



# ST PATRICK'S SPECIAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Welcome back to term 2. We have had a fantastic start to the term and have been blessed with beautiful autumn weather.

We started the term with a professional learning day with our colleagues from Our Lady of La Vang. The day was facilitated by Anna Ranaldo from Collective Courage and we focussed on enhancing wellbeing, building connections and exploring the neuroscience of managing change. It was really positive learning experience for staff and a wonderful opportunity to work with educators from our other special school.

This year we have embarked on our journey with Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS) training which is a system wide initiative of Catholic Education South Australia. At St Patrick's we refer to our approach as Behaviour for Learning and our dedicated team is engaging in extensive training to develop a framework that strengthens our commitment to creating positive, predictable and safe learning environments where our students can continue

## From the Principal

to flourish. The team will be providing more information about their work in future newsletters.

As we enter the month of May, dedicated to Mary the mother of Jesus, it is a beautiful time for us to recognise and celebrate all the special women in our lives. Next Tuesday we will be celebrating Mother's Day with a special Mass followed by morning tea. Everyone is very welcome to join us as we express our gratitude and love for the incredible mothers and mother figures in our community.

Next week we will also celebrate Catholic Education Week where we will showcase and celebrate the exceptional teaching and learning that occurs in our Catholic Schools. Keep an eye out for photos and stories from our students about why they love St Patrick's!

Next Tuesday, May 14th at 7.00 pm the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Catholic Special Schools Inc will take place at Our Lady of La Vang. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to [info@lavang.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@lavang.catholic.edu.au)

I share with you that our middle and senior school teacher Kevin will be on leave for the remainder of this term as he undergoes hip surgery. I know you will keep him in your thoughts and prayers as we all wish him a speedy recovery. We thank Tristan Pope for continuing Kevin's work in his absence.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to St Pat's. Together, let's continue to nurture a vibrant, supportive and enriching learning environment for all our students.

Kind regards

Cathy



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Mother's Day

MASS & MORNING TEA

At 09:30 am, 14 May  
St Patrick's Special School  
RSVP: [info@stpat's.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stpat's.catholic.edu.au) by  
Friday May 10

The invitation card features a light pink background with decorative floral and butterfly illustrations. The text is in a mix of serif and cursive fonts.



# Mother's Day

Dear Lord,

On this special day, we show our gratitude to all mothers and special women.

We thank them for their all-encompassing love, for their commitment, care, and kindness.

We thank them for their wisdom and for helping us grow and flourish.

We thank them for their strength, for their sacrifices, and for being there in times of need.

And we thank them for their encouragement,

for being our cheerleaders and for celebrating our achievements.

Lord, help them know how much they are loved and appreciated.

We ask that you bless all mothers and special women,

including those who are no longer with us today.

Amen.





# WELCOME

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It is with great excitement that I introduce our new Speech Pathologist, Jemma Dougan. Jemma is replacing Kelly Brook as she prepares to start maternity leave later this term. Jemma is joining our team after working as a Speech Pathologist and Program Coordinator for Autism SA in the Foundations Skills Group for the past 4 years. Prior to this role Jemma was a Speech Pathologist for Talking Matters. Jemma brings with her a wealth of knowledge in working with students with a disability and supporting student access to a range of augmentative communication devices. Jemma is passionate about empowering families, teachers and school communities to meet the communication and learning needs of their students. Jemma will be working alongside Kelly until she commences her leave in Week 7 this term. Jemma will be getting to know all students at school and working alongside Teachers and Allied Health as we work together in providing a communication rich curriculum and school environment for all students. We encourage you to get in contact with Jemma, she would love to hear from you, her email is:

[jdougan@stpats.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdougan@stpats.catholic.edu.au).

Kylie Karvelis - Allied Health Lead  
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**Jemma Dougan**  
**SPEECH PATHOLOGIST**  
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**#LoveMyCatholicSchool**

This Catholic Education Week, share what you LOVE about your school on social media with **#LoveMyCatholicSchool**

**Catholic Education Week**  
**May 13-19 2024**

 **RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS**

10 am - 2 pm  
Saturday 13 July

# Disability and Inclusion Expo


Free entry

-  VR experience and sensory space.
-  Variety of local disability providers.
-  Live all-ability performances and demonstrations.
-  Keynote speaker Para Surf Champion Chris Blowes and more guest speakers.
-  Accessible facilities.



**B** Location:  
Burnside Community Centre  
401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore

## Speed Limit Change



City of Burnside have introduced new 40km/h zones including Dulwich and Toorak Gardens. Please be mindful of new speed limits and signage which has been installed.

## direct collect

Direct Collect is a bin collection service providing St Patrick's Special School with a dedicated bin for 10¢ refundable bottles, cans and containers. If you would like to contribute refundable bottles and cans, please place them in the blue bin at the front of the school office.

## Bus Phone Numbers



**Red Bus:**  
0407 606 950

**Green Bus:**  
0417 821 292

**Rainbow Bus:**  
0406 829 513

## DIARY DATES 2024

**Tuesday 14 May**

- Mother's Day Mass & Morning Tea @ 9:30
- AGM @ OLOLV; 7pm

**Friday 7 June**

- Professional Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

**Friday 5 July**

- School term ends 3pm

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[https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts\\_and](https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts_and)  
<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationSA/>



# Moore Street SOUP RUN 2024 39<sup>th</sup> SEASON.



## SOME DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

- Blankets , sleeping BAGs, Raincoats
- WARM JUMPERS + JACKETS, Umbrellas
- Hats , GLOVES , SCARVES, SOCKS

THE ADELAIDE DAY CENTRE

21 Queen St. Adelaide Ph.82320048

\*\*\* Collection Point: St Patrick's Special School \*\*\*





# SONY FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMP

**Sunday 29 September to Tuesday 1 October 2024**

St Peter's College Boarding House

Hackney Road, St Peters

Wilderness School and St Peter's College are proud to be hosting the Sony Foundation Children's Holiday Camp for children between 8 and 14 years of age with special needs.

This camp is offered free of charge thanks to the Sony Foundation and the generosity of the school communities involved. The camp will offer a variety of activities including:

- art and craft
- dance and music
- aquatic activities
- mini fair.

Year 11 students from Wilderness School and St Peter's College have been selected as companions for the campers. They will be provided with training and assisted by the camp coordinating team including nursing staff.

Please email [sonycamp@wilderness.com.au](mailto:sonycamp@wilderness.com.au) by Friday 26 July 2024 if you have a child who is interested in participating.

