

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 2025

Week 5

Fri. 28th Feb
Stadium Day
- Clean Up Australia Day
No Playgroup

Week 6

Tues. 4th March
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day
Wed. 5th March
Whole School Mass 2:00pm
Fri. 7th March
GHS Athletics Carnival

Week 7

Mon. 10th March
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues. 11th March
PUPIL FREE DAY
Fri. 14th March
Stadium Day
Fish Friday
St Joeys for Juniors 9:30am-
11:00am

Week 8

Wed. 19th March
Yr R/1 Class Mass & Assembly
9am
St Joseph's Day and Harmony
Day Picnic
School Board AGM 7:00pm
Frid. 21st March
Catholic Schools Swimming
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Feast Day & Harmony Day
Uniform Review

St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

Week 5 Term 1 2025

ISSUE 3

26TH FEBRUARY



"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

—Romans 12:12

YEAR 3/4 SWIMMING

The Year 3/4 students had a fantastic week at swimming lessons last week, building their confidence in the pool while having lots of fun! With the support of the wonderful instructors, Debbie and Asia, the students learned important water safety skills, including floating on their backs, survival strokes and life-saving rescues. We are incredibly grateful for their guidance and encouragement throughout the week!



Isla-I loved how Asia taught us how to swim freestyle properly with kickboards
Adele-I liked when we swam to halfway and then we did a handstand or somersault

Lucca-I loved the whole week in general

Harry-I loved the whole week in general and Debbie teaching us
Mia-I liked going under water

Elsie-My favourite part was when I jumped into the deep end
Chloe-I liked diving in and getting the sinkers

Anastasia-I liked when we pin dropped and dove into the deep end

Zephyr-I liked when we did jumps at the deep end

Sadie-I liked jumping in the deep end

Lara-I liked doing the sinkers relay

Camryn-I liked trying to jump in at the deep end and practicing breaststroke
Emily-I loved Asia teaching us

Sophie-I loved diving in the deep end and getting the sinkers

Dylan-My favourite part was diving in the deep end and doing the warmups with the sinkers

Levi-I liked jumping in at the deep end

Liam-My favourite part was going down to get the sinker

Cassie-I loved going to the deep end and doing pin drops



BASKETBALL SEASON 2024/2025



C - GRADE BASKETBALL

Our C grade team had a blast this season and didn't want it to end, especially after our new uniforms arrived in the new year.

A big thankyou to Marcus Perry for the generous donation from Perry's Fuel and to Brock Scott and Emmetts Crystal Brook for also sponsoring the shorts. They look fantastic.



Oscar and Hudson shared a reflection on behalf of the C grade players.

"We liked scoring goals, playing with friends, getting the new uniforms, winning with the team and having fun. Some thing we didn't like was missing goals and passes"

Thank you to Paul Fogarty and Marcus Perry for coaching the C graders.

B - GRADE BASKETBALL

Our B Grade team have had a so much fun this basketball season, playing as a team and improving our skills. Throughout the season we have learnt so many new skills and grown as a team. We would like to say a huge thankyou to Jakobe Evans for coaching us this season. He was positive, patient and supportive. We hope to see you again next year.

LUNCH ORDERS

We still have unfilled dates for this term's lunch order pick up and are needing volunteers. If you are able to help out or have any questions please let Andrea know at the front office. Any dates not filled by the end of week 5 will be booked out and there will be no lunch order availability for those dates.

The dates still to be filled are: March 19th, April 2nd and 9th.

Reminder

Pupil Free Day
Tues 11th
March - Wk 7

Sports Day
Fri 11th
April - Wk 11

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is a yearly literacy and numeracy assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 across Australia. It measures essential skills in reading, writing, and numeracy, helping parents and educators track student progress against national standards. While NAPLAN provides valuable insights into a student's educational development, it complements, rather than replaces, ongoing teacher assessments. Additionally, it offers valuable data to schools and authorities to evaluate the effectiveness of educational programs across the country.

This year, NAPLAN begins on Wednesday 12th March. Our aim is to do testing on Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and the Monday 17th. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs. Camilla Tenney, our NAPLAN coordinator.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM - NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board AGM will be held on **Wednesday 19th March at 7:00pm** in the Breakout Space. We are now calling for nominations (yourself or someone else) to join the School Board. Please find nomination forms attached below and return them to school prior to the AGM.

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SCHOOL BOARD

I wish to nominate _____ for a position of the St Joseph's School Board for 2025

(If not yourself) I have spoken to this person, and he/she has accepted this nomination.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

OR (for current members wanting to continue)

I _____ wish to continue on the School Board in 2025. Signed: _____

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AT ST JOSEPH'S

10 Years of God's Faithfulness **Priestly Anniversary**

7 March 2015 - 7 March 2025

Let us celebrate together!



11am Mass on Sat 8 March 2025

@ St James Catholic Church, Jamestown SA 5491

followed by a shared lunch, please bring a plate.

RSVP @ 0412 506 010 or harold.camonias@ppcatholic.org by 1st March 2025

ALL ARE WELCOME

FR HAROLD'S 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Fr Harold is celebrating his 10 year anniversary of becoming a priest and he is inviting everyone to share the occasion with him.

Please see the invitation for all of the details.

Preparing for Lent: A Season of Reflection and Giving

Next week, we begin the season of Lent, a time of preparation for Easter. Lent is a special period in the Church's calendar, encouraging us to reflect, pray, fast, and give to those in need. As a school community, we will engage in meaningful activities to embrace the spirit of Lent together.

Shrove Tuesday – A Time to Reflect and Prepare

Next Tuesday, we celebrate Shrove Tuesday, a day traditionally associated with making and eating pancakes. This day marks our reflection on the Lenten season and reminds us to be grateful for the many blessings in our lives. It is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for Ash Wednesday, which follows the next day.

Our school leaders will make and serve pancakes on this day—we ask for a gold coin donation to support Project Compassion.



Ash Wednesday – The Beginning of Our Lenten Journey

On Wednesday, we officially begin our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday, marking the start of this sacred season. As a school, we will celebrate Mass at 2:00 pm, bringing us together in prayer and reflection.

Lent is a time for Catholics to focus on three key practices:

- **Prayer** – Strengthening our relationship with God so that we can better live out our baptismal promise to act justly and with love, as Jesus taught us.
- **Fasting** – Choosing to go without certain things, which helps us to connect with those who experience hunger and hardship daily.

Almsgiving – Giving to those in need as a sign of our commitment to justice and gratitude for our blessings.

Supporting Caritas Australia – Project Compassion Throughout Lent, our students will be learning about global projects run by Caritas Australia that support those in need. As a school community, we will work together to raise funds to assist these important initiatives.

Each family will receive a Project Compassion box to take home, and we kindly ask for your support in contributing to this cause. Donations can be returned in Week 10 to help make a difference in the lives of others.

As we embark on this Lenten journey together, let us take this opportunity to grow in faith, show kindness, and make a positive impact on the world around us.

We ask everyone to keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he continues to battle through serious illness



PARENTS AND FRIENDS

St Joseph's P&F are seeking donations for our **CAKE STALL**

at the Gladstone Gaol Open Day on the 16th of March 2025

We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day



ST JOSEPH'S P&F COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

SAVE

FAMILY FUN EVENT

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH
WEEK 9

THE

DATE

FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW



LITTLE BLESSINGS BREWING



PARENTS AND FRIENDS

AGM

SJPS

1 West Tce, Gladstone
The breakout space

2:30pm Monday 17th March

Our Parents and Friends committee AGM is a chance to reflect on the previous year and to set ourselves up for 2025. For those unsure, the P&F committee does have a fundraising element, which we try to keep manageable, but it also helps organise and run school community building activities. The P&F is a great way to meet a few more people and help out at your child's school.

"Love in all things"

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PERRYS
Fuel Up at Crystal Brook

FUEL UP AT CRYSTAL BROOK

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STAYING POWER



CONTACT
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TSKF PORT PIRIE / GLADSTONE DOJO'S
BEGINNERS WELCOME
LEARN SELF DEFENCE GET FIT,
COORDINATION, COMPRETION & EXPANTION
MUSCLE GROUPS
GAIN SELF CONFIDENCE & LONGEVITY OF LIFE



TSKFA, ISKF WORLD CUP 2016 IAN WATSON SENSEI IS 3RD ROW DOWN 4TH FROM THE RIGHT PICTURED NEXT TO TSKF AND SENSEI A JOHN BISCO SENSEI CHAIRMAN OF TSKFA ON THE LEFT

COME LEARN
SELF DEFENCE FROM
EXPERIENCED 6TH DAN
INSTRUCTOR AND TWICE
AUSTRALIAN COACH
TSKFA/ISKF WORLD CUP
IAN WATSON SENSEI
TWICE WORLD
CHAMPIONS
2012 / 2016 AUSTRALIAN
TEAM

CWA HALL 62 ALEXANDER ST PORT PIRIE 6pm - 7:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday

GLADSTONE
SOUTHERN FLINDERS REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX
HORROCK HIGHWAY 6pm - 7:30pm
Monday & Friday



TRAINING & UNIFORM UPDATE

Anyone intending to play this season from J grade upto A grade will need to order a new netball uniform!

There is also the option to order shorts and a singlet as an alternative uniform option.

Minis and Subbies will remain in the old design

Sizing & Ordering

Tuesday 25th Feb
Tuesday 4th March
from 4pm
Gladstone Stadium

If you do not come and try on these nights you will need to guess your size!

Senior training will also be at GLADSTONE these nights from 6pm



Thanks to significant fundraising and sponsorship the uniforms are heavily subsidised this year. Thank you everyone for your help with this and to Good year auto care Port Pirie for your sponsorship!

Uniforms \$30
Training tops \$35

St Andrew's Hockey Club REGO DAY

TUESDAY 11TH OF MARCH

TIME : 5PM - 6:30PM

Port Pirie Hockey Grounds

Come have a hit on the day!

Sticks and balls will be provided.

Sports vouchers for receptions - Year 9s

Any enquires please contact Mitchell Buchanan on 0409606066

