

# NEWSLETTER



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 3 2024

#### Week 6

**Thursday 29th August**  
Father's Day Stall

**Friday 30th August**  
Father's Day Breakfast  
8am-9am  
Year 5/6 Class Mass and  
Assembly 9am

**Sunday 1st September**  
Father's Day

#### Week 7

**Tuesday 3rd Sept**  
St James Production  
Excursion—Whole  
School

**Friday 6th September**  
Stadium Day  
Playgroup is BACK  
9:30am—11:00am  
Save the date-bring a  
friend

#### **Insert:**

Book Club  
Father's Day Stall Flyer

# St Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

## Week 5 Term 3 2024

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*"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." - Proverbs 22:6*



## BOOK WEEK

As you all know, this week is Book Week—a time that can be a bit stressful for parents as you search for the perfect costume for your child for the annual Book Week Parade.

When it comes to dressing up, I must say I'm always impressed by the high standard of costumes here at St. Joseph's, and by high standards, I don't mean expensive, I mean creative. The children always look fantastic and truly enjoy the event, so parents, you deserve a big round of applause!

However, in the midst of all the costume excitement, it's easy to forget the real purpose of Book Week. This week serves as a wonderful reminder of the importance of reading, and that goes for everyone, not just children. It's crucial for parents and the school to work together to foster a love of reading in our children. Taking the time to read with or to your child can be an incredibly rewarding experience.

An initiative we introduced a few years back is our reading logs. The idea of these is to encourage all children to read consistently and take responsibility for keeping a record of it. Our recent assessment data shows that our school wide reading 'scores' have increased since we introduced these (along with other good quality teaching). If you have any questions about how to make reading enjoyable for your child, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teacher.

## NAPLAN RESULTS

All schools have received their most recent NAPLAN results. As a staff we have spent time analysing ours. Our teachers in all grades analyse these because even though it is only the Yr 3 and 5 students that participate in them, they are a reflection on all learning that the child has done up until the year of the test. Some years we have small cohorts participating which can skew our overall data and make it tricky for comparisons, this year however we had good numbers in the Yr 3 & 5 cohorts so it made comparing a worthwhile experience. Overall we were very happy with our results. I have included a table below that compares our results to: 1. All schools in the Port Pirie Diocese (this includes many small country schools like ours), 2. All Catholic schools in South Australia and 3. The National average (all schools in Australia). As you will see our results are higher in most areas in the comparisons. We continue to look for where we can improve but at the same time, what we need to continue to do well.

	YEAR LEVEL	READING	WRITING	SPELLING	GRAMMAR	NUMERACY
Our school average	3	395	443	407	408	412
All schools in Pt Pirie Diocese	3	390	415	396	395	400
All SA Catholic Schools	3	401	424	406	404	401
National Schools	3	404	416	402	409	404
	YEAR LEVEL	READING	WRITING	SPELLING	GRAMMAR	NUMERACY
Our school average	5	508	495	502	514	519
All schools in Pt Pirie Diocese	5	462	462	464	471	465
All SA Catholic Schools	5	484	484	487	488	480
National Schools	5	491	485	486	498	489

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of a beautiful new addition to the family! Congratulations to Kaitlin, Jamie, and big sisters Emily and Chelsea on the birth of their precious baby girl, Chloe, born on the 10th of August. We wish your family lots of joy, love, and happiness as you welcome your new little one into the world.



## CATHOLIC IDENTITY AT ST JOSEPH'S

### FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day will be celebrated on 1st September. It is nice for us to acknowledge the role of parents throughout the year, and this time it is our Fathers. We would like to say thank you to all of the fathers and those who take on fatherly roles for the children of our school.

Fathers Day will be the theme for Mr Arbon's class mass, which will be held on Friday 30th August at 9:00am.

Below is a message from Pope Francis to all fathers:

*St Joseph is the model of the educator and the dad, the father.*

*I, therefore, entrust to his protection those who are fathers.*

*Best wishes to you on your day!*

*I ask for you the grace to be ever closer to your children, allow them to grow, but be close, close!*

*They need you, your presence, your closeness, your love.*

*May you be for them as St Joseph was: guardians of their growth in age, wisdom and grace.*

*May you guard them on their journey: be educators and walk with them.*

*Thank you for all you do for your children: thank you.*

*May St Joseph bless you and accompany you.*



**Pope Francis**

### FATHER'S DAY STALL

We will be selling Father's Day items at our Father's Day stall on Thursday 29th August. The items will be priced from \$1 up. It is always a good idea for our younger children to have their money put in a zip lock bag (or purse) with their name on.



