

# NEWSLETTER



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 4 2024

#### Week 8

Monday 2nd December  
Rec—Yr 2 excursion  
Year 6 St Marks transition

Tuesday 3rd December  
Board Meeting and combined  
P & F EOY dinner 6pm Laura  
Hotel

Wednesday 4th December  
Reception 2025 transition  
visit—8:50am—3:10pm

Thursday 5th December  
Year 6 GHS transition

Friday 6th December  
Year 6 GHS transition

#### Week 9

Tuesday 10th December  
Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm  
Risdon Hotel

Wednesday 11th December  
Whole school excursion—  
Jamestown Magic Cave  
EOY Whole school Mass Year  
6 Graduation and School  
concert 6pm  
Semester 2 reports home

Thursday 12th December  
**LAST DAY OF TERM**

Friday 13th December  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

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Mobile Library flyer

# St Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

## Week 7 Term 4 2024

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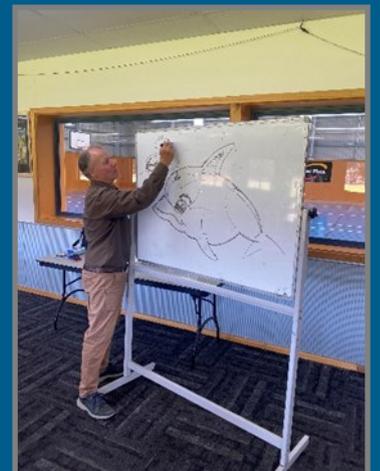
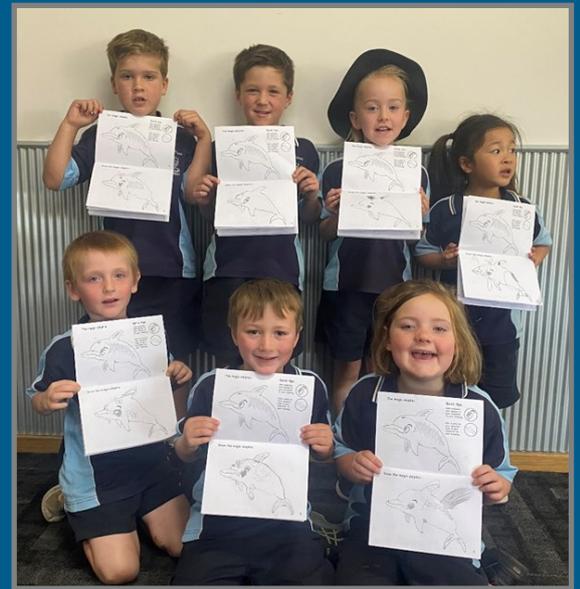
29TH NOVEMBER 2024



*"It is the most beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."*

- Pope Benedict

The R/1 class participated in a drawing workshop with illustrator Paul Rutter. The children completed two drawings of Australia ocean creatures from the children's illustrated storybook, Surf Rider Joe.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### STAFFING /CLASSES 2025

Unfortunately at the end of 2025 we will be farewelling Ms Bek Sweet who will be moving to Adelaide next year. Bek has been with us as an ESO since 2020 and we will miss her cheery personality, experience and dedication to her job. Good luck Bek. We have been able to fill part of Bek's role internally but are currently advertising for some replacement.

Our staffing for 2025 will be as follows:	
Principal/REC —Mr Martin Hayes	School Administration — Ms Andrea Scott
Leader of learning/NIT (Assistant Principal T1) - Mrs Camilla Tenney	School Administration & WH&S — Mrs Jo Brand
Yr. 5/6— Mr Shane Arbon	School Finance — Ms Jessica Brace
Yr. 3/4— Miss Bailey Millington	Classroom ESOs — Mrs Helen Wurst, Mrs Carmel Polomka, Mrs Amy Crawford & Mrs Alicia Thomas
Yr. 2/3 — Mrs Hannah Fuss	Cleaner — Mrs Heather Schultz
Reception/Yr. 1—Mrs Jaimie Clark & Mrs Alex Flannery	Bus Driver— Mr Steve Schultz
	Grounds — Mr Ronald Nash & Mr Steve Schultz

### GRADUATION/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A reminder that our End of Year Mass/Graduation Mass will be held on Wednesday 11th 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 at the back of our Reception/Year 1 class. All families are invited to attend.

### TRANSITION VISITS (Reception and Yr. 6)

For the last two weeks we have had the children who will be starting Reception in 2024 join us for the mornings. They have had a lovely time and we can't wait for them to join us next year.

Next week our Yr. 6s will also start to have some visits to their chosen High School. This is sometimes a nervous time for these students but also very exciting. We know they'll be fine.



### PREMIER'S BE ACTIVE AWARD— from Mr Arbon.



*We were very excited to hear that St. Joseph's was selected as one of the 50 High Achieving Premier's be active Challenge Schools for 2024. As part of this recognition, the Minister hosted a Reception at the Netball SA Stadium last Thursday. Charlie and Lucas attended the ceremony and received the plaque and certificate on behalf of the school. They were accompanied by Mr. Arbon and Jess Crawford. A big thankyou to Jess for making herself available on the day. During the ceremony, the Minister presented a grant of \$1,000 to our school. This grant is aimed at promoting physical activity within our school.*



*Highlights of the day included meeting Adelaide 36er, Isaac Humphries who is a Premier's be active Challenge ambassador, a photo and chat with Adelaide Crow players, Niamh Kelly and Danielle Ponter and a spectacular acrobatic performance from Cirkidz.*

# CATHOLIC IDENTITY

## VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL - "Giving Tree"

Thankyou so much to everyone who contributed to our Giving Tree this year. All items are going to be packed up and taken to St Vinnies next week.



## **MISSION DAY**

Last Friday we held our annual Mission Day fundraiser for Catholic Missions.

Each class did a great job at organising a variety of fun stalls. The children loved setting them up, working on them and going around to see where they should spend their money. Thankyou to all our parents who supplied items for the stalls—and the money for the children to buy things. At the end of the day we raised \$650. Well done everyone.



## **ADVENT**

Advent begins this Sunday.

Advent is a season observed in many Christian traditions as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus", meaning "coming" or "arrival". It typically begins on Sunday closest to November 30, and lasts for four weeks, culminating on Christmas Eve.

During Advent, believers focus on the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, often symbolised by the lighting of candles on an Advent wreath. Each week, a new candle is lit, representing one of these themes, and a central Christ candle is usually lit on Christmas Eve.

Advent, according to Pope Francis, is a season of vigilance—a watchful waiting that transcends passive expectation and to cultivate a society where compassion reigns.

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLS (at Crystal Brook)**

Mr Arbon has organised a group of volunteer students to sing carols at the Crystal Brook Carols night this Sunday night. The children will be singing in the Crystal Brook Rotunda between 6:30pm and 8:00pm.

*Martin Hayes*

## BELATED WELCOME

We had omitted to officially welcome Mia and Marcus Kalisch to St Joey's when they first started. So we would like to do that now. Marcus (Yr. 4) and Mia (Yr. 3) have been here for a few weeks now and have fitted in beautifully. Welcome Marcus and Mia and their parents Candice and Andrew.



## SAPSASA

Congratulations to Ava who competed in SAPSASA Tennis last week. Ava's team had a great week, they ended up drawing for the Gold medal.

## CATASTROPHIC BUSH FIRE RATING

Please be aware that when the fire danger is rated at Catastrophic, there will be **no school at St Joseph's and no one will be allowed on the school grounds.** When we receive a catastrophic warning, we will endeavour to let you know as soon as we can.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

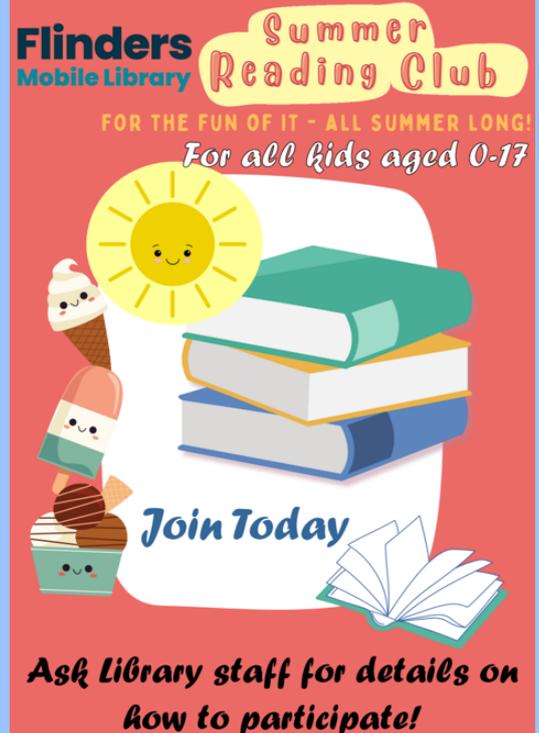
## Laura Markets

The Laura Markets  
invites all students of  
St Joseph's Parish School  
to come and see Santa at the  
Laura Markets  
on  
Saturday 7th December 2024  
9am - 1pm.

Santa will have a gift\*  
for boys and girls on the nice list

\*(until all gone)

Indoor & Outdoor stalls  
Lucky Squares Raffle - LOTS of prizes  
Sausage sizzle, Golden North Ice Cream,  
Coffee, Hot Donuts.



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