

## NEWSLETTER



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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### TERM 1 2024

##### Week 1

Fri 2nd Feb  
Stadium Day  
St Joey's for Juniors  
playgroup 9:30 am—11:00am

##### Week 2

Tues 6th Feb  
Parent Info. Night 5:30pm

##### Fri 9th Feb

Beginning of Year Mass  
9:00am—presentation of  
school leadership

##### Week 3

Tues 13th Feb  
P&F meeting 7pm

##### Wed 14th Feb

School Photos  
School Board Mtg. 7:00pm  
Ash Wednesday Mass  
2:00pm

##### Fri 16th Feb

Stadium Day  
St Joey's for Juniors  
Playgroup 9:00am—11:00am

##### Week 4

Fri 23rd Feb Yr 3/4 Class  
Mass and Assembly

##### INSERTS:

Scholastic Book Club

# St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

## Week 1 Term 1 2024

ISSUE 1

1ST FEBRUARY 2024



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

*- Pope Francis*

Welcome back, everyone!

It is with great joy and excitement that we welcome all students and families back to another school year at St Josephs.

To our returning students, welcome back! And to our new students and Miss Hannah Arbon, joining us for the first time we extend a warm welcome to our school family.

May this year be one of joy, kindness and a commitment to serving others, guided by the light of Christ.



### WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW RECEPTIONS



From back, left  
to right.

Ivy, Benjamin,  
Tobias, Lacey,  
Bernie & Zoe

## 2024 STAFFING

PRINCIPAL/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR	Mr. Martin Hayes	ADMINISTRATION/WH&S	Mrs. Jo Brand
YR. 5/6	Mr. Shane Arbon	CLASSROOM ESO	Mrs Helen Wurst
YR. 3/4/LEADER OF LEARNING	Miss Bailey Millington	CLASSROOM ESO	Mrs Carmel Polomka
YR. 3/4	Mrs Gay Growden	CLASSROOM ESO/SCIENCE	Ms Rebekah Sweet
YR. 2	Miss Hannah Arbon	FINANCE	Ms Jessica Brace
YR. R/1/WELLBEING	Mrs. Jaimie Clark	CLEANER	Mrs Heather Schultz
YR. R/1	Mrs. Alex Flannery	GROUND	Mr Ronald Nash
ADMINISTRATION	Ms. Andrea Scott	GROUND/BUS	Mr Steve Schultz
CLASSROOM ESO/PLAYGROUP COORDINATOR	Mrs Alicia Thomas		

### **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT—Tuesday 6th February**

**We strongly encourage attendance by all parents at this night**

**(children are welcome but not required).**

We are very pleased that we are able to have an evening that we consider to be an important component to setting your child up for a successful year.

The aim of the night is to allow parents and teachers to get together as a group so that teachers can let you know some of the routines and expectations of their classroom. It also allows parents the opportunity to ask any questions for the teachers that you may have as well as hopefully make some connections with parents you may not have met previously.



#### **The structure of the Night:**

- Each teacher will speak one after the other at different times, so if you have children in different classes you will be able to hear all of them.
- The night will start at 5:30pm for The Reception/Year 1 class in the classroom.
- 5:45pm BBQ sausages will be served for all parents.
- 5:45pm the Year 2 class will have their session in the classroom. (you can get your sausages after the session)
- 6:00pm the Year 3/4 class will have their session in the classroom.
- 6:15pm the Year 5/6 class will have their session in the classroom.

There will not be anything after your class session so you are free to go whenever your session is done, but you are also most welcome to stick around for a while and mix and mingle with other parents.

## 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 2023 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 9th 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.

**Tissues:** Each child is required to bring a box of tissues for their classroom. Please present these to the front office for labelling.

**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.

### 2024 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 **\$70,994** or less for the **2022/23** 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 card applications are done online via the website.**

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Every year, the Schools in the Port Pirie Diocese adopt a theme to guide our focus. This year, our chosen theme is 'Let Your Light Shine'. This theme encourages us to embrace God's mission, to ignite the flame within ourselves, and to be a beacon of light in all aspects of God's creation. Whether in our families, schools, sports teams, or other communities, we are called upon to share our gifts, celebrate the talents of others, and spread positivity through our actions.

## STADIUM DAYS (FIRST ONE THIS WEEK)

If you are driving your child to the stadium or picking them up from school, we ask that you go to the southern (playground) end of the oval to drop off and pick up.

Students will need to ensure that they have **their drink bottle (filled), their hat and a packed recess and lunch for the day** (these will be stored in the stadium fridge). .

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WEEK	DATE	EVENT
1	Fri 2nd Feb..	Stadium Day St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:30am—11:00am
2	Tues. 6th Feb. Fri. 9th Feb	Parent Info. Night 5:30pm Beginning of the year Mass - 9:00am —presentation of school leadership
3	Tues. 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb  Fri. 16th Feb.	P&F Meeting School Photos School Board 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass -2:00pm Stadium Day St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:30am—11:00am
4	Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Yr. 3/4 Class Mass & Assembly – 9:00am
5	Mon. 26th Feb. Wed. 28th Feb. Fri. 1st March	SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS (ALL WEEK—instead of end of year) Young Leader's Day (Yr. 6) Stadium Day (To be confirmed) St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:30am—11:00am
6	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Gladstone High School Athletics (Yr. 5/6 only)
7	Mon. 11th March Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup> March Fri. 15th March	<b>ADELAIDE CUP - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> NAPLAN commences. Stadium Day (To be confirmed) St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:30am—11:00am
8	Tues. 19 <sup>th</sup> March  Wed. 20 <sup>th</sup> March Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>HARMONY WEEK</b> St Joseph's Feast Day/Harmony Day picnic Yr. 5/6 Class mass & Assembly- 11:30am School Board AGM 7pm Catholic School's Swimming Carnival (at Clare)
9	Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup> March Thurs. 28 <sup>th</sup> March Fri. 29th March	Easter Presentation (not plays this year) <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
10	Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup> April Tues. 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Thurs. 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>EASTER MONDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Parents teacher Interviews
11	Mon. 8 <sup>th</sup> April Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term Mass—9:00am St Joseph's Sports Day (at Ewart Oval/stadium) End of Term