

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4 2023

Week 7

Friday 1st Dec

Stadium Day

Joey's for Juniors Playgroup

9:30 - 11:00

Week 8

Wednesday 6th Dec

New transition visit 08:50am

-3:10pm

School board and P&F
meeting/dinner

Thursday 7th Dec

Yr 6 GHS Transition

Friday 8th Dec

Yr 6 GHS transition

Week 9

Monday 11th Dec

Swimming lessons

Yr. 6 Graduation dinner

Tuesday 12th Dec

Swimming lessons

Wednesday 13th Dec

Swimming lessons

End of year graduation mass
and Christmas concert

Thursday 14th Dec

Swimming lessons

**Last day of term 3:10pm
finish**

Friday 15th Dec

PUPIL FREE DAY

Insert:

Swimming lesson forms

St Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

Week 7 Term 4 2023



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*"It is the most beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us
memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."*

- Pope Benedict

Yr. 3/4 Class

The Highlights of Our Year:

Georgie: Production; 'The Porridge Pot'

Makiah: Competing in the SAPSASA Athletics
Carnival in Adelaide

Hendrix: Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival in
Adelaide

Ava K: Having Miss Millington

Max: Having Miss Millington as my teacher

Sophia: AFL Max Overnight Camp in
Adelaide

Zachariah: Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival
in Adelaide

Grace: dressing as a cow in the production

Bella: Going to the SAPSASA Athletics Carnival
in Adelaide

Imogen: The School Fun Run

Ava L: Making the Pete Cromer Art

Erin: Making the Pete Cromer Art

Jacob: AFL Max and Sports Day

Miss Millington: Watching each student grow
in knowledge and confidence

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STAFFING /CLASSES 2024

As many of you would be aware, Miss Monica Turci is leaving St. Joseph's at the end of this year to move to Adelaide. Monica first started here as a student teacher in 2021, then we employed her as an ESO for the remainder of that year and then for 2022 and 2023 she has worked as a class teacher. Monica has a fantastic relationship with her class, their families and all of the staff at St Joseph's and we are going to miss her. We wish her all the best at her new school for 2024, they are lucky to have you.

As a result of the vacancy, we are excited to announce that we have employed Miss Hannah Arbon for 2024.

There are a few other role changes to begin the year, while we wait for Mrs Camilla Tenney to return from maternity leave, you will see these reflected below:

How we will start 2024:

Principal/REC —Mr Martin Hayes	School Administration —Ms Andrea Scott
Leader of learning (two days/week T1 & T2) - Miss Bailey Millington	School Administration & WH&S—Mrs Jo Brand
Yr. 5/6—Mr Shane Arbon	School Finance—Ms Jessica Brace
Yr. 3/4—Miss Bailey Millington/Gay Growden (T1 & T2 only)	Classroom ESOs—Mrs Helen Wurst, Mrs Carmel Polomka, Ms Rebekah Sweet & Mrs Alicia Thomas
Yr. 1/2 — Miss Hannah Arbon	Cleaner—Mrs Heather Shultz
Reception—Mrs Jaimie Clark & Mrs Alex Flannery	Grounds—Mr Ronald Nash & Mr Steve Shultz
Specialist Teacher—Ms Rebekah Sweet (T1 & T2)	

GRADUATION/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A reminder that our End of Year Mass/Graduation Mass will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 6:00pm. It will be held in the Church. Following this mass will be our Christmas concert which will be held on the deck at the back of our Reception/Year 1 class. All families are invited to attend.

TRANSITION VISITS (Reception and Yr. 6)

For the last two weeks we have had the children who will be starting Reception in 2024 join us for the mornings. They have had a lovely time and we can't wait for them to join us next year.

This is also the time of the year when our Yr. 6s start having some visits to their chosen High School. This is sometimes a nervous time for these students but also very exciting. We know they'll be fine.



PUPIL FREE DAY

PLEASE NOTE: We will be having a Pupil Free Day on the last day of the term, Friday 15th December for Staff Development.

SWIMMING LESSONS

All students will be participating in Swimming lessons in Week 9 (Monday—Thursday). There is a letter included with this newsletter with more explanation and the medical form that needs to be returned.

CATASTROPHIC BUSH FIRE RATING

Please be aware that when the fire danger is rated at Catastrophic, there will be **no school at St Joseph's and no one will be allowed on the school grounds.** When we receive a catastrophic warning, we will endeavour to let you know as soon as we can.

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

School Fee Statements are being sent home today with the newsletter. Friendly reminder to settle any outstanding amounts and if this is not possible, please make a time to meet with Martin.

Martin Hayes

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL - "Giving Tree"

Our Giving Tree has been set up in the front office. We are asking for donations of gifts and non-perishable food and Christmas goodies for inclusion in Christmas hampers. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP ANYTHING AS ST VINNIES NEED TO UNWRAP THEIR DONATIONS BEFORE GIVING IT OUT.**



ADVENT

Advent begins this Sunday.

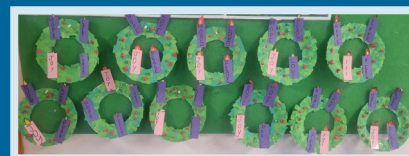
Advent is a season observed in many Christian traditions as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus", meaning "coming" or "arrival". It typically begins on Sunday closest to November 30, and lasts for four weeks, culminating on Christmas Eve.

During Advent, believers focus on the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, often symbolised by the lighting of candles on an Advent wreath. Each week, a new candle is lit, representing one of these themes, and a central Christ candle is usually lit on Christmas Eve.

Advent, according to Pope Francis, is a season of vigilance—a watchful waiting that transcends passive expectation and to cultivate a society where compassion reigns.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS (at Crystal Brook)

Mr Arbon has organised a group of volunteer students to sing carols at the Crystal Brook Carols night this Sunday night. The children will be singing in the Crystal Brook Rotunda between 6:30pm and 8:00pm.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Last Friday our teams played each other in the 3rd round of the season. We were lucky enough to be able to play this game during the afternoon at the Southern Flinders Stadium. It was a great game that was enjoyed by everyone. The younger classes were able to cheer on the teams along with parents, friends and families. The game ended with a win for the Joey's 24 to Saints 15.

Thank you to Mr Arbon for umpiring, Phillipa Davidson and Jess Crawford for scoring and Ashlee Cunningham and Riley Evans for coaching.

Teams are: SAINTS Tamsin Westley, Brenton Westley, Zachariah Robinson, Nicole Welchman, Ava Kirkman, Mason Evans, Matilda Zohs and Ava Coe. JOEY'S Lucas Yao, Chace Cunningham, Makiah Cunningham, Max Nicol, Imogen Wardle, Jaelah Ryan, Jayden Ryan and Charlie Crawford. All are pictured below.



10 DECEMBER 2023
4:00PM
EWART OVAL GLADSTONE
FREE FACE PAINTING & ACTIVITIES
FOR THE KIDS
CONNOR HOGAN TRAIL BIKE DEMO
LIVE MUSIC FROM GEN X
STALLS FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
VISIT FROM SANTA



Georgetown Christmas Tree 2023

Friday December 22nd
At the Georgetown Playground
Starts at 5pm

5pm Children's Games
6 pm Sausage Sizzle

7:15 pm—Christmas Lights Competition Prize Presentation and
Father Christmas.

BYO Deck Chair, Drinks and Nibbles.

For more information contact Beck Crawford 0428624012

Christmas Cake
deliveries will be
Friday
December 22nd
from 11:00 am.



Christmas Lights
Competition
Prize is \$50
Midstate
Voucher.

