

## NEWSLETTER



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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### TERM 1 2025

#### WEEK 1

Friday 31st January  
Stadium Day

Joey's For Juniors  
Playgroup  
9:30am—11:00am

#### WEEK 2

Tuesday 4th February  
Parent Information Nigh  
R/1 5:30pm  
Sausage sizzle  
Yr 2/3 5:45pm  
Yr 3/4 6:00pm  
Yr3/4 6:15pm

Friday 7th February  
Beginning of Year Mass 9am

#### WEEK 3

Wednesday 12th February  
2025 School photos

Friday 14th February  
Stadium Day  
St Joey's for Juniors  
Playgroup 9:30am –11:00am

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Wellbeing letter

# St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

## Week 1 Term 1 2025

ISSUE 1

31ST JANUARY 2024



*"We all have the duty to do good."*

*- Pope Francis*

### A New Year

We are thrilled to welcome our students, families, and staff to another exciting year at St Joseph's. We hope you all had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

To our returning students, welcome back! We look forward to continuing our journey of learning, faith, and friendship with you. A special welcome to our new students, Huxley, Clancy and Hugo and our new families, Ethan and Ella Palmer and Poyan Zeinali with Emma Cock—may you quickly feel a sense of belonging in our school community.

We also extend a warm welcome to Chloe Zippel, who joins us as a classroom based ESO.

As we embark on this new school year, may it be filled with joy, kindness, and a shared commitment to learning and serving others. Let's make 2025 a year of growth, connection, and achievement together!



## 2025 STAFFING

PRINCIPAL/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR	Mr Martin Hayes	FINANCE	Ms Jessica Brace
LEADER OF LEARNING/SCIENCE/AUSLAN/ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL	Camilla Tenney	ADMINISTRATION	Ms Andrea Scott
YR. 5/6	Mr Shane Arbon	WH&S/ADMINISTRATION	Mrs Jo Brand
YR. 3/4	Miss Bailey Millington	CLASSROOM ESO	Mrs Helen Wurst
YR. 2/3	Miss Hannah Arbon	CLASSROOM ESO	Mrs Carmel Polomka
YR. R/1/WELLBEING	Mrs Jaimie Clark	CLASSROOM ESO	Mrs Amy Crawford
YR. R/1	Mrs. Alex Flannery	CLASSROOM ESO	Mrs Chloe Zippel
GROUNDS/BUS	Mr Steve Schultz	CLASSROOM ESO/PLAYGROUP COORDINATOR	Mrs Alicia Thomas
GROUNDS	Mr Ronald Nash	CLEANER	Mrs Heather Schultz

## STAFF CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from our staff community!

Congratulations to Hannah and Riley Fuss on the exciting announcement of Hannah's pregnancy—such a special time for them both.

We also extend our warmest congratulations to Bailey Millington on her engagement to Zeik—what a joyful milestone!

Wishing you all the very best as you embark on these exciting new chapters in your lives.

## AUSLAN

As a staff we have decided to try something a bit different for our languages program in 2025. Your children may have already come home and told you that we are trialling Auslan this year instead of Chinese.

The lessons are going to be delivered via an online program developed by "Auslan Education Services" and it will be facilitated by Camilla Tenney. Please be understanding that Camilla has no experience with Auslan, she is learning along with the students, but so far the response from the students, and Camilla, has been great, so we are hopeful that this experience will be a real positive for our students.

## CATASTROPHIC FIRE DAYS

**Please note that on days when the fire danger rating is CATASTROPHIC, there will be no school and there will be no one allowed onto school grounds.**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform plays an important role in fostering a strong sense of identity and boosting students' self-esteem by encouraging pride in their appearance. Ensuring that children wear the correct uniform at all times is a responsibility that starts at home, rather than being enforced by school staff.

As we begin the new school year, we would like to address a few uniform concerns that have arisen recently to ensure consistency across our school community:

- **Hair accessories** – Hair ties should match the natural hair colour, and ribbons or scrunchies must be blue and/or white only.
- **Earrings** – Only small gold or silver sleepers or studs are permitted, with a maximum of one earring per ear. Dangly earrings are not allowed.
- **Pants and shorts** – These must be purchased from the school. Even if they look similar, alternatives from other stores are not acceptable.
- **Socks** – Must be plain white with no logos or patterns.
- **Shoes** – Sneakers should be **predominantly** white, blue, black, or grey.

We appreciate your support in maintaining our uniform standards and ensuring all students take pride in their presentation. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Please note that we will be doing a review of our Uniform Policy in Term 1 this year.**

## 2025 SCHOOL CARD INFORMATION

The State Government have raised the School Card income threshold to help families with the cost of living. This means that families with one child and a gross combined income of **\$74,189** or less for the **2024/25** financial year will be able to apply for School Card. The gross income increases depending on the number of school aged children. You are able to apply online or applications are available at the front office.

**Our fee policy states that families eligible for school card receive 40% reduction on their tuition fees.**

## SCHOOL ORGANISATION

To support the safety of children and school organisation the following issues need to be communicated:

**Drop off/Collection:** Please farewell and pick-up children on the playground side of the school as bus transportation on West Terrace has priority.

**Student Absence:** If your child is absent from school, or going to be absent, please contact the front office. DO NOT contact a class teacher via text or Seesaw app.

**Sign in:** A Parent must sign your child in at the front office if they are late to school (anytime after 9:00am). Parents will also need to sign children in/out if they have appointments.

**School Lunch Orders:** Lunch orders are available every Monday and Wednesday from Gladstone High School via the QKR app.

**School Fees:** Statements for all families will be sent out as soon as possible. Outstanding 2024 fees must be paid immediately or contact the Principal regarding this matter within the next 7 days.

There was a fee payment option letter sent out at the end of last year, if you have not returned this it is important that you return this by Friday 7th February so that we know how you will be paying your fees this year.

-Term 1: Week 2 Fee statement is issued to all families

-Term 2: Week 2 Outstanding accounts sent out .

-Term 3: Week 2 Final account sent out for outstanding fees. Fees to be paid in full by the end of Term 3.

**Mobile Phones:** The use of mobile phones/devices by students for personal usage is not permitted at school. If your child is in need of a mobile phone/device for parental contact after they have left the school grounds the phone must be turned into the front office first thing in the morning and collected at the end of the day.

**Labels:** Please label all clothing and school items belonging to your child. The beginning of a school year means many new items all look the same to the children if they are not labelled.

**Annual Forms 2025 :** All families would have received the annual forms for each child on Wednesday. Please sign and return them to the front office . If you have any questions please contact Andrea.

**Student Information Checklist 2025:** All families are to check the accuracy of ALL the information and make necessary changes prior to returning to the front office.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter is printed and sent home with the eldest child every fortnight we will revert back on a Wednesday on the odd weeks.

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### DIOCESAN THEME

Each year, schools in the Port Pirie Diocese embrace a theme that serves as a guiding focus throughout the year. This year's theme, *Seeds of Hope*, invites us to cultivate a spirit of optimism, resilience, and faith, even in times of uncertainty. Just as a seed is planted with trust that it will grow, we are called to sow hope in our communities—through our words, our actions, and our unwavering belief in the goodness that is yet to come.

Hope is not always about immediate results; it requires patience, care, and perseverance. The seeds we plant today may take days, months, or even years to flourish, but in God's time, they will bear fruit. Whether in the kindness we show, the encouragement we offer, or the faith we share, every small act of hope has the power to grow into something greater. As we journey through this year, let us commit to being sowers of hope, trusting that even the smallest seeds can bring forth abundant blessings.

### BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MASS

On Friday 7th Feb. at 9:00am, we will be having a beginning of the year Mass. At this Mass we will formally welcome our Receptions, our new families and bless our student leadership for the year.



# TERM 1 2025

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
1	Friday 31st Jan	Stadium Day St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:30am - 11:00am
2	Tuesday 4th Feb Friday 7th Feb	Parent Info. Night 5:30pm onwards. Sausage sizzle 6pm <b>Beginning of the year Mass - 9:00am</b> <b>- presentation of school leadership</b>
3	Wednesday 12th Feb  Friday 14th Feb	School Photos  Stadium Day St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:30am - 11:00am
4	Monday 17th Feb Tuesday 18th Feb Wednesday 19th Feb  Thursday 20th Feb Friday 21st	Swimming lessons Swimming lessons Swimming lessons School board meeting 7pm Swimming lessons <b>Yr 3/4 Class Mass and Assembly 9am</b>
5	Friday 28th Feb	Stadium Day St Joey's For Juniors playgroup 9:30am - 11:00am
6	Tuesday 4th March Wednesday 5th March Friday 7th March	Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day ASH WEDNESDAY - Whole School Mass (time to be confirmed) Gladstone High School Athletics Carnival 9:00am -2:20pm
7	Monday 10th March Wednesday 12th March Friday 14th March	ADELAIDE CUP - PUBLIC HOLIDAY NAPLAN commences Stadium Day St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:30am -11:00am
8	Wednesday 19th March   Friday 21st March	St Joseph's Feast Day/Harmony Day picnic <b>Yr R/1 Class Mass and Assembly 9am</b> School Board AGM 7pm Cath Schools Swimming Yr 3-6
9	Tuesday 25th March  Friday 28th March	Whole School Mass 9am - Feast of the Annunciation Young Leaders Day -Adelaide Year 6 Class <b>SJPS SCHOOL SPORTS DAY (Ewart Oval 9am)</b>
10	Tuesday 1st - Thursday 3rd April	Parent Teacher Interviews
11	Wednesday 9th April Friday 11th April	Diocesan Assembly –Chrism Mass <b>Easter Presentation</b> <b>End of term Mass 9am</b> END OF TERM 2:10pm FINISH