

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4 2023

Week 5

Friday 3rd Nov
Stadium Day
Joey's for Juniors
Playgroup 9:30 - 11:00
Lunch pack order day

Week 6

Wednesday 22nd Nov
New reception transition
8:50am—11:25am
Friday 24th Nov
Yr 3/4 Class mass and
assembly 9am

Week 7

Wednesday 29th Nov
New reception transition
8:50 am-1:50pm
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 6:00pm

Insert:: Scholastic Book
Club and Porridge USB/
DVD order form

St Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

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"The mission of schools and teachers is to develop an understanding of all that is true, good and beautiful—Pope Francis"

OUR YEAR 2 CLASS

The year 2's loved celebrating Mission Day and raising money for Catholic Missions. We ran 3 stalls.

- Coin Roll
- Just Dance
- Pin the Tail on the Donkey



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thankyou to our School Captains, Jelah and Chace for representing our school and laying a wreath at the Gladstone Remembrance Day Ceremony on Saturday. Thank you also to Mrs Wurst who led a team of student helpers in constructing our wreath.



Remembrance Day is a significant day in Australian history and we are proud that we could be represented, even when it wasn't a school day.

PRODUCTION

A few of Kate's amazing photos of the production. All families should have received their photos via email by now. If not, please contact Andrea at school. Copies of the filmed production are available to porder. A n order form will go home today.



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 out the back of our Reception/Year 1 class. All families are invited to attend.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Thursday a group of eager participants and some helpful adults left school at 5:45am to take



a team of St Joseph's students to the Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival in Adelaide. There were 5 schools in our division. Our Boys finished fifth overall and our girls finished first. Our Year 4 girls, Yr. 5 girls and Yr. 6 girls were all Age Group Champions and Isla won the Age Champion medal for her age group.



A part from these fantastic overall achievements, all of the children that we took to the carnival were excellent. There were many ribbons won on the day and some even surprised themselves. They were all fantastic support for each other and very well behaved. Thankyou to the parents that came.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Mission Day

What a wonderful day we celebrated at St Joseph's Parish School last week for our Mission Day. We were led beautifully into our day, with The Yr. 2 Class Mass and Assembly.



The children ran Mission Day activities in a joyful, organized and generous way. Their efforts not only raised a significant amount of money for the Catholic Missions appeal (approximately \$680), they were able to do so with a sense of community and delight in being able to help others in this way. One of my favourite Mary MacKillop quotes (and there are many), is *"Find happiness in making others happy"*. Watching the children interact with their families, friends and community while raising money for those less fortunate than ourselves really brought this ideal to life. I'm sure Mary MacKillop would be proud of the little school in Gladstone that her sisters founded all that time ago.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal - "Giving Tree"

It is hard to believe that we are planning for Christmas already. For many people, Christmas is all about family. Spending time together, sharing a meal and creating meaningful memories. These moments are precious. But what if you couldn't provide a meal for your family, or even a home? This is the reality many Australian families face this Christmas. By the end of the week, our Giving Tree will be placed in the front office. The Christmas appeal focus is on collecting toys and vouchers to be distributed by Vinnies at Christmas to those who may otherwise miss out. 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.** This is the final fundraising effort for this year and all donations will be delivered to the St Vincent de Paul Society for distribution at Christmas time.



3/4 Class Mass

Next Friday the 24th November, the 3/4 class will host their final class mass for the year. We invite all from our school community to join with them.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Our two teams have started the season with great games. They may be losses but their game play is already showing plenty of improvement from last season. Joey's are currently sitting 6th on the ladder and Saint's 8th. Both teams play at 6pm in Crystal Brook tomorrow night, Thursday 16th November, everyone is welcome to come and cheer our teams on. Also, on Friday 17th of November the Joey's and Saints will play each other at the Gladstone Stadium. The game starts at 1:45pm and everyone is welcome to come and watch.

COLOUR RUN

What a fantastic event our P&F Colour Run was. We haven't got the official tally of funds raised yet, but it will be significant and is very much appreciated.

The children had a great time, there was lots of laughter, screams and colour. A huge thankyou to the organisers and helpers on the day and to our teachers who were happy to volunteer themselves for the

