NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

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Week 4

Tuesday 5th November School Board Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 6th November Catholic Athletics Carnival Adelaide Yr 3 - 6

Friday 8th November Yr R/1 Mass and Assembly 9am Mastermind Yr 5/6

Week 5

Monday 11th November Remembrance Day

Friday 15th November Stadium Day St Joey's for Juniors Playgroup 9:30am –11:00am

Week 6

Wednesday 20th Nov Rec 2025 Transition Day 8:50am—11:25am

Friday 22nd November Yr 2 Mass and Assembly 9am MISSION DAY Stalls 11:30am -12:30pm

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2025 Fee Schedule

St Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

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"Saints are not 'Supermen' who are 'born perfect', but rather are ordinary people who followed God with all their heart."

- Pope Francís

In Religious Education we have been learning about 'Right v Wrong' in regard to morals and values. We have discussed how our conscience is like a compass in the way it guides us in the right direction.



Isla: be respectful

Lucca: be fair

Ava: be kind with my words, actions and attitude

Lara: do the right thing even when no one is watching

Skylah: be helpful

Harry: be polite

Elsie: be loyal

Chloe: make others feel welcome

Anastasia: be open hearted

Zephyr: be happy

Sadie: be respectful

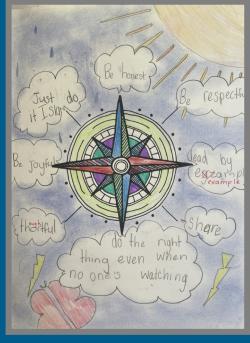
Noah: be thoughtful

Camryn: guide others

Adele: act like a leader, even without a title

Erin: treat people how I want to be treated

Jacob: be respectful





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2025 RECEPTION TRANSITIONS

Transition sessions for our 2025 Reception students will begin in Week 6, on Wednesday, 20th November They run for three weeks. This is an exciting time of year for these children, as well as for their parents and our entire school community. We look forward to warmly welcoming all the new faces!

BLESSING AND OPENING OF NEW SPACES

Last Friday we held the official blessing and opening of our Reception/Year 1 and amenities building and our new playground and outdoor learning spaces.

It was a beautiful occasion with some very special invited guests attending, including Mr. John Neate (chair of South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools, Ms. Nichii Mardon (Director of Port Pirie Diocese), Dr. Jill Gowdie (Director—Catholic Identity and Mission CESA) and Mr. Geoff Brock (Member for Stuart), other invited guests and a lovely turn out of our families.

A huge thankyou to Andrea, Dave, Max and Adeline, Jessica and Warrick, Nathan, Monica, Sophia, Ted and Heather who had come along the weekend before to our Working Bee to help make the place look its best. To all of the staff for their assistance in tidying the school, indoors and out, to our wonderful P&F for organising a beautiful morning tea and to Andrea for organising the logistics of the day (a big job over many months), it was a great showcase of our school and we were very proud.







SAPSASA GIRLS FOOTY

Last week we had five girls from our school selected in the girls SAPSASA football team:

"It was a great experience for all of us, but the best part was making new friends on and off the field. Overall we came fifth which was a great achievement considering some of the girls had never played" Georgie, Makiah, Imogen, Matilda and Ava.



SCHOOL FEES

Catholic Education South Australia has kept school fees on hold again for 2025. In this week's newsletter you will find the fee schedule and payment plan for 2025. It is important that you return the 'Payment plan agreement form' so that our finance officer knows when to expect your fees and can plan appropriately. We ask that this is returned by 15th November.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

HALLOWEEN THE CATHOLIC WAY - What is Halloween?

"All Hallows Eve" is where the name of Halloween comes from. A hallowed person is another name for a saint. We call October 31st All Hallow's Eve because it is the eve of All Saints Day which November 1st.

The Mass that the Catholic Church celebrates on November 1st was called "Allhallomas". This meant mass of all the hallowed (saintly people)." It was commonly called "All Hallow's Day".

The night before Nov. 1st became known as All hallowe'en, which was short for "evening before All Hallows' Day." It was then shortened to what we now know as Halloween.

Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day?

November 1st is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven, these people are formally recognised as saints by the Church.













MISSION WEEK

"Catholic Mission is the Pope's international Mission agency in Australia. An international organisation that partners with communities, helping them to flourish by supporting grassroots projects, including healthcare, education, and spiritual care. Our network of religious and lay missionaries operates in Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, the Americas."



We will be celebrating Mission Week Friday 22nd November. Each class will organise some fund raising activities. Children will be asked to bring in some money so that they can participate in the organised activities. This will be our way of supporting Catholic Mission Australia.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Free Community Event Locky's Run, Gladstone SA November 24, 2024

The Gladstone History Group & Locky's Hotel would like to invite you all to our Classic, Vintage and Muscle Car & Bike Show 'n Cruise in late November 2024. Vehicles will leave Locky's Hotel, Gladstone at 11am for a short Cruise through Crystal Brook and Laura Townships, before returning to Gladstone at midday for Show 'n Shine.

Trophies and Prizes - People's Choice Best Bike & Best Car.

Family Friendly - Free entry

From 12pm there will be Live Music outdoors, Sausage Sizzle

FREE ICE CREAM and FACE PAINTING & FACE GEMS

(From 12 pm, kids only, limited availability)

Vehicles accepted for Show 'n Cruise on the day, however please pre-register for event to assist with catering needs ph. 0498684550 gladstonesahistory@gmail.com

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