all our families. This week we have families who will leave St Patrick's as their children start High School next year or because they are moving to another school or relocating to another area. We will miss you all and hope that you enjoy your new experiences.

*Thank  
You*

This year we have welcomed many new families throughout the year. We hope that your children have enjoyed being here with us at St Patrick's.

## Staff for 2023

### Teachers

Kindergarten: Mrs Dana Owsinski, Mrs Mel McCallum and Mrs Ange Stitt

Year 1: Mrs Isobel Binello and Ms Therese Cohen

Year 2: Mrs Suzie Morris, Ms Jade Conwell & Mr Steve Harris/Ms Cassie Vane Tempest

Year 3: Mrs Kim Osling and Mrs Libby Howard/Mrs Jenny Jenkins

Year 4: Mrs Cherriene Turnbull/Mrs Cheryl Frazer and Mr Tristan Penning

Year 5: Ms Maree Mulhall and Mr Mark Dobb

Year 6: Mrs Lisa Ellwood and Mr Lee Sullivan

Office Staff: Mrs Natalie Introna, Mrs Maria Smith and Mrs Cheryl Vane Tempest

Media Person: Mrs Kaylah O'Connor

Parent Engagement Co-ordinator: Mrs Elvira Bennett

Principal: Cheryl Walsh

Assistant Principal: Chris Franklin

Religious Education Co-ordinator: Fiona Bolton

Co-ordinators: Cherriene Turnbull, Mark Dobb and Lee Sullivan

Librarian: Carmen Hartz

Music Teacher: Cheryl Frazer

Italian Teacher: Christine Ryan

Learning Support Teacher Donna Ristuccia

Learning Support Aides: Robyn Mulligan, Nadia S and Leanne Galea

Also joining us for Term 1 are: Ms Fiona Zeng who will be taking Mr Sullivan's class one day per week while he is Acting REC and Ms Frances Elley who will be looking after EALD and Coaching Release for Ms Bolton.

We also welcome back Ms Cassie Vane Tempest who will be teaching one day per week with Mr Harris and also as Coaching Release for teachers.

As I sent home yesterday I will be taking Term 1 as Long Service Leave and will return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Mr Chris Franklin will be Acting Principal in my absence. Ms Fiona Bolton will be Acting Assistant Principal and Mr Lee Sullivan, Acting REC. I know that the Leadership Team will continue to work towards making St Patrick's a better place for everyone.

### **School and Colour House Captains**

Congratulations to our 2023 School and Colour House Captains.

Esther Mathey and Amelia Eager

Blake Paulley and Elijah Stanley

### **Colour Captains**

**Red: Sophie Walbancke and Den-  
nie Paget**

**Blue: Sienna Horan and Ambrose Plunkett**

**Gold: Sophia Stingmore and Freddie Furley**

**Green: Carys Donafee and Angus Brown**



A very big thank you to our 2022 School and Colour House Captains. They have been excellent student leaders and have set a high standard for next year's leaders to live up too.

The process for our captains starts during the Year 5 Leadership Camp and then later in the term with leadership activities at school. The Year 5 students nominate, vote and short list for the School Captains. Then the students in Years 2 – 5 vote after the short listed students present a 3 minute speech. The staff also vote. The Colour House Captain nominees present a 2 minute speech to the children from Year 2 – Year 5 in their colour. These children then vote for their Colour Captain.

The staff also vote. The captains are short listed and voted for by their peers, but the staff also vote. We have been following this process for a few years.

**School Closes for the year on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.** Our formal lessons end tomorrow afternoon. On Wednesday we have some classes to move and there will be changes to where classes are in 2023.

**Changes on the Infants side:**

Downstairs will be the Infants Library, 2G and 2B.

Upstairs will be KB, KG and KW then 1B and 1G with 2W at the end.

**Changes on the Primary side:**

Year 6 will be moving to the current Year 3 rooms and Year 3 will move to the current Year 6 rooms.

Aspect Aqua K – 2 will be downstairs on the Primary side and Aqua 3 – 6 will be upstairs in their usual room.

We will have removalists at school on Wednesday morning to move the furniture that needs to be moved and personal things of the teachers who are moving classes. While things are being moved students will be supervised and then will move into the new spaces. It will be a little chaotic while these things are happening, so no formal lessons will take place after Tuesday. Teachers will spend Thursday and Friday settling into their new rooms as we do have quite a number of teachers moving rooms/ classes this year.

We have updated the calendar on Compass and all the dates we know have been entered. Please check these out especially if you are planning holidays etc.

Once again thank you for another wonderful year. I hope that everyone has a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a relaxing break over the holidays. And God permitting I will see you all in Term 2.

God Bless

Cheryl

**FROM THE OFFICE**

If your child has **asthma** and will need a Ventolin puffer at school we need to have an updated Asthma plan each year Please update Asthma Plans over the holidays.

If you have a child in **Year 6 or a child leaving** St Patrick's this year, please download your child's school reports from Compass as soon as possible. Your access to Compass will be disabled at the end of this school term.

**LOST**

Year 2 - Speedo goggles - blue & clear

Kindy - black speedo jammers swimmers

***Have a wonderful Christmas! With  
love from your St Pat's  
Office Team  
Cheryl, Chris,  
Nat, Maria, Cheryl & Kayla***



## Prayer to End a School Year

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, we reflect on the great gift God has given us, the person of Jesus Christ.

We reflect upon how we lived out his values through our actions and words this year and how we will bring the light of Christ to all those we encounter in 2023. We pray that the narrative surrounding Jesus' birthday may inspire all to be people of faith, hope and love. We rejoice as a faith community at the wonder of the Christmas story and pray that this sense of joy continues to sustain us for the coming year.



*God of Wisdom,*

*As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school. We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace.*

*Amen.*

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you for your generous support for our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. These will bright the light of Christ to someone in need.

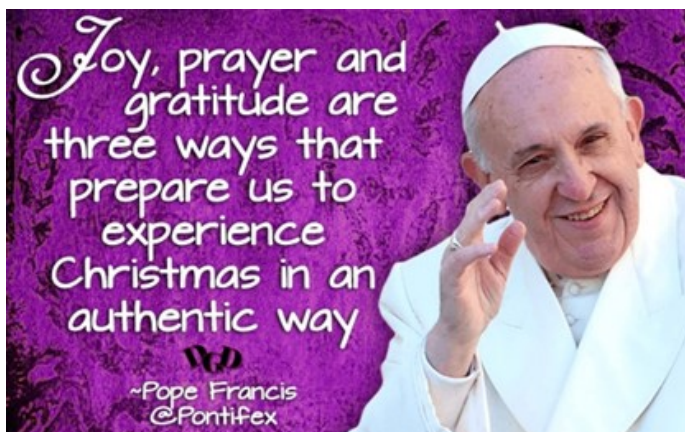


### End of Year Mass

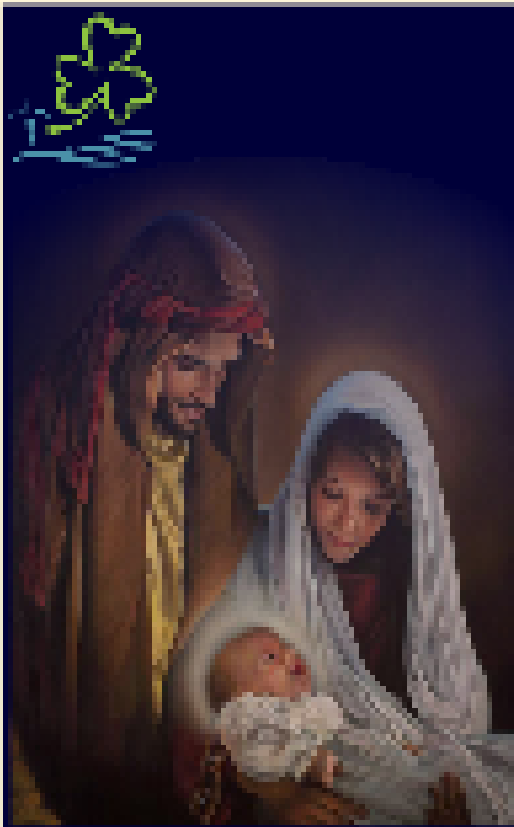
Today we celebrated the End of Year Mass in the Church, thanking God for all the joys and challenges of 2022 as well as farewelling our wonderful Year 6 students and announcing our new school and sport captains for 2023.

Thank you to all to all the students and families for your support this year. Thank you to Father Greg for your guidance and to the staff of St Patrick's who go above and beyond to provide positive learning environments for their students, generously sharing their talents with care and compassion. Thank you to our 2 special Aspect teachers, Mrs Larkin and Mrs Wagstaff who will be taking up new positions in different schools. We will miss you.

Wishing you all, God's blessings during Christmas and a very peaceful New Year.



# From our Parish Office



## St PATRICK'S CHURCH

### Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Family Mass

9:00 pm Youth Mass

Midnight Mass

#### SOMERSBY St Francis of Assisi

5:00 Vigil

#### Christmas Day @ St Patrick's

7:30 am

9:30 am

## THIS YEAR PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS



PUT AN IMAGE OF THE NATIVITY SCENE ON DOORS, WINDOWS, BALCONIES, COUNTERS OR YOUR VEHICLES TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT CHRISTMAS IS JESUS

SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II  
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

**Devotion to St John Paul II**

EACH SATURDAY @ 9AM MASS

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR MASS AND SPECIAL PRAYERS OFFERED THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST POPE JOHN PAUL II



Congratulations and Farewell

to our wonderful

Year 6 students & Ashton Mexon (Samantha Metti Award)

Angelo Merillo & Ann Jacob St Vincent DePaul Award



## Choir Visit to Evergreen!

Our St Patrick's Choir had a visit to Evergreen at West Gosford today to sing Christmas Carols. We had a wonderful time and the residents were very appreciative.

We met Max, a gentleman who was celebrating his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday today! Congratulations to Max and to our choir members who have displayed commitment and a love of singing all year.

***Merry Christmas everyone and best wishes from Mrs Frazer***







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Conservatorium  
Of Music

## School Guitar Program

Is your child interested in learning guitar?

Did you know we offer students in years 3 and up the opportunity to learn guitar at selected Central Coast schools as part of our Schools Program?

**Program includes**

- Small group guitar lessons during school hours.
- An excellent opportunity for students to learn guitar in a fun and affordable way.



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If your child is interested in learning guitar, please send a text with their name and school to 0402 000 757. Alternatively scan the QR code (above) phone 4324 7477 or visit our website.

[www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program](http://www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program)

## Talent Quest Winners 2022

This year Mini Vinnies ran a Talent Quest on the primary side to raise money for the Christmas Appeal. The entry fee and audience donations raised \$100.

The winners for equal 1<sup>st</sup> place in stage 3 were Blake Paulley and Helen Shiju.

The stage 2 winner was Samantha George, and the runner up was Celeste Yates.

We witnessed some amazing talent across the duration of the competition which made it very difficult to select finalists and overall winners. I would like to give a special thank you to Mr Todd Keys who gave up his afternoon to judge the finals and Emma Paulley from JC entertainment who provided the sound system and sent the whole day setting up and rehearsing with the finalist. This gave a very professional feel to our finals.

The money was used to provide some additional luxury items to the Christmas hampers.





## FROM OUR ST PATRICK'S P & F

What an amazing year 2022 has been, no lock downs and no home based learning.

We were fortunate enough to have some amazing fundraising events this year. All funds raised will go towards technology for the students.

Money raised this year:

Easter Raffle \$1,864.00

Mother's Day Stall \$1,517.71

Father's Day Stall \$1,864.30

Christmas Raffle \$3,505.00

### **Christmas Raffle**

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

### **School Disco**

Thank you to Emma from JC Entertainment and Events, all the students that attended had a great time. Thank you to all the students that attended, we raised \$350 for mini vinnies. Thank you

### **P & F & AGM Meeting**

Our next P & F & AGM Meeting is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 7pm in the LARC. We look forward to seeing our regulars and we welcome any new parents and/or carers who would like to take part. P&F President, Treasurer and Secretary positions available. If you are interested in any of these roles, or would like more information, please contact Rachael Playle at [rach380@hotmail.com](mailto:rach380@hotmail.com)

### **Canteen**

A big THANK YOU!!!! to all our volunteers who helped in the canteen this year. Without you our canteen can't open. Thank you to Karen & Christie for co-ordinating our canteen.

### **P & F Executive team**

Thank you to Nick & Amanda for being part of the executive team.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. Stay safe.

Rachael Playle

P & F President.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - John Galea**—2 nights accommodations ( mid week stay) at Wild Edge Retreat valued at \$1300, Hunter Valley Zoo \$120 2 bottles wine, total prize worth **\$1450**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Kelly Smith** Hose link Hose valued at \$269, \$100 Fedele's Voucher, Taronga Western Plains Zoo family pass valued at \$129, laser tag voucher \$50, \$50 virtual reality voucher total prize worth \$598.

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Samantha George** -Glenworth Valley horse riding adventure \$120 , \$50 Casey's Voucher, First Aid kit, \$50 Repco Voucher, \$20 bunnings voucher, Total Prize Value over \$250.

**4<sup>th</sup> Tristan Austen** \$100 Bunnings voucher

**6<sup>th</sup> Kellie Edwards** \$70 Erina Ice Arena

**8<sup>th</sup> Faith Eager**\$50 laser Tag voucher

**10<sup>th</sup> Erin Walsh** \$50 bunnings voucher

**12<sup>th</sup> Sanaa Hajjar** \$25 Elanora voucher

**14<sup>th</sup> May Chin**\$25 Elanora Voucher

**16<sup>th</sup> Aaradhya Gupta** \$25 Elanora Voucher

**18<sup>th</sup> Jo Binding** \$20 bunnings Voucher

**20<sup>th</sup> Paget Family** \$20 Bunnings Voucher

**5<sup>th</sup> Nichole Lindsay** \$70 Erina Ice Arena

**7<sup>th</sup> Hayden Potter** \$50 CC Virtual reality

**9<sup>th</sup> Sarah Cutting** \$50 laser Tag voucher

**11<sup>th</sup> Doyle Family** \$50 Bunnings voucher

**13<sup>th</sup> Mithun Mathew** \$25 Elanora Voucher

**15<sup>th</sup> Noah Caller** \$25 Elanora Voucher

**17<sup>th</sup> Alexis Playle** \$20 Bunnings voucher

**19<sup>th</sup> Rob Smart** \$20 bunnings Voucher

**Thank you so much to the above business who donated, it is much appreciated.**

# I learn and Let Others Learn





**Maths Olympiad**



**Academic Award**

Congratulations  
to all our  
Award Winners



**Consistent Effort Award**



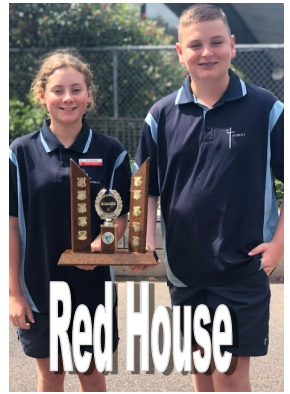
**Spirit Award**



**RE Principal Award**



**Swimming Champions**



**Red House**

## 2023 Swimming Carnival.

Last Wednesday, A number of our St Patrick's students made their way down to Gosford Olympic pools to compete in our Schools Swimming carnival for 2023.

Not only was the weather perfect, but also the participation, encouragement and cooperation of all students involved. The day ran seamlessly and it was wonderful to see every student having a go and trying their best with huge smiles on their faces.

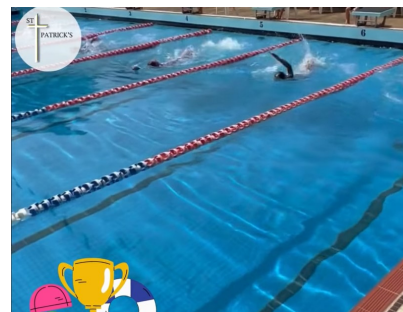
I would like to pass a special thankyou on to our 2022 school and sport captains who took the time to come down and support the teachers in jobs throughout the day. We were also lucky enough to see them have a go in the "doggy paddle" race.

A big shout out goes to the parents and spectators on the day, who came along to cheer and support our swimmers.

Finally, A big thankyou to our wonderful hard working teachers both at the carnival and back at school coordinating the water fun day. Your hard work and happy attitudes were greatly appreciated by all, especially the students.

A huge congratulations to the following students who received Runners Up and Age champions for their age. We are very proud of you and are glad we were able to recognise your achievements at Principal assembly last Friday.

<b><u>Age Champion /runners up</u></b>	<b><u>Recipients</u></b>
<i>8 years boys</i>	Champion: Lucas Kelly Runners up: Matthew Powell
<i>8 years girls</i>	Champion: Jade Fitzpatrick Runners up: Eadie Johnson
<i>9 years boys</i>	Champion: Zac Walbancke Runners up: Jackson Longo
<i>9 years girls</i>	Champion: Sophie Lindsay Runners up: Lucie Barclay
<i>10 years boys</i>	Champion: Kayden Fitzpatrick Runners up: Patrick Clark
<i>10 years girls</i>	Champion: Ava Stark Runners up: Laila Verolin
<i>11 Years boys</i>	Champion: Ben Maloney Runners up: Tex Bevan
<i>11 years girls</i>	Champion: Amelia Nakagawa Runners up: Sophie Walbancke
<i>12 year boys</i>	Champion: Angus Brown Runners up: Isaac Owen
<i>12 years girls</i>	Champion: Matilda Simpson Runners up: Jessica Perrett



We look forward to seeing many of our students work together to represent St Patrick's early next year at the CCC Swimming Carnival. Please keep an eye on Compass early next year for dates and final details of this event.

Thanks again to all involved. I know I am not alone in saying that the day was enjoyed by all who attended.

# CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAY





**Dominic Perrottet MP**  
Premier of New South Wales



Dear Parents,

As the 2022 school year draws to a close, I wanted to thank you and all parents, students and teachers for your extraordinary efforts this year.

I also want to let you know about a new program that will ease pressure on household budgets by helping to pay for your children's school supplies at the start of the next school year.

**From 12 December 2022, NSW parents can access a \$150 Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher for each child in primary school, secondary school or home-schooling in 2023.**

Vouchers can go towards the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, or stationery purchased from registered businesses. You can apply for the vouchers via the Service NSW app, and for more information, visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au), call 13 77 88 or attend a Service NSW Centre.

This new program is part of our plan to give families a more secure financial start to the year.

It has been fantastic to see so many students back in the classroom and thriving in 2022 after so many disruptions, and 2023 is shaping up to be an even bigger year for education in NSW.

We're rolling out a new, back-to-basics curriculum; making changes so students are even better prepared for employment and further education; doing more to recognise and reward our best teachers; and making it easier for parents to connect with your children's education.

It's all about taking those important steps to make NSW education the best it can be, so we can set up our children for future success.

Thank you again for all your efforts this year. I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer - and don't forget to download your Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher from 12 December.

Yours sincerely,



**Dominic Perrottet MP**  
Premier

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## ENGINEERING & ROBOTICS HOLIDAY CAMP WONDER KIDZ

### Central Coast Grammar School

Eligibility	Date	Time	Enrolment Link	No. of Days	Fees
Yr 1 - Yr 8	13/01/23	9:00am to 3:00pm	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/CEGUC">www.trybooking.com/CEGUC</a>	1	\$100

Go to this link to claim \$100 Creative Kids voucher:  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

**Some of our activities include**



**Engineering and Robotics Workshop:** This workshop provides theoretical knowledge in software and mechanical engineering combined with Mathematics and Science. This is a hands on workshop where the students will follow a design process and build a working machine using Legos. They will also be able to program the machine to perform certain tasks.



**Electronics Workshop:** Students will also be exposed to Electronics components in this workshop. They will build various Electrical circuits using Sensors, LED, Motors etc. This will also involve the use of Renewable energy sources like Solar panels.



**Guided Projects:** Some of our projects can include: Smart Car, Smart Farm, Smart Home & Sanitation Station.




Parents are requested to provide crunch & sip and lunch clearly labelled with the child's name.

The students may also go through an outdoor activity. Please ensure the child has hat and sunscreen. We have a strict policy of **"No hat no outdoor play"**.



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# JB DANCE CLUB!

Dance Club which is a 2-hour program delivered straight from **St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Hall**.

Dancers will learn techniques in Acrobatics, Jazz, Contemporary and Hip Hop helping develop your child's skills while focusing on their flexibility, turns, leaps and jumps!

Students will learn routines to appear in our Mid Year Show and End of Year Concert.

Every afternoon at JB Dance Club there will be dance technique taught, concert routines, combo fun, games & much more!

## 2023 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

Starting week - 31st January 2023

**TUESDAY  
5 - 12 YEARS**

**3:10PM - 5:10PM**

**TRY YOUR FIRST  
WEEK FREE**



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**ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## Central Coast Council Youth Services School Holiday Program

Check out what's on - 19th December - 31st January

- Bowl Groms - Skate Workshop & Jam Session
- Central Coast Series - Online Skate & Scoot Competition
- Skilled & Ready - Public Speaking & Interview Skills
- Skilled & Ready - Barista Training & Hygienic Practices
- Y4Y Passion Project Paycheck - Circus Skills

[Sign up to our online database to receive emails directly to your inbox about upcoming youth programs and events.](#)

**FREE SKATE WORKSHOP  
BATO YARD SKATEPARK**

**Thur 19 January  
10am - 2pm**

Spots limited. Bookings essential.  
To register scan QR code or go to  
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