

## NEWSLETTER



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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### TERM 1 2024

##### Week 9

**Wednesday 27th March**  
P & F Easter raffle drawn

**Thursday 28th March**  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Friday 29th March**  
Public holiday  
GOOD FRIDAY

##### Week 10

**Monday 1st April**  
Public holiday  
EASTER MONDAY

**Wednesday 3rd April**  
Parent teacher interviews

**Thursday 4th April**  
Parent teacher interviews

##### Week 11

**Monday 8th April**  
End of term whole school  
Mass 9am

**Friday 12th April**  
School sports Day  
Last day of term 2:10pm  
finish

# St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

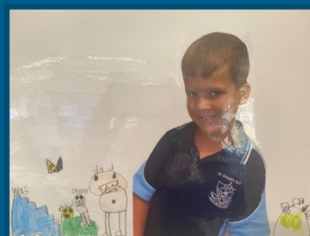
## Week 9 Term 1 2024

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*"I am the resurrection and the life.  
The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by  
believing in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)*



In HASS the Reception/Year 1 students have been talking about how they are all special and unique. Students created a Magnificent Me artwork about things that make them unique.

## STJOSEPH'S DAY/HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION

Last Tuesday we combined our celebration for St Joseph's Day with Harmony Day.

We had mass followed by our Yr. 5/6 Assembly and then we had a pulled lunch. For this lunch our families supplied a plate of food that had a connection to their cultural heritage. It was a lovely afternoon. Thankyou to all families that supplied food—we had heaps.



## SWIMMING CARNIVAL



*Matilda - Last Friday our school got the opportunity to go to the SACPSSA swimming carnival. This year our school had 24 swimmers at the carnival. We all came home achieving something, like getting a place or maybe getting a new personal best time.*

*Charlie - Every body was so encouraging even the adults but especially the kids. We did really well coming third overall.*



## SAPSASA SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Sophia for being selected in the SAPSASA softball team who are competing in Adelaide this week. We wish Sophia and her teammates all the best.

## SCHOOL BOARD & PARENTS AND FRIENDS AGMS

In the last two weeks we have held our P&F and School Board AGMs. I would like to thank all parents who attended either of these meetings and especially to those who have volunteered to join either of these very important groups for our school.

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE	SCHOOL BOARD
Monica Richards – President Alanna Wardle – Secretary Andrea Scott – Treasurer Abbie Arbon – School Board Representative Carly Perry Rachel May Alicia Thomas Kaitlin Davidson Ashleigh Lynch Renee Brace Emma Cock	Fr Harold – Parish Priest/ Board President Martin Hayes – Principal/ Executive Officer Abbie Arbon – Chairperson Jason Zohs – Vice-Chairperson Matt Thomas – Secretary Stuart Wilson – Chair of Finance James Wardle – Finance Charlotte Rushworth – elected representative Nathan May – elected representative Camilla Tenney – staff representative

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY AT ST JOSEPH'S

### **Holy Week: Reflecting on the Journey to Easter**

As we approach the sacred celebration of Easter, we enter into a profound and transformative period known as **Holy Week**. This week holds immense importance in the Christian calendar, as it commemorates the final days of Jesus Christ before His crucifixion and triumphant resurrection.

### **What Is Holy Week?**

**Holy Week** spans from **Palm Sunday** to **Easter Sunday**, encompassing the pivotal events that shaped the course of human history. Let's delve into the key moments of this sacred journey:

**Palm Sunday:** On this day, we remember Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowds welcomed Him with shouts of "Hosanna!" as He rode on a donkey, fulfilling ancient prophecies. It's a reminder of His kingship and the hope He brought to humanity.

**Holy Monday:** During this time, Jesus cleansed the temple, challenging religious hypocrisy and emphasising the importance of true worship.

**Holy Thursday:** On this poignant evening, Jesus shared the Last Supper with His disciples. He instituted the Eucharist, symbolising His body and blood. It was also the night of Judas's betrayal.

**Good Friday:** The darkest day of Holy Week, Good Friday marks Jesus's crucifixion. His sacrificial death on the cross redeemed us from sin and opened the way to eternal life. It's a day of solemn reflection and gratitude.

**Holy Saturday:** As Jesus lay in the tomb, His followers grappled with grief and uncertainty. Yet, even in the silence, God's plan was unfolding—a plan that would change everything.

**Easter Sunday:** The glorious morning when the stone rolled away, revealing an empty tomb. Jesus conquered death, rising from the grave. His resurrection signifies victory over sin, hope for humanity, and the promise of eternal life.

### **The Profound Meaning of Easter**

Easter isn't merely about colored eggs, bunnies, or springtime. It's about the heart of Christianity:

**Redemption:** Jesus willingly suffered and died to redeem us. His sacrifice bridges the gap between humanity and God, offering forgiveness and reconciliation.

**Victory over Death:** The empty tomb declares that death has no final say. Jesus's resurrection assures us that eternal life awaits those who believe.

**New Beginnings:** Easter invites us to embrace new life. Just as Jesus emerged from the tomb, we can experience spiritual rebirth and transformation.

**Hope:** In a broken world, Easter shines as a beacon of hope. It reminds us that God's love conquers all—even our darkest moments.

### **Our Response**

As we journey through Holy Week, let's reflect on the immense love God demonstrated through Jesus. Let's seek forgiveness, embrace hope, and share the good news with others. May this Easter season renew our faith and inspire us to live as resurrection people—bearing witness to the transformative power of Christ's love.



*Watch out for our Easter presentation on our school Facebook Page this weekend.*

*Condolences to Mr. Arbon, Miss Arbon, Georgie, Adele and Patrick and the rest of their families on the recent passing of their (Great) Grandmother.*



## PARENTS AND FRIENDS



Thankyou to everyone who donated Easter eggs and other Easter related items to our annual Easter Raffle. Thankyou also to Rachel and Alanna for sorting and wrapping all of the prizes. In the end we were able to make over 40.

And finally a huge thankyou to everyone who sold tickets for the raffle, we raised \$488 in total.



Thankyou to the Gladstone Lions club who have donated books all about Guide Dogs to our school library.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

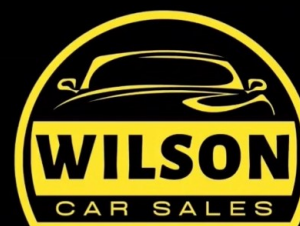
### Foster Care

Do you have spare time on week-ends?  
Or maybe free time in the school holidays?

**Did you know that you could apply  
to become a Respite Carer?**

*If you would like to know more about  
the difference Respite Carers can make  
to a child please contact us.*

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