

NEWSLETTER



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"Peace is a gift of God, but requires our efforts. Let us be people of peace in prayer and deed" - Pope Francis



Congratulations to our Sacramental students



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4 2024

Week 1

Fri day 18th October
Stadium day
Joey's for Juniors 9:30am-11:00am

Sunday 20th October
SJPS Working Bee 8:30am

Week 2

SAPSASA Girls Football
Adelaide

Wednesday 23rd October
GPS Peter Pan Musical
Gladstone Town Hall 10am

Friday 25th October
Opening and Blessing of
New Facilities at SJPS 9:45

Week 3

Friday 1st November
Stadium day
Joey's for Juniors 9:30am-11:00am

Week 4

Tuesday 5th November
School Board Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 6th November
Catholic Schools Athletics
Carnival

Insert: Book Club



Dear Families

Welcome back to Term 4! It's hard to believe that in less than nine weeks, the 2024 school year will come to a close. For our Yr 6 students, this marks the end of their primary school journey. There is still so much to look forward to before then. On the back of the newsletter, you'll find a calendar of key events for the term, highlighting important dates to keep in mind.

SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Georgie, Matilda, Imogen, Makiah and Ava who have been selected for SAPSASA Football and will be competing in Adelaide for three days of next week. We wish you all good luck.

BLESSING & OPENING

Next Friday at 10:00am we have the blessing and opening of our new building as well as the new playground and landscaping. The opening and blessing will be conducted by Senator Karen Grogan and Bishop Karol Kulczycki. Even though we have occupied the building for a while now we deliberately waited till all of these areas were completed before we officially opened them both, this way we only had to organise one official event. There will be a number of invited guests attending and this is a reminder that all parents are invited to attend if they wish.

WORKING BEE—Sunday 20th October @ 8:30am



In preparation for the 'special' event next week we are having a Working Bee this coming Sunday 20th October to tidy up a few spaces. Steve and Ronald have done a great job keeping our landscaping looking great, but there are a few things that we need to do to make the school look its best. These include: washing windows, raking bark, pulling weeds, pruning a few branches, and a few other general tidy up jobs. If you can assist it would be much appreciated.

We will start at 8:30 am and we should be done in a few hours. If you are able to bring some of your own tools it would be great.

TEACHERS FOR 2025

I am pleased to announce that we will be retaining 4 classes for next year and that we will be having the same teachers in 2025 as well. The actual configuration of class structures is still being determined and will be announced in the near future.

SCHOOL BUS UPDATE

Our brand new 23 seater bus has actually arrived at the dealership earlier than we had expected. We are waiting for a few administrative compliance issues to be completed but it is looking like we will be able to start using this bus in the next few weeks which is exciting. For those unaware of how we came to get this bus, is due to the fact that there are not enough seats on the department bus for our students from Crystal Brook/Narridy and there is a chance that we may have even less in the future so we have had to upgrade from a 12 seater to the 23 seater. We had applied for some grant funding which we were successful in receiving. This bus will be used for the Crystal Brook bus run, but it will also come in extremely handy for local excursions as well.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to Isla, Ava L., and Adele on receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and to Ava C. and Georgie on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. What a special milestone in your faith journey! We also extend our thanks to Bishop Karol and Fr. Harold for leading such a meaningful Mass. May you all continue to grow in God's love and grace.

We would also like to thank Tamra Robinson for making the special cake.

"The Confirmation day and lead up was very exciting and to have Fr. Harold, Bishop Karol, my sponsor, family and friends there made the day even more special"—Georgie

"The lead up to Confirmation was very exciting but there was a little bit of nerves. On the day I was even more excited and I loved getting to do it all with Georgie." - Ava Coe

"At the start before Communion it was a lot of work to remember. We were all excited but very nervous. After all of my nervousness I was happy" - Isla

"It was very exciting to taste the bread and receive the body and blood of Christ" - Adele

"I was filled with excitement before receiving Holy Communion, the body and blood of Christ." - Ava Lynch



MISSION DAY

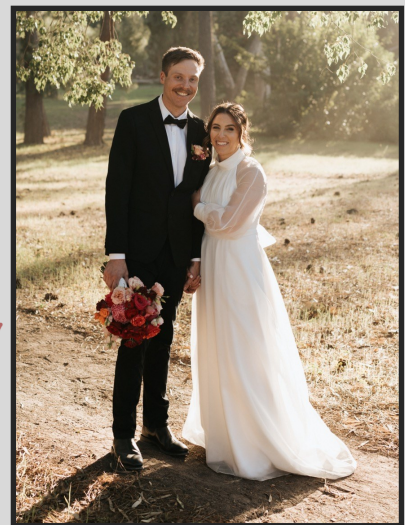
October is known as Mission month with this Sunday, 20th October, being Mission Sunday. Due to the timing we will be doing our annual Mission Day fundraising next month, on Friday 22nd November. Teachers will inform each of their classes soon as to what they will be doing.

MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

During Term 4 our classes will be having a focus on the *Being Sexual* strand of the Made in the Image of God program. Teachers will be sending home letters regarding what will be taught in their lessons. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher for more information.

Martin Hayes

*We wish Hannah
and her new
husband Riley all
the happiness in
the world as they
begin their journey
together as Mr.
and Mrs. Fuss*



TERM 4, 2024

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
1	Friday 18th October	Stadium Day St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:30am—11:00am
2	Monday 21st October Wednesday 23rd October Friday 25th October	SAPSASA Girls Football "Peter Pan" Musical 10:00am Opening and Blessing of new facilities 9:45am
3	Friday 1st November	Stadium Day St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:30am—11:00am
4	Tuesday 5th November Wednesday 6th November Friday 8th November	School Board Meeting 7pm Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival (Yr. 4-6) Yr. Rec/1 Class Mass & Assembly Mastermind Yr 5/6
5	Monday 11th November Friday 15th November	REMEMBRANCE DAY Stadium Day St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:30am—11:00am
6	Wednesday 20th November Friday 22nd November	First Reception Transition visit (8:50am—11:25am) Yr. 2 Class Mass & Assembly 9:00am Mission Day
7	Wednesday 27th November Friday 29th November	Second Reception Transition Visit (8:50am—1:50pm) Stadium Day St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:30am—11:00am
8	Tuesday 3rd December Wednesday 4th December	School Board Meeting and Board/P & F Dinner Third Reception transition visit (whole day)
9	Tuesday 10th December Wednesday 11th December Thursday 12th December Friday 13th December	Yr 6 Graduation dinner Second Semester reports home End of year Graduation Mass/Christmas Concert END OF TERM for students (3:10pm finish) PUPIL FREE DAY