



ST PATRICK'S SPECIAL SCHOOL

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Wrapping up Term 3: Celebrations, Farewells, and Exciting Times Ahead

As we conclude a vibrant and rewarding Term 3, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our students, staff, and families for their continued support and engagement. It's been a busy term filled with special moments, achievements, and community spirit!

We hope everyone enjoys a restful and rejuvenating holiday break. We look forward to welcoming all our students back on Tuesday, October 15. Please remember that Monday, October 14, is a staff professional learning day.

We've had many wonderful moments this term, and we'd like to take a moment to celebrate a few of them:

Last Wednesday, students from the Blue Class had an incredible experience visiting Parliament House. They were treated to a guided tour by the Member for Bragg, Jack Battey (MP). The students thoroughly enjoyed learning about our state's democratic process and had the opportunity to ask some great questions!

A huge congratulations to our talented students, Katia, Isaiah, and Sophie, who took to the stage on Wednesday evening to perform at the Catholic Schools Music Festival. They represented St Patrick's beautifully and did us proud with their outstanding performance! Special thanks to Kirsty, Maddi and Sam who supported the students and ensured they were prepared for such a wonderful showcase of talent.

To wrap up the term, today we held a Footy Colours Day, where students and staff proudly wore their favourite team's colours to celebrate the upcoming AFL and NRL Grand Finals. It was a fantastic way to end the term, with everyone getting into the spirit of the occasion!

Farewell and Best Wishes

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Hollie, an Educational Support Officer in our Purple Class, all the very best as she embarks on her parental leave. Hollie has been an invaluable part of our community, and we can't wait to meet the newest members of her family!

Holiday Works and Improvements

Over the holiday break, we have some exciting updates happening across the school:

- New Carpet Installation: The administration office will receive a fresh look with brand-new carpet.
- Junior Yard Upgrades: We will also be making improvements to the Junior Yard, including extending the fence around the admin building, enhancing safety and space for our students.

These works are part of our ongoing commitment to improving our facilities and creating a welcoming and safe environment for everyone. As we move forward, we continue to work closely with Catholic Education South Australia and Studio Nine Architects as we finalise the next stages of our Master Plan.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Rest up, and we'll see you all in Term 4, ready for more learning, growth, and fun!

Sean

Sean Perry
Acting Principal

Right to Disconnect



On August 26, the Right to Disconnect laws came into effect across Australia. We recognise the Right of our staff to disconnect and support a healthy work-life balance. As a school community, we are currently working on protocols for our staff to support this new legislation.

1. Communication Hours:

- Where possible, we ask parents and caregivers to communicate with staff during school hours. Non-urgent communication will be responded to within 48 hours.
- Urgent messages will be responded to as soon as possible.
- Communication hours for teachers will be between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.
- Communication regarding the Morning Bus Services can be made at any time (the earlier, the better) via text message to the bus phone. For changes to the afternoon bus service, please contact the office directly on 8266 8700 or via email on info@stpats.catholic.edu.au

2. Urgent Matters:

- For urgent matters that require immediate attention (such as safety concerns or emergencies), please contact the school office by email info@stpats.catholic.edu.au, text 0457 868 650 or phone 8266 8700

3. School-wide Communication:

- For general queries or information, parents are encouraged to contact the school office or individual staff members during school hours.

By following these protocols, we ensure that our school community fosters respectful, healthy communication practices while allowing staff to maintain their professional and personal boundaries.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Prayer for Refugee and Migrant Sunday

Loving God,

We come before you with open hearts, mindful of those who are displaced, those who have fled their homes in search of safety, hope, and a better life.

We pray for all refugees and migrants around the world, who journey through uncertainty, carrying with them the weight of fear and loss.

Lord, may your presence be their guide in moments of despair, may your love be their comfort when they feel alone, and may your peace calm their hearts in times of uncertainty.

We ask you to bless all countries and communities that open their arms to welcome those in need, and may we be inspired to show compassion and kindness to those who seek refuge among us.

Help us to see your face in every stranger, and may our hearts be moved to offer hope, shelter, and solidarity.

In the spirit of your Son, Jesus Christ, who knew what it was to be displaced, may we always stand with the vulnerable, and work together to build a world where no one is forgotten or left behind.

We ask this in your name,
Amen.

Over the past few weeks, I have truly enjoyed spending time with our students in their classrooms. From participating in music lessons to engaging in daily activities, these moments have allowed me to build stronger connections with the incredible young people in our community. It's been such a joy to witness their creativity and enthusiasm.

I have also been fortunate to visit other special schools across Adelaide, learning from their experiences and strengthening ties with fellow educators. These visits have reinforced my appreciation for the work we do here and have sparked exciting ideas for Catholic Special Schools future.

In addition, I have had the privilege of presenting reports to various committees within Catholic Education South Australia. This has been an important opportunity to highlight the wonderful work happening within Catholic Special Schools.

Being a part of the Catholic Special Schools community has been the highlight of my term, and I am excited to continue building relationships with you all.

Shannon

Shannon Correll
Principal
Catholic Special Schools



On Wednesday September 18, Senior West had the opportunity to attend the '2024 Inclusive Track and Field Carnival' at Athletics SA Stadium. The students participated in a number of events... the 100m and 200m walk/run, shotput and long/high jump. It was a fantastic opportunity to partner with other special schools and share the love of movement, team work and trying new things. We look forward to competing once again next year!

Maddi Ross - Senior Teacher



Friendship Tree

Middle Purple class explored the qualities that make a good friend. In a creative and engaging project, the students created a "Friendship Tree" with the help of the staff as a visual representation of these important qualities.

Each leaf on our Friendship Tree represents a different attribute of a good friend, such as kindness, trustworthiness, empathy, and support. Through discussions and collaborative work, the students identified and articulated these traits, gaining some understanding of what it means to be a good friend and how to nurture positive relationships.

Imesha Ekanayake - Middle Purple Teacher

Government House

Early this month, Thomas and Alex went to Government House as our nominated representatives at the Governor's reception for Year 12 school leaders.

The photos show what an amazing opportunity it was for them, and they certainly rose to the occasion and proudly represented our school.



Mum's Dinner @ The Feathers Hotel



Emily from our P&F organised a mums night out last week at The Feathers Hotel. It was a fun night, with a great turn out. Photos were thought of at the end of the night - sorry we didn't capture everyone!

DIARY DATES

Friday 27 September

- Last day of term finishes 3pm

Tuesday 15 October

- Students return to school

Friday 22 November

- Graduation Dinner 6pm

Thursday 12 December

- Last day of term finishes 3pm

Bus Phone Numbers



Red Bus:

0407 606 950

Green Bus:

0417 821 292

Rainbow Bus:

0406 829 513

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Rotary Club of Adelaide invites our students to the

World Festival Of Magic

Date: Friday 29th of November and Saturday 30th of November 2024

Cost: FREE

Tickets and Seating: One ticket per person attending the show. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Seating isn't allocated. Please note that our performances will include some flashing lights and occasional loud or dramatic music.

Time: Friday 29th November; 4:30PM & 6:30PM

Saturday 30th of November; 11AM, 1PM, 4PM

Duration: Approximately 1 hour 20 minutes

Location: Woodville Hall



If you would like to request tickets, please email info@stpats.catholic.edu.au to advise your preferred day and time, and number of tickets. RSVP by 15/10/2024.

School Uniforms

When ordering new school uniforms online, select 'Click and Collect' and they will be delivered via school for free.

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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



PHOTO ORDERS

A reminder that school photo orders will be delivered early next term. Packs can still be ordered, but will incur a \$5 late fee to cover admin costs.



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