

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2 2024

Week 5

Monday 27th -
Wednesday 29th May
SAPSASA Boys Football
Adelaide

Friday 31st May
Pupil free day

Week 6

Wednesday 5th
NRL Tag Rugby Carnival
Jamestown Yr 4 - 6

Friday 7th June
No GHS bus run

Week 7

Monday 10th June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 14th June
Stadium Day

St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

Week 5 Term 2 2024

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"May we imitate Mary's example of readiness and generosity in the service of our brethren" - Pope Benedict XVI



Catholic Education Week was a fantastic opportunity to reflect upon the things we appreciate and admire about our School.

Sadie: We all have lots of friends to look out for us

Lara: Everybody is kind and welcoming at our school

Anastasia: The teachers and staff help children when they're hurt, sad or alone

Noah: Everybody is welcoming, caring, supportive and generous

Zephyr: We have a new playground space

Isla: We do the Angelus and have new play equipment

Erin: All the teachers are kind and supportive

Jacob: The teachers are there to support us

Camryn: We are welcoming to others and show others how to be nice

Adele: We do Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls and morning teas to celebrate our parents

Lucca: It's really easy to make friends and you can always trust your teachers and peers

Elsie: The teachers are kind and supportive to everyone

Ava: We are kind and caring

Chloe: We do lunch time activities and I love Sounds Write

Skylah: The teachers support us



ILLNESS

The school is currently being hit very hard with staff and student illness. It started late last week and has continued throughout this week. Although what everyone is currently experiencing doesn't appear to be Covid, we all remember the protocols we needed to follow and we should treat most illnesses in the same way. That is, if your child has any symptoms of an illness e.g. coughs, runny noses, headaches, etc. please don't send them to school — and perhaps even give them an extra day to fully recover.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Prayer for Australia

God of holy Dreaming, Great Creator Spirit, from the dawn of creation you have given your children
the good things of Mother Earth.
You spoke and the gum tree grew.
In the vast desert and dense forest, and in cities at the water's edge, Creation sings your praise.
Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our Land.
When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of all your people and became one with your
wounded ones; the convicts, the hunted, and the dispossessed.
The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew, and bathed it in glorious hope.
In Jesus we have been reconciled to you, to each other and to your whole creation.
Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from the four corners of the earth; Enable us to walk together
in trust from the hurt of the past into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

SAPSASA

Congratulations to Brenton and Charlie who have been selected for SAPSASA Football. From all accounts they are having a great time in Adelaide, being coached by Mr. Arbon. We'll hear how they went when they get back.



PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that we have a pupil free day this Friday. Our staff are going to be joined by the staff of St Joseph's, Peterborough and St James, Jamestown. We will be working with Fr. Michael Trainer who will be relating the words of Mark's Gospel to our lives.

MID YEAR ENROLMENTS

We are currently finalising our Mid-Year enrolments. If you are aware of any families who may be considering enrolling mid-year at St Joseph's, please ask them to contact the school asap.

The Specifics: Our school has TWO intakes into Reception each year (Term 1 and Term 3).

The relevant dates for new Receptions:

- If your child turns 5 on or before the 30th April they can start school in Term 1 of that year.
- If your child turns 5 on or before 31 October they can start school in Term 3 of that year.
- Children starting in Reception in Term 3 will have a minimum of 6 terms in Reception.
- Children whose birthday falls between 1 November and 31 December are not eligible to commence school before the following year.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AT ST JOSEPH'S

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Coming up this Friday we have a beautiful and profound feast: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on May 31st. This feast commemorates the visit of Mary, pregnant with Jesus, to her cousin Elizabeth, who was herself expecting John the Baptist. More than just a historical event, the Visitation offers us timeless lessons of faith, compassion, and service, which are as relevant today as they were over two thousand years ago.

1. Act of Service and Love

Mary's journey to Elizabeth was not a short or easy one. It was a journey undertaken out of love and a desire to serve. In our busy lives, we are often overwhelmed by our responsibilities. Yet, the Visitation reminds us of the importance of reaching out to those in need. Whether it's a neighbor going through a tough time, a family member in need of support, or participating in community service, our acts of kindness can have a profound impact.

2. Joy in Faith

Elizabeth's joyful exclamation and Mary's Magnificat highlight the joy that comes from faith and the recognition of God's work in our lives. Today, we are constantly bombarded with negative news and challenges. Finding joy in our faith, celebrating our blessings, and recognizing God's presence in everyday moments can uplift our spirits and those around us.

3. Intergenerational Relationships

The relationship between Mary and Elizabeth also underscores the beauty of intergenerational support and friendship. In our present world, where generational gaps can sometimes lead to misunderstandings, fostering relationships between the young and the elderly can enrich our communities.

4. Trust in God's Plan

Mary's acceptance of her role in God's plan, despite the uncertainties and challenges it brought, is a powerful example of trust and faith. In our lives, we often face uncertainty and fear about the future. Turning to God in prayer, trusting in His plan, and being open to His guidance can help us navigate life's challenges with peace and confidence.





WOODHOUSE ADVENTURE CAMP
31 JULY - 2 AUGUST - WEEK 2, TERM 3

**YEAR 3,4,5,6
CAN & BOTTLE
DRIVE**

This year Parents & Friends are organising a fundraiser in Term 2 for the Year 3-6 school camp, in an effort to reduce camp cost for all families.

Participation is easy!

- We will collect from your location - Date TBA.
- Place your cans & bottles in the bins provided at the school from term 2.
- Or take to your nearest recycling depo & bring the money into to the school office for banking.

Start saving your empty cans and bottles.
Spread the word to your neighbours and relatives.



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