

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 2021

Week 5

Friday 26th February

Stadium Day
St Joeys for Juniors
Fish n Chip Friday

Week 6

Friday 5th March

Gladstone High School Sports
Day

Week 7

Monday 8th March

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 12th March

Stadium Day
St Joeys for Juniors
Fish n Chip Friday

Week 8

Wednesday 17th March

Board AGM and meeting
following 7pm

Friday 19th March

ST JOSEPHS DAY
Year 2/3/4 Assembly
Tresylva Park Picnic Lunch
Catholic School Swimming
Carnival Clare

INSERTS:

Catering list

St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

Week 5 Term 1 2021

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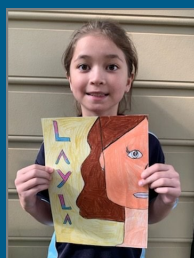
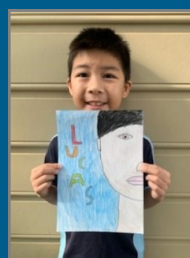


Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Saint Oscar Romero

YEAR 2/3/4

In Art we have
focussed on
'good' drawing
and colouring
practises. Take
a look at our
impressive
portraits.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY AT ST JOSEPH'S

Mantra for the week: I am God's beloved

GOSPEL REFLECTION – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent is a powerful season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in us all. It provides an opportunity for us to not only 'give up' something, as we may have traditionally done, but also to look to 'give more' of ourselves to a particular cause or endeavour. Lent provides an opportunity for us to leave behind old habits.

All three readings from last Sunday's Mass (Genesis 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15) remind us of the desire of God leading us to "aspire not to have more, but to be more." The rainbow in the sky, the covenant, the baptism of Jesus and his temptation in the wilderness all remind us of the salvation that God wants for us and for our world. In the Gospel Jesus proclaims: "This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."



PROJECT COMPASSION

The first Project Compassion story is of Jamila, a Rohingya woman, living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. A single mother, she fled armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and eight-month-old baby. With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support and learnt sewing skills, to help her earn an income. Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au

CURIOUS CATHOLICS

Mary Mackillop is Australia's first Saint and is also a spiritual leader of Josephite schools. Yet, there is so much more to her story: so much more we can learn about her and the pathway she took to Sainthood. The next few 'Curious Catholic' snippets will contain some interesting facts that the staff were introduced to during our staff retreat. They really gave some context to Mary's journey through South Australia, how she lived by the values that we hope to enact in some way at St. Joseph's Parish School and furthermore, just how she embodied the Diocesan theme that we are to be guided by this year, 'Come & Stay.' We will start right back where it all began;

- Mary was born in Melbourne in 1842. The oldest of eight children of Scottish immigrants, Mary worked from an early age to help support her impoverished family.
- Aged 18, Mary moved to Penola to become a governess. Here she met Father Julian Tenison Woods. They shared a passion for providing Catholic education for children from poor families and in 1866 founded a new religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph (also known as Josephites).
- In mid-1867 Mary arrived in Adelaide where young women flocked to the new Sisterhood. Kensington and Norwood became an important part of Mary's story. She lived here for 11 years (1872–1883) and she and her Sisters were much-loved figures in the local community, ministering to the destitute, homeless and unloved.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AT ST JOSEPH'S.....continued

FISH AND CHIP FRIDAY

One way we are able to support the work of Caritas Australia is through our "Fish n Chip Days". We will have three days—Friday 26th Feb., Friday 12th March and Friday 26th March. Order forms for this week went home with the last newsletter. The next order form will go home next week.

FRED'S VAN



On Sunday 14th February, our first team team of Fred's Van volunteers served up spaghetti bolognese, tossed salad and garlic bread as well as a chocolate brownie slice with strawberries to 32 people in need in Port Pirie. We prepared another 8 takeaway meals. We also handed out small gift packs filled with shower gel, shampoo & conditioner which they also greatly appreciated. For anyone looking to help cook or work on one of our rostered nights or just to get some more information, please contact me. It's a very worthwhile cause.



Mr. Shane Arbon

GLADSTONE HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL & MNSEC SWIMMING



Recently we had members of our Yr. 6/7 class represent our school at the Gladstone High School Swimming Carnival. Our students have done very little competitive swimming but they all gave it a go, winning some ribbons along the way and at the end of the night we came second overall. From this night Jacob was selected as part of the Gladstone High School team for MNSEC (Mid North Secondary Schools) Swimming. The Primary and Secondary Gladstone High teams came first overall.. Congratulations Jacob.



SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Last night our two school Basketball teams competed in the finals and as a result of their wins, both teams have made the Grand final which takes place this Thursday, 25th Feb.. Our B grade and A grade will both be playing at 6:00pm. If anyone can get out to support, I am sure the players would love it.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM - NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board is an essential part of the school community. It sets direction for the school in the best interests of the students. The School Board AGM will be held on **Wednesday 17th March at 7:00pm**. We have some vacant positions and so are 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. I urge anyone who is interested to come along.

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SCHOOL BOARD

I wish to nominate _____ for a position of the St Joseph's School Board for 2019.

(If not yourself) I have spoken to this person, and he/she has accepted this nomination.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

CATERING UPDATE

Last week was the first of our catering functions for this year. It was a small lunch for a farmers group held at the stadium and all ran smoothly with the help of Monica Richards, Jess Crawford and Craig Mitchell. Thanks to these three people for volunteering to work and also to all families that cooked/donated goods that were used on the day. We have another function coming up this term. It will be to supply food for an event on March 6th. I have sent home another list for donations but will also be looking for a few people to do some food prep for a couple of hours on the morning of the 6th which is a Saturday (long weekend). It will be a fairly casual morning making salads etc and can be a great way to meet some school families. No special skills required we will show you along the way. If you are around and can spare some time please let me know.

We have also had enquiries about a couple of other small events but times and dates are yet to be confirmed.

Once again thanks to everyone for their ongoing support. CheersPhillipa

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2021

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading.

Improve literacy skills.

The challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

All information about the PRC as well as a section for students and parents can be found at: www.prc.sa.edu.au or see Jo Harslett.

Mrs Clark and Mrs Tenney will record books for R/1 students. Years 2-7 will have their PRC Record sheet kept at school for recording books they have read or listened to. A parent signature is required for children completing the Hall of Fame medal if you are happy for their name to appear on the 'Hall of Fame' website.

Parents and Friends

We had lots of new faces at our first meeting for 2021, thank you to all who came along.

Our next meeting and AGM is yet to be confirmed.

A reminder though that anyone is welcome to join our Parents and Friends Committee.

We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas.

***COOKBOOKS** still available at the front office—\$30 each

JAMESTOWN STRIKE **Come and Try Futsal!**



Ages 5 – 18 (2003- 2015)

Friday 26th February 5.30-6.30pm

Friday 12th March 5.30-6.30pm

**The Big Shed
Jamestown Showgrounds**

Enter via southern end glass doors

Come and try Futsal to see if you would like to play in the 2021 Season.

We play Friday nights May – September.

COVID measures in place in this venue.

**For more information please email
jamestownfutsal@gmail.com**