

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 2024

Week 3

Fri 16th Feb
Stadium Day
St Joey's for Juniors
playgroup 9:30 am—11:00am

Week 4

Fri 23rd Feb
Year 3/4 Class Mass and
assembly 9am

Week 5

Mon 26th Feb—Fri 1st March
Whole school swimming
lessons

Wed 28th Feb
Year 6 Young Leaders Day—
Adelaide

Fri 1st March
Stadium Day
St Joey's for Juniors
Playgroup 9:30am—11:00am

Week 6

Fri 8th March
GHS Athletics Carnival
9am—2:20pm Year 6 only

St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

Week 3 Term 1 2024

ISSUE 2

16TH FEBRUARY 2024



*"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who
tire of seeking his mercy." - Pope Francis*



2024 STUDENT LEADERS

Back Row: Charlie (Sports Captain), Ava (Sports Captain), Matilda
(School Captain), Lucas (School Captain), Imogen (5/6 SRC), Sophia
(5/6 SRC)

Front Row: Oliver (R/1 SRC), Violet (R/1 SRC), Ava (3/4 SRC), Georgie
(Religious Leader), Jacob (3/4 SRC), Levi (2 SRC), Millie (2 SRC)

*It is a great privilege for these students to be elected
by their peers and teachers to our special positions of
responsibility and they should be very proud. But
these are not our only leaders at school, we expect
all students to be leaders in their own way and in
their own time.*

leadership is not a
position or a title,
it is action and
example.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thankyou to all of the parents that came along to our Meet the teacher/Parent Information Night. If you were unable to attend, please ensure that contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

GROUNDS

Towards the end of the school holidays our new fencing around the block was completed and it looks great. The plants survived the Summer break and the area is being well maintained by Mr Shultz. Overall this space is looking fantastic and we have had lots of positive comments from the community.

The next stage of landscaping and playground development will take place over the road in our existing playground. This is scheduled to start in early March.

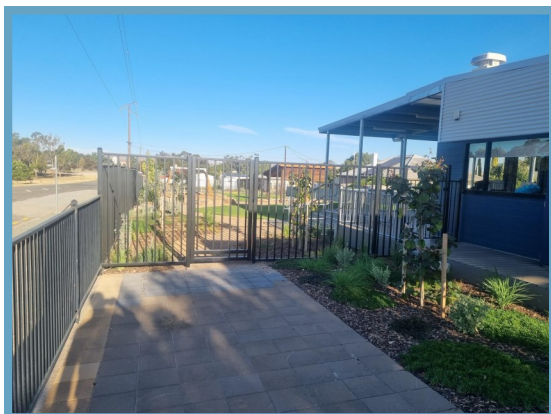
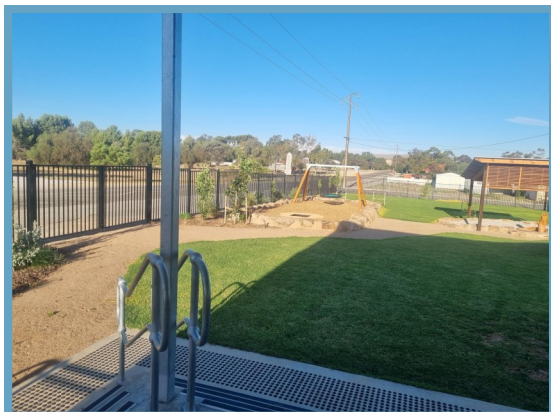
NAPLAN

The NAPLAN Testing will be occurring in Term 1 for students in years 3,5. The testing window is open from 13th – 25th March. Our aim is to have them done in the first few days. These tests provide useful data for individual achievement in comparison with national results and are a means of identifying particular needs at each year level. They are, however, one mode of assessment in the overall learning program and St Joseph's School uses a variety of assessment strategies. Any parents of Yr. 3,5 students are welcome to speak to Miss Millington should you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN in 2024.

SWIMMING LESSONS

You should have received your Swimming lesson permission slips this week, please return them by Wednesday 21st Feb. We are having our Swimming lessons earlier in the year mainly due to the fact that we could secure an instructor at this time and we wanted to avoid the business of Term 4. We are not confident that we will be able to do the same in 2025, but we will wait and see.

STADIUM FUN



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tuesday we celebrated Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is when we come together to reflect on the season of Lent, which begins on the following day, Ash Wednesday. We remember the things that we are thankful for and we prepare for Ash Wednesday.

We came together for a short prayer service, where we made Lenten intentions which were burnt and mixed with the Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Mrs Wurst, prepared the traditional pancakes for each class, which some of our school leaders served at recess time.



ASH WEDNESDAY / LENT

On Wednesday we began our journey towards Easter when we celebrated Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Church's season of Lent. We were lucky enough to be able to celebrate with a whole school mass and the Parish. Thankyou to Fr. Ranjith.

Lent is a special time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for Catholics.

Through **prayer** we come closer to God so that we are better able to live our baptismal promise to live justly as Jesus teaches us.

Fasting joins us with the poor who often have no choice but to go without enough to eat. Giving to the poor or '**almsgiving**' is a sign of our commitment to justice and of thanks for all that God has given us.

At school, the students will be learning about projects run around the world by Caritas Australia to help those who are in need. We will be working together as a school to fundraise to support these projects.

Each family will be given a project compassion box to take home and we ask that these are returned with any donations for Caritas Australia in week 10.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

LAURA LITERARY AWARDS 2024

Now Open for Entries

Closing Date Friday 10th May, 2024

Entry Forms and further information can be obtained from:
rockyriverwriters@hotmail.com
<https://rockyriverwriters.club/competitions>



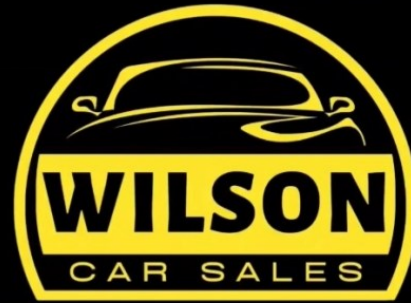
With Categories being as follows:

Prose Award

Section 1 Open	Prize \$200	a short story up to 1500 words
Section 2 Young Adult 13-18	Prize \$50	a short story up to 1200 words
Section 3 a) Primary 11-12 yrs	Prize \$25	a short story up to 800 words
3 b) Primary 9-10 yrs	Prize \$25	a short story up to 800 words
Section 4 Jun Primary 5-8yrs	Prize \$15	a short story up to 500 words

The CJ Dennis Poetry Awards: Poem up to 60 lines for all sections

Section 5 Open	Prize \$200
Section 6 Open Bush Poetry	Prize \$200
Section 7 Young Adult 13-18	Prize \$50
Section 8 Junior 9-12	Prize \$25
Section 9 Jun Prim 5-8	Prize \$15



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BSR NETBALL CLUB

BSR ARE SEEKING NEW
JUNIOR AND SENIOR PLAYERS
FOR THE 2024 SEASON



CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:

JUNIOR COORDINATOR ANNE JONES- 0438 272 592

SENIOR COORDINATOR AMY TRENGOVE- 0438 875 343

Senior Trial Dates:

Friday 23rd February

Friday 1st March 2024

Location TBC

Adelaide Based Training is also available
for Senior Players

PRE SEASON STARTS
WEDNESDAY 7TH
FEBRUARY @
REDHILL

BSR ARE ALSO SEEKING SOME JUNIOR & SENIOR COACHES FOR THE 2024 SEASON

Enquiries to: Chloe Goss
bsrsecretary@hotmail.com or 0498 846 295




Come & Join us

Joey's for Juniors

PLAYGROUP

9:30am - 11:00am Friday March 1st 2024

Tea, Coffee & Hot Chocolate available

FUN, CRAFT, STORY TIME, FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY

All Welcome