



# ST PATRICK'S SPECIAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families

## Lions Child of Courage Award

Each year we have the opportunity to nominate a student for the Lions Children of Courage Awards. This year we nominated Verity from our Senior West class as a very worthy recipient. Verity embodies courage and resilience every day, she inspires her classmates and uplifts our school community. I was privileged to attend the ceremony at Government House on Monday, 28 October 2024 along with Verity and her parents Sue and John.



## Adelaide 500

It was exciting to be immersed in a little bit of Adelaide 500 fever last week with a visit from the Mustang track car. The students had a great time imagining the thrill of being part of the race action.

## 2025

Classes for 2025 are currently being finalised and then any students who are moving to a new class will begin preparation for transition. This process is a collaboration between class teachers and Allied Health to ensure a strength based and success orientated approach for our students. New students to our school will also begin their transition visits over the coming weeks and we look forward to welcoming these new families to the St Pat's community.

## Keeping Abbey and Her Family in Our Thoughts and Prayers

As a school community, we are deeply connected by the care and support we offer one another. Today, we hold Abbey from Purple Class close in our hearts as she faces significant health challenges. During this time, we also extend our love and prayers to her parents, Sarah and Simon, and her brother, Will, wrapping them in the warmth of our collective support.

*Cathy*

Cathy Sires

Principal - St Patrick's Special School



**“God knows the sufferings of his children because he is an attentive and caring father. As a father, he takes care of those who are most in need: the poor, the marginalised, the suffering and the forgotten. No one is excluded from his heart, for in his eyes, we are all poor and needy.”**

World Day of the Poor Message, 2024

Pope Francis declared Sunday 17 November 2024 to be the eighth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of “The prayer of the poor rises up to God.”

The expression that gives the 2024 World Day of the Poor its theme is taken from the Book of Sirach (cf. Sir 21:5), which Pope Francis says is not sufficiently known and deserves to be discovered for the richness of its themes.

In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father reiterates that “the poor hold a privileged place in God’s heart” and invites everyone to learn to pray for the poor and to pray together with the poor, with humility and trust.

In his message Pope Francis criticises policies that promote wars. He writes: “The violence caused by wars clearly shows the arrogance of those who consider themselves to be powerful before men and women, but they are poor in the eyes of God. How many more people are impoverished by misguided policies involving weapons! How many innocent victims! Yet we cannot turn our backs to this reality.”

The Holy Father highlighted the example of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who spent her life working for the poor and who described herself as “only a poor sister who prays.”

“We are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus who always began by showing solidarity when dealing with the least among us,” the Pope said.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was an honour to attend the recent music evening and watch the senior students perform. Their talent was remarkable, showcasing not only impressive musical skills, but also their confidence and creativity. Thank you Kirsty for sharing your amazing talent with our students. It was also lovely to meet so many families on the evening and I look forward to meeting more of you at the End of Year Mass.

I recently had the opportunity to visit some other Catholic special schools, gaining valuable insights that will support our future directions at Catholic Special Schools. Seeing their facilities and environments firsthand has inspired new ideas and possibilities for our schools. In addition to this, I've been involved in numerous meetings at Catholic Education Office, working closely with teams about the third Catholic Special School site. I look forward to sharing more updates as this project continues to take shape!

Kind regards

*Shannon*

Shannon Correll  
Principal - Catholic Special Schools



The Blue Class and Senior West classes showcased their musical talents in an evening performance for their families. The event featured a mix of solos, duets, group drumming, and electric guitar showstoppers, with music ranging from Mary Poppins tunes to ACDC classics. The night was a celebration of the unique musical skills of each student, leaving the audience in awe and filled with joy. It was a memorable event that highlighted the power of music to bring the school community together. Many more to come!

*Kirsty - Music Teacher*



# Music Showcase



## Junior Class Bear Hunt

The Junior Class has been exploring the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The students have engaged with a variety of interactive experiences relating to the book! Some favourites have been engaging with the touch and feel story, sensory trays and sequencing and matching tasks!

*Hannah & Georgie - Junior Class Teachers*





# Outdoor CLASSROOM DAY

During Week 5 our students celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day! This year was themed around the River Murray, with students exploring and learning about various flora and fauna of the region. Educators and our Allied Health team supported students to engage in outdoor learning spaces and activities including a scavenger hunt, nature painting, ice breaking, and water play.



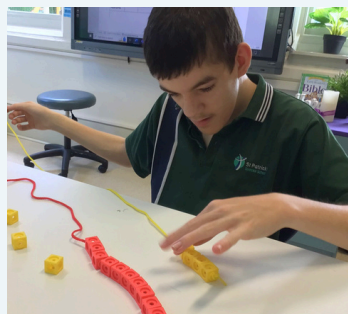


# Life Skills in the Purple Class



The Middle Purple Class launched a life skills project featuring several activities that will be beneficial for students in their daily lives. The activities include working on zippers, buckles, shoe laces, buttons, threading, using a dustpan and brush, tongs, and preparing a simple meal. Below are some photos showcasing our progress from this term!

Imesha - Purple Class Teacher



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

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 tickets, please email [info@stpats.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stpats.catholic.edu.au) or phone 8266 8700 with your preferred performance date/time.



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## DIARY DATES

**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

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## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Monday to Friday 13pm to 6pm (1-3 hour sessions)  
Drop off and Pick up Available | 1:3 or 1:1 Ratio Available



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# NEW **40 KM/H** SPEED LIMITS IN BURNSIDE

Hi there. We have some important updates on local speed limits to help keep our community safe. Following last year's consultation, the new 40 km/h speed limits are now in effect in several areas of the City of Burnside:

- Rose Park, Dulwich, and Toorak Gardens
- Beulah Park and parts of Kensington Park
- Parts of Frewville, Glenunga, and Glen Osmond
- Kensington Gardens and parts of Magill

And just a quick reminder about school zones across South Australia: please remember that speed limits are set to 25 km/h whenever children are present, including when they're arriving or leaving school. Slowing down makes a huge difference in keeping kids, parents, and staff safe.

Thanks for doing your part to create safer streets for everyone. Stay safe and take care!





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