

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3 2024

Week 7

Friday 6th Sept

Stadium Day

Joey's for Juniors

Playgroup 9:30am-11:00

Week 8

SAPSASA Hockey

Adelaide

Wednesday 11th Sept

Yr. 3/4 Class excursion to

Corridors of Green

Week 9

Monday 16th Sept

SAPSASA Athletics

Adelaide

Wednesday 18th Sept

Whole School Excursion

to "Elf" in Port Pirie

Friday 22nd Sept

Stadium day

Joey's for Juniors

Playgroup

9:30am-11:00am

Insert :

ELF permission slip

Colouring Competition

St Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

Week 7 Term 3 2024

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6TH SEPTEMBER 2023



It is our responsibility, that no child feels left alone or abandoned – "they are entitled to an education and to feel the love of a family so they know that God does not forget them."

Pope Francis



R/1 CLASS

Our class enjoyed reading the book 'The Paper-Flower Girl' during Book Week. Students got the opportunity to be paper flower makers and make their own elaborate vase of flowers. Students enjoyed being creative and did a fantastic job.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

It was fantastic to have so many Fathers, Grandfathers and special men in the lives of our students give up their time to come to our Father's day Breakfast. The children and staff enjoyed serving them and it was great seeing our 'Dads' getting to chat with some of our other school dads.



TERM 3 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Week 8 & 9 (commencing Monday 9th September) have been allocated for parents who would like to discuss their child/ren's learning. If you wish to arrange an interview please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment. **This is not compulsory**, however some teachers may ask to see parents during that week and you will be notified if this is the case.

RESEARCH AROUND STUDENT ABSENCES AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Every day counts

"Every day counts and there is no 'safe' threshold for absences"

– Hancock et al., 2013

There are many factors that influence student achievement, including teacher quality and student engagement. Attendance is also an important contributor to a student's academic achievement – all school days matter. The correlation between absence and achievement is consistently negative and declines in achievement are evident with any level of absence. Although authorised absences and smaller amounts of absence were associated with only small declines in achievement, all absences count, and the impact of absence increases with the number of absences (Hancock et al., 2013).

Absence type effects impact

"Not all absences are equal when it comes to student outcomes"

– Hancock, Gottfried, & Zubrick, 2018

'Authorised' absences typically have parent-approved explanations that schools find acceptable. For example, illness, medical/health care appointments, religious or cultural activities, suspension from school, family holidays or bereavement (ACARA, 2015b). 'Unauthorised' absences occur when a school either does not receive an explanation or where the explanation given is deemed unacceptable by the school/school principal; for example in the case of truancy (ACARA, 2015b).

Unauthorised absences are typically associated with larger declines in student achievement (Gershenson, Jackowitz, & Brannegan, 2017; Gottfried, 2009; Hancock et al., 2013; Zubrick, 2014). Although a smaller proportion of students have unauthorised absences, unauthorised absences have a more negative effect on student achievement than authorised absences. For example, Hancock et al. found that students with more than 20% authorised absences (up to 40 authorised full day absences per year) and no unauthorised absences, still achieved higher at the Year 5 level on the numeracy domain than students with 5% unauthorised absences (up to 10 unauthorised full day absences per year)

Congratulations to Lucas Yao who achieved an 'A' (Honours) in his recent "Piano for Leisure Comprehensive Grade 1" Piano Exam.

Teacher: Rhonda Parker



NEW STUDENTS

We would like to welcome Ava and Tilly to our school as well as their parents Shanais and Jason. Ava and Tilly are twins and will join our Yr. 2 class who are very excited to have some new members.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AT ST JOSEPH'S

RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT TOOL (TEST)

This week, our year 4 students have completed a practice test for the Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (RELAT). This is a test conducted for all year 4 students in Catholic schools across the state. They will complete their real test next week.

SACRAMENTAL STUDENTS

This year we have 5 students celebrating their Sacraments. Isla, Adele and Ava L. will be celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist and Ava C. and Georgie will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. At Mass this weekend they will making a commitment to their preparation program and ask for blessings and prayers of their parents and parish community.

OPERATION SHOEBOX (FOR CHRISTMAS)

This year our Religious Leader, Georgie, has asked if we could do operation shoebox, which we have agreed to. Today each family will receive a shoe box and a pamphlet explaining what this is about and what can and can't go in this box which will then be sent away to where they are needed. The boxes will need to be returned before the end of the term. This is not compulsory at all, so please do not feel like you have to participate.





BMCC
EST 2019

SPARKS FAMILY RIDE DAY

Sunday 22nd September

\$25 Juniors
\$70 Seniors

Free balance bike track for the little ones

308 Old Terowie Rd, Belalie North

Sign In: From 8am
Riders brief: 9:45am
Ride: 10-4pm

CASH ONLY

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE

Saturday Evening

Live music
Free camping
BYO food and drinks



BOWMAN PARK
SUNDAY 20TH

CRYSTAL BROOK
COLOUR RUN

OCTOBER 2024
10:30AM - 1PM

CHECK IN FROM 10AM

BYO WHITE T SHIRT

\$20 13 YEARS AND ABOVE
\$15 4-12 YEAR OLDS
FREE 3 & UNDER
(MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A REGISTERED PARTICIPANT)

NOVELTIES, FOOD & DRINK STALLS + CFS WATER SPLASH

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PRE-PURCHASED TICKETS ONLINE ONLY
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Foster Care

Do you have spare time on week-ends?
Or maybe free time in the school holidays?

Did you know that you could apply to become a Respite Carer?

If you would like to know more about the difference Respite Carers can make to a child please contact us.

Ph 86339023
ucsa.org.au/foster-care





SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

JAMESTOWN SA'S PREMIER COUNTRY SHOW

OCTOBER 6TH & 7TH, 2024

Don't forget to share the ❤️ #jamestownshow, #octoberlongweekend, #visitjamestown

PORT PIRIE YOUTH THEATRE



elf JR.
The Musical

Tickets now on sale

Friday 20th September at 7pm
Saturday 21st September at 7pm

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8633 8500 or book online!



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