

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 2024

Week 5

Fri 1st March
Stadium Day
St Joey's for Juniors
Playgroup 9:30 am
11:00am
Lunch Pack order day

Week 6

Wed 8th March
GHS Athletics Yr 6 class

Week 7

Fri 15th March
Stadium Day
St Joey's for Juniors
Playgroup 9:30 am
11:00am

Week 8

Tues 19th March
School picnic day
Yr 5/6 mass and assembly
9am
Wed 20th March
School board meeting
7pm
Fri 22nd March
Catholic Schools
swimming—Clare

St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

Week 5 Term 1 2024

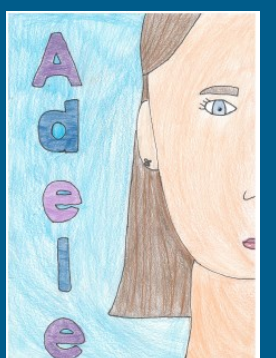
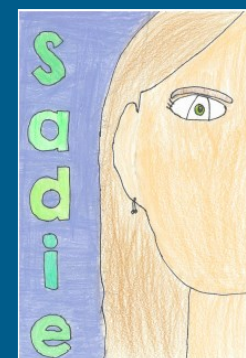
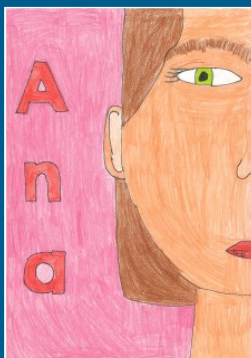
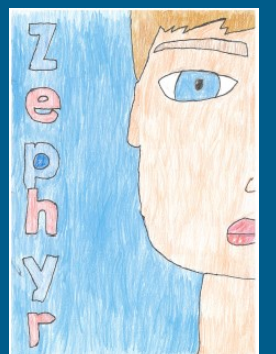
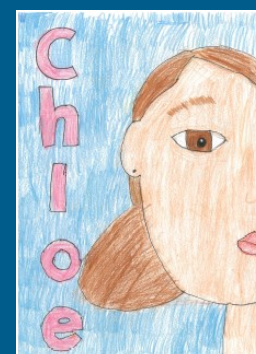
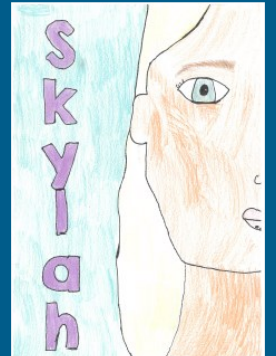
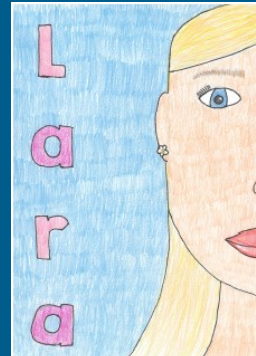
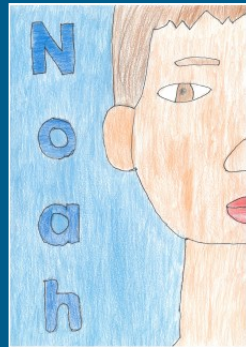
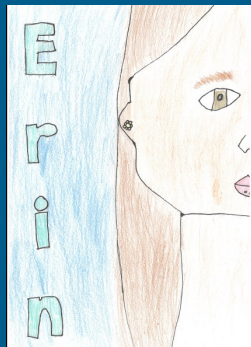
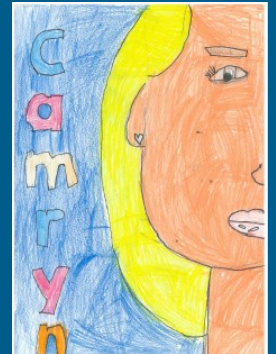
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"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." —Romans 12:12

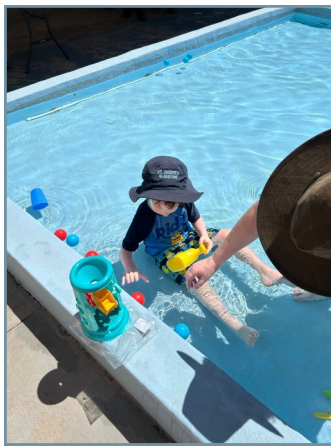
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SCHOOL FEES

A reminder to all families that if you had indicated that you would be paying the annual school fee amount in full that you will need to pay by 1/3/2024 to receive the 5% discount.

SWIMMING LESSONS



PARENTS AND FRIENDS AGM—MARCH 13TH @ 7:00pm.

Our Parents and Fiends committee will have their AGM on March 13th at 7:00pm The AGM is a chance to reflect on the previous year and to set ourselves up for 2024. 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.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM - NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board AGM will be held on **Wednesday 20th 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 2024
(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 2023. Signed:_____

Date:_____

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AT ST JOSEPH'S

Second Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 26 February)



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partner in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

Watch [Ronita's Story](#)

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Written by Michael McGirr



Genesis 22:1–2, 9–13, 15–18 | Romans 8:31–34 | Mark 9:2–10

When Jesus took his closest friends to the top of a high mountain, they experienced something quite extraordinary. The transfiguration gave them a glimpse of what it meant for Jesus to be the son of God. It is hardly surprising that Peter said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here.' The Gospel also tells us that Jesus' friends were frightened, and this is also easy to understand. They were overwhelmed. Nevertheless, it's not long before Jesus reminds them that he is destined to die. His friends must come down from the mountain and walk with Jesus through all the ordinary and arduous days and weeks that lie ahead.

We can all say 'it is wonderful for us to be here' no matter where that happens to be. Life is full of wonder. That doesn't mean it is always easy. We live in the arms of a very deep mystery. God's love enfolds us.

Throughout Lent, we are called to support Project Compassion, an initiative of Caritas Australia. This year, Project Compassion celebrates 60 years of partnership with some of the most marginal communities in the world. With your help, we have walked alongside literally millions of people in dozens of countries.

This week we encounter the story of Ronita who lives in Quezon City, part of metro Manila in the Philippines. Becoming a mother at a young age meant that her schooling was cut short. Her husband, Lean, leaves for work at 3am and returns at 9pm, earning less than \$US10 per day in a demanding job in waste disposal. On such a small income, Ronita and Lean, along with two young children, are able to rent a room of about 10 square metres.

With your help through Project Compassion, Caritas Australia has been able to support the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to run the Alternative Learning System program. This program has meant that Ronita has been able to continue her education. The FCJ sisters provide a safe space for many young people such as Ronita to finish school and find better jobs. Ronita has had the opportunity to change her life.

Caritas Australia believes that the world can be transfigured to become more like the kingdom of God of which Jesus spoke. We can encounter people whom others choose to ignore. When we do so, we discover that here too are children of God. We are asked to listen to them.



Ronita holds her sons in their small home in Quezon City, Philippines. Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

PRAYER



We pray for gratitude for the wonder of faith in God and the beauty of life. May our vision be broad and deep as we embrace people in great need through our support of Project Compassion, organised by Caritas Australia.
Amen





PARENTS AND FRIENDS

We will again be holding our infamous Easter Raffle. For those new to the school, we ask if all families could please donate some Easter Eggs, baskets or other special Easter treats, which we put together as prizes. We usually get to make over 50 prizes making this a great fundraiser for our school.

You are more than welcome to send in your donations as of Monday 4th March, week 6. Please drop them to the front office so they can be stored safely.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ST JAMES POP-UP SHOP

ST JAMES CHURCH HALL

ACCESSORIES

Friday 15th March - 2pm-7pm
Saturday 16th March - 9am-4pm
Sunday 17th March - 9am-4pm

EFTPOS AVAILABLE - SATURDAY TRADING TABLE - BBQ & DRINKS AVAILABLE

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE ST JAMES SCHOOL OVAL UPGRADE

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