

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4 2023

Week 3

Thursday 2nd Nov
Young Leaders Day
Yr 5/6 class

Friday 3rd Nov
Stadium Day
Joey's for Juniors Playgroup
9:30 - 11:00

Week 4

Mission Week

Wednesday 8th Nov
School Board meeting 7pm

Thursday 9th Nov
Catholic Schools Athletic
Carnival Adelaide Yr 3/4 5/6
classes

Friday 10th Nov
Yr 2 class mass and
assembly 9am
Mission Day Stalls
P & F Colour Run 2:00pm

Week 5

Friday 17th Nov
Stadium Day
Joey's for Juniors Playgroup
9:30 - 11:00
LUNCH pack day

St Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

Week 3 Term 4 2023

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"As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

The Reception/Year 1 Class

The Reception and Year 1 students have begun to prepare for our Mission Day Stalls next week. The theme for Catholic Mission 2023 is **"Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"** Inspired by the Pope's message for World Mission Sunday. This year Catholic Mission is raising awareness of the life-giving work of lay and religious missionaries around the world. In our class we have been exploring how we can be more like Jesus in our everyday life and think about how different life is for people all over the

We asked the students how can we be more like Jesus?

Violet – We should raise lots of money for the poor to buy their food so they can live.

Archie – Be nice to everybody and share things.

Hudson – Sharing toys with everyone.

Emily – Don't be greedy and don't be mean, don't be a bully, be a hero.

Genevieve – We can share with others and take care of them.

Levi – Be kind to others all the time.

Liam – Be good people and believe in God.

Oscar – Be respectful of others.

Alfie – Sharing the marble run with my friends.

Oliver – Share things with other people.

Sophie – Be friendly to other people.

Carter – Being nice to other people.

Dylan – Showing kindness.

kai – Be kind to people and check if they are okay.

Cassie – To be happy and not frustrated.

George – Help each other with pack up and take turns.

Alice – Show love and share with your friends.

Millie – Be kind and be good collaborators.

Amelia – Help each other. If somebody falls over, we can help them up.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2024 RECEPTION TRANSITIONS

We will begin transitions for our 2024 Receptions in Week 6, on Wednesday 22nd November. This is a very exciting time of the year for these children, as it will be for their parents and the rest of our school. We very much look forward to welcoming all of the new faces.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please note. Remembrance Day this year falls on a Saturday. There will be a service in the main street of Gladstone where individuals and the school will lay a wreath.

PRODUCTION

Well how fantastic was our Production Thursday morning and Friday Night. I feel very proud to be the principal for such a wonderful group of students and staff.

I truly believe that for some of our students, their participation in our productions are life changing. They may not go on to being an Oscar winning actor, but they all develop and have an improved self-belief. In the weeks of preparation, some of the students start off being a bit reserved and unsure of their own abilities, but, as I am sure those that witnessed Friday Night can attest to, they all blossomed on stage and performed with a confidence that we may not always have seen.

Well done Everyone.

We thanked everyone on the night, but I would specifically like to mention Mrs Helen Wurst again. Helen designed and sourced nearly all of our costumes. This was a **HUGE** job, but Helen (as always) did an unbelievable job in bringing our 'Porridge' characters to life.

Thanks again to Kate Millard for helping us out with photos. We have received Kate's photos and Andrea will begin to email them out to you this week. This will take a while, so please be patient, but if you haven't received photos of your child by the end of next week, contact Andrea.

The video of our production will be available at a later date. Order forms will be sent home once all details have been finalised and please note the purchase of copies will be via pre order only this year.

SCHOOL FEES

Catholic Education South Australia has kept school fees on hold again for 2024. In this week's newsletter you will find the fee schedule and payment plan for 2024. 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 14th November.

SCHOOL BASKETBALL

We have again been able to get two basketball teams the "Saint's" and "Joey's" up and running for this season. They both had their first games last week, both had losses, but from all accounts the improvement in some of the players is already noticeable. Good luck to both teams and thankyou to Shane Arbon for managing both teams, Riley Evan, Nathan Cunningham and James Wardle for coaching.

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 Allhallowe'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.



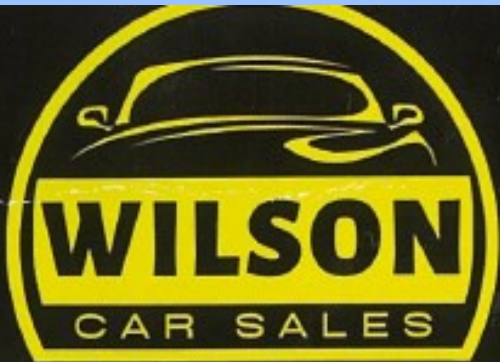
MISSION WEEK

"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 next Friday 10th November. Each class has organised 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.

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HALLOWEEN DISCO

KINDY + PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE

NOVEMBER
FRIDAY | 3 | 5PM-7.30PM
2023
GLADSTONE STADIUM



LITTLE ATH'S YORKE PENINSULA ACADEMY 2023

DATE: Sunday 12 November 2023

TIME: 10:00am to 4:00pm

PRICE: \$40.00 per athlete

WHERE: Kadina Memorial School, Senior Oval - 5 Doswell
Terrace, Kadina (Northern Yorke Peninsula LAC)

AGE GROUP: U6 to U17

Whether you are a seasoned athlete or just starting your athletics journey, this academy will help improve your throwing, jumping and running techniques in an atmosphere that fosters fun and friendship.

Join now to see what Little Athletics has to offer!

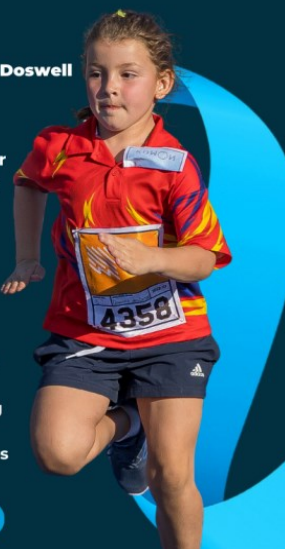
What to Expect:

Expert Coaching: Learn from experienced coaches who will help you take your athletics skills to the next level.

Skill Workshops: Sharpen your skills in a practical setting in various athletic disciplines.

Fun and Games: Enjoy a day filled with exciting challenges and competitions.

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YEAR 6 TRANSITION INFO NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 6:00PM
PARENTS & STUDENTS WELCOME

COME ALONG TO RECEIVE ALL OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSITION INFORMATION ON ONE NIGHT.

- ✓ TRANSITION DAYS
- ✓ BYOD - PERSONAL DEVICES
- ✓ CURRICULUM
- ✓ BOOK/EQUIPMENT LISTS
- ✓ CAMP INFORMATION
- ✓ UNIFORM PURCHASE

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