



ST PATRICK'S SPECIAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

From the Principal

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is already over, and what a fantastic term it has been. This term has seen many of the classes enjoy a number of different excursions and events, the opening of our library, and the beginning of new connections as we strive to continue to deliver the best learning opportunities for our students.

On March 26, we held our bi-annual Expo; this provided the opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect with a number of Disability Support Providers and start the conversations around what supports are in the community for our students and their families. A big thank you to Kylie and Maddi for arranging this, and a big thank you also to Sam Scott (La Prova Wines) for his kind donation.

Also, on March 26, we welcomed Justin from Studio Nine Architects to lead a community consultation as we start to look toward our Master Plan. This is an exciting journey that is ahead, and we look forward to continued connection with Justin as we look into how we can creatively use the space we have.

Finally, on Tuesday, Jarrad and Marie were fortunate to visit Adelaide West Special Education Centre. This term we have been working on building connections with Our Lady of LaVang and other Special Education environments. This particular visit provided the opportunity to view classrooms and work with their outreach team. In the coming term, we look forward to having more staff visit Adelaide West, as well as reciprocate with their staff coming to St Pat's to view what we do. We are always looking to learn and review what we offer our students.

As we come to the close of the school term, we wish you all a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday April 30 for the beginning of Term 2

With Thanks

Cathy and Sean





**Ever-present God,
we praise you with Easter joy
because Christ is our redeemer.
Through the eucharist, we live the risen life
keep us faithful to Jesus,
who is always with us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen**





We are excited to have a newly transformed library space in the school. The library has a range of books and a writing zone with a post box. Students are enjoying using the library to explore new books and write letters to each other. We are planning to purchase more books for the library. Any donations of good quality picture books will be gratefully received.



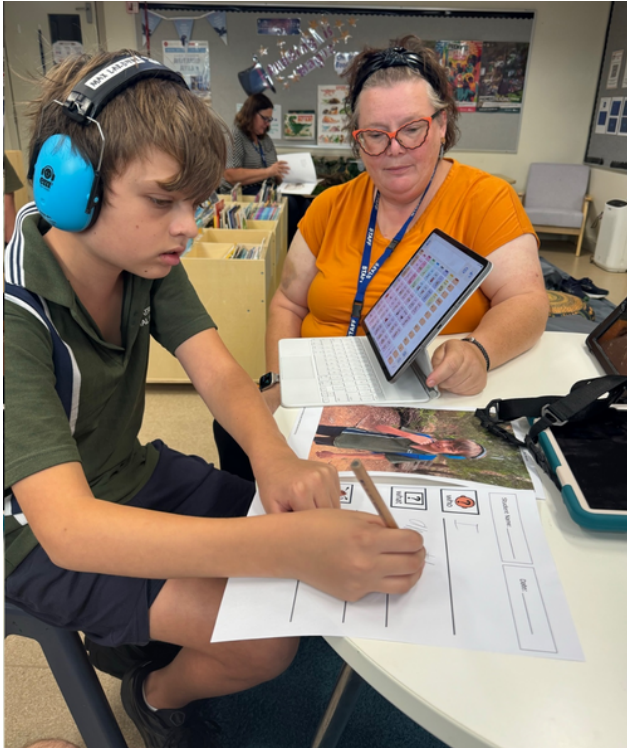
Sebastian and Maron from the Green Class looking at the Dinosaur Book display.

Frank and Helen from the Green Class enjoying a story together.

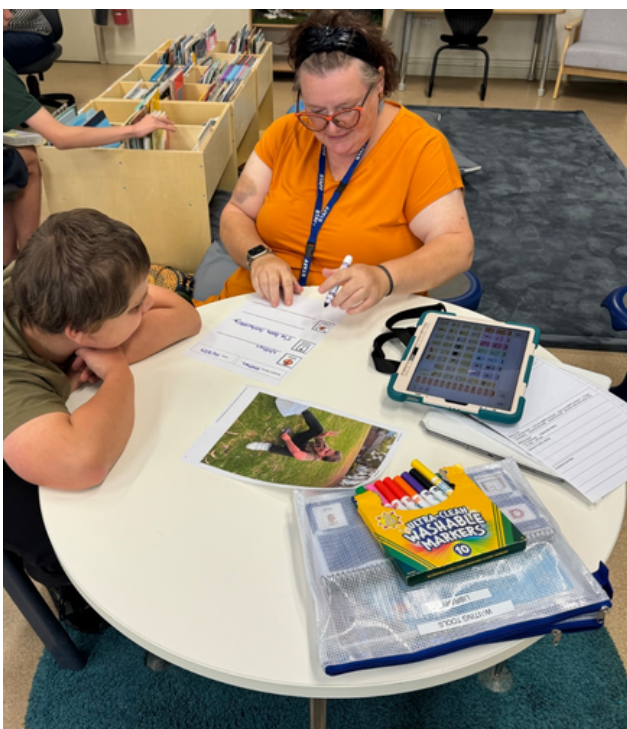


Comprehensive Literacy Approach

Jane Farrall returned last week to continue supporting teachers with implementing the Comprehensive Literacy Approach across the school. Jane wrote with many students during her visit and the progress from last year has been a big celebration.



Max and Nathan from the Blue Class writing with Jane in the library.



National Simultaneous Storytime

Next term we will participate in National Simultaneous Storytime. This is an annual event where millions of children read the same book at the same time across Australia. The book this year is Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker.



Students across the school will participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge again this year. As part of this, students are encouraged to read at least 12 books before the challenge closes in September.

The challenge is flexible for students with disabilities and can involve reading books at their reading level, engaging with adapted texts, talking books or eBooks.

We look forward to seeing the books students read throughout the year and we will celebrate with an awards ceremony at the end of the year.

Speed Limit Change



City of Burnside are introducing new 40km/h zones including Dulwich and Toorak Gardens. Please be mindful of new speed limits and signage which is being installed.



AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

50% OFF

APRIL 16-23



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

Autism Acceptance Month Discount 2024

From April 16 to April 23, AssistiveWare will offer 50% off some of our most popular AAC apps.

DIARY DATES 2024

TERM 1
Friday 12 April
• School term ends 3pm

TERM 2
Monday 29 April
• Professional Development Day
(Pupil Free Day)

Tuesday 30 April
• Students return to school

Friday 7 June
• Professional Development Day
(Pupil Free Day)

Friday 5 July
• School term ends 3pm

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