



ST PATRICK'S SPECIAL SCHOOL

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Term 4 at St. Patrick's: A Season of Celebration, Learning, and Community!

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful break. As we kick off this new term, we are excited to share some of the events and activities lined up, making this term full of learning, fun, and connection.

Excursions and Incursions

We have already begun some fantastic excursions, including trips to We Rock the Spectrum, bushwalking, and various pathways programs. Additionally, we've welcomed back OneCulture for more exciting incursions. Some of our students have even had the chance to engage in energetic dancing lessons—what a way to start the term!

Music Showcase in Week 4

In Week 4, our Blue and Senior West classes will take to the stage for their Music Showcase performance. It's sure to be a fantastic event, and we ask parents to RSVP if you haven't yet, using the notes sent home earlier this week. Your support means a lot to our students as they share their musical talents.

Graduation – Class of 2024

On Friday, November 22, we will be celebrating the Graduating Class of 2024! Senior West families are reminded to purchase their tickets by October 30 via the links sent through email and shared on Seesaw. It will be a memorable event, and we are excited to honour our graduating students.

End-of-Term Celebrations

As we look toward the end of the term, we have some important dates to keep in mind:

- End of Year Mass will be held on *Tuesday, December 3 at The Monastery.*
- Our End of Year Christmas Party *Friday, December 6.*

We hope to see all our families join in these special celebrations as we wrap up the year.

Term 4 at St. Patrick's (cont.)

New School Website

Over the past few months, we've been working hard on developing our new school website! This dynamic platform will be a hub for important information relevant to parents, carers, and prospective families. As elements of the website become available - including newsletters and bus booking requests - we will keep you updated. We encourage you to stay tuned for more details!

Welcome Back Cathy & Thank You, Nicole

Next week, we are delighted to welcome Cathy back from her leave. We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to McAuley Community School for allowing Nicole Tropeano to be with us since Term 2. Nicole's hard work and deep commitment to the St Patrick's school community have been deeply appreciated. We wish her all the best as she returns to McAuley, and we hope our paths may cross again in the future.

As we move through this exciting term, we look forward to seeing everyone engage and thrive in all the wonderful activities planned. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards,

St Patrick's Leadership Team



Prayer for World Teachers' Day

Loving God,

We thank you for the gift of our teachers,
who dedicate their lives to guiding and nurturing us.
On this World Teachers' Day, we ask you to bless
them with wisdom, patience, and strength as they
inspire young minds and hearts.
Grant them joy in their work, knowing the impact
they make on the future.
May they find fulfillment in every lesson taught,
every challenge overcome,
and every success celebrated.
Help them to continue to be a source of
knowledge, kindness, and compassion in our world.
We pray for all teachers across the globe
— may they be uplifted, supported, and
appreciated for their tireless dedication.
Surround them with love and give them the courage
to face the demands of their calling with grace.
In your name, we pray,

Amen.

To the Parents and Caregivers,

Well here we are at the end of week 2 of Term 4! I can't believe how quickly the term is moving. This week I was lucky to present at a Catholic Education Office Standing Committee Meeting where I had the opportunity to share with the panel of members all that has been achieved since I took in this role. When I looked back and reflect, we have achieved a great deal in 10 weeks.

Currently the team across both schools are looking at the documents and procedures across both schools and are working on aligning them so they represent Catholic Special Schools. We are also working towards our planning days for next year.

I look forward to continuing to meet more families and participate in the celebrations that are occurring later in the term.

Shannon

Shannon Correll
Principal - Catholic Special Schools



To the St Patrick's Special School Community,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to be part of this beautiful community since Term 2. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly and openly.

I have been inspired by the deep value, care and commitment all staff have for the wellbeing and learning of every child and for the trust and partnership of our wonderful families. It has been such a blessing to work with our incredible students who have taught me so much.

I return to my role at McAuley Community School next week and take with me all I have learnt at St Patrick's Special School to support the learning and development of the students there.

Take care and I hope our paths cross again soon.

With kind regards,

Nicole
Acting Deputy Principal



2025 School Bus Service Expressions of Interest Opening Soon

Dear Families,

As we plan ahead for 2025, we're excited to announce that expressions of interest for our school bus service will soon be open. Our bus service operates daily, providing convenient transportation for students from home to school and back. This is a user-pay service, with costs set at \$4 per trip, billed annually.

For families considering this service, please be aware of the following key guidelines:

- **Staffing:** Each bus is staffed with a driver and a bus assistant to ensure student safety and support during the journey.
- **Student Behaviour:** We expect all students to travel safely and respectfully. If any issues arise, the school will work with families and staff to develop strategies to support appropriate behavior.
- **Service Selection:** In the event that there are more requests than available spots, priority will be given to students with full-time placements. The selection process will be at the discretion of the school principal and communicated in consultation with parents.
- **New Junior Class Students:** Please note that students beginning in the Junior Class will not be eligible for the bus service until Semester 2, or after a prior assessment by our Allied Health Team.

We encourage families to submit their bus service requests early to help us effectively plan for 2025. Be sure to complete the upcoming expression of interest form, and provide any additional information about your child's travel needs or alternative addresses, if applicable.

The process for booking a bus service has changed slightly and we will share this information with families very soon (through SeeSaw). If you have any questions or require assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

We look forward to continuing to support our school community with safe and reliable transportation in 2025!

Warm regards,
St Patrick's Leadership Team





Pageant Accessibility

National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant and South Australian Tourism Commission have provided St Patrick's a limited number of passes to the Christmas Pageant Community Site in Wakefield Street. If you are interested in attending, **please email info@stpats.catholic.edu.au by midday, Monday 28/10/24**, including how many wristbands you would like to request. Everyone in the community site must wear a wristband except children aged 3 years and under. General pageant accessibility information can be found [online](#).

DIARY DATES

- Thurs - 31 October**
 - Last day for Book Club orders
- Fri - 22 November**
 - Graduation Dinner 6pm
- Tues - 3 December**
 - End of Year Mass @ The Monastery
- Fri - 6 December**
 - End of Year Christmas Party
- Thurs - 12 December**
 - Last day of term finishes 3pm



Dear Families,

Scholastic catalogues have been sent home for you to look through.

There is no expectation to order, however if you are interested in purchasing some new books for you home libraries, it is a fantastic and inexpensive option. The school also gains reward points for every parent order placed, which goes toward purchasing new books and resources for the school library.

Ordering from the catalogue is easy! The Book Club LOOP platform allows you to order and pay online by credit card. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/loop or by using the LOOP app. Your order is submitted directly to the school and the books will be delivered directly to your child's class.

Please see the final date to order on this note and also on the front of your catalogue.

Happy reading!

Jemma Dougan
 School Speech Pathologist

ORDER BY:
31/10/24
 THURSDAY, WEEK 3,
 TERM 4

22.11.24 Class of 2024

Graduation Dinner

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024 | 6PM
JARMERS KITCHEN
18 PARK TCE, BOWDEN

ADULTS \$49 | STUDENTS & CHILDREN \$35
DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Bus Phone Numbers



Red Bus:
0407 606 950
Green Bus:
0417 821 292
Rainbow Bus:
0406 829 513

Adelaide Kids & Youth Disability Expo

Free Entry
Saturday Nov 30, 2024
Netball SA Stadium
kidsyouthdisabilityexpo.com.au

The Southern Cross
Part of your Catholic family since 1867
Living Catholic



Sunday
3rd November 2024
10am till 10:45am
Walkerville
Primary School Gym

Do you have a neurodiverse child (age 7-13) with sensory needs and you don't know how to get them into sport?

Sensory Friendly Come and Try

FREE SESSION
REGISTER TO JOIN

