

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 2025

Week 3

Thursday 13th Feb
Crows visit

Friday 14th Feb
Stadium day
Joey's for Juniors
9:30am-11:00am
P & F Meeting 9am

Week 4

Monday 17th Feb-
Thursday 20th Feb
swimming lessons

Friday 21st Feb
Year 3/4 class Mass
and Assembly

Week 5

Friday 28th Feb
Stadium day

St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

Week 3 Term 1 2025

ISSUE 2

12TH FEBRUARY 2024



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



2025 STUDENT LEADERS

Back Row: Imogen (Sports Captain), Max (School Captain), Sophia (5/6 SRC),

Middle Row: Ava (Yr. 2/3 SRC), Ava (Religious Leader), Bella (Sports Captain, Zachariah (5/6 SRC), Georgie (School Captain)

Front Row: Bernie (R/1 SRC), Anastasia (Yr. 3/4 SRC), Harry (3/4 SRC), Hendrix (Sports Captain), Lacey (R/1 SRC), Fletcher (Yr. 2/3 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.

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

We've had a great start to the year, with the first two weeks passing by in a flash! The children have settled in beautifully, demonstrating enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Our dedicated staff are working tirelessly to foster a welcoming and engaging learning environment for all. We are all looking forward to the exciting year ahead!

We'd also love to invite you to our first P&F meeting this Friday at 9:00 am. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, get involved in fundraising, and contribute to building a strong school community. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thankyou to all of the parents that came along to our Meet the teacher/Parent Information Night. We do understand how many didn't venture out in the heat, but a reminder that you can make an appointment at any time with your child's teacher. Please contact them directly via seesaw or your child's diary.

STUDENT WELL-BEING

You will have recently received a letter from Mrs Jaimie Clark, our well-being teacher, requesting some information regarding your child and their well-being.

We take student well-being very serious at St Joseph's. If a child's mind is focussed on 'troubles' then their learning and their mental health will most likely suffer.

If at any time you feel you have concerns regarding your child, please make a time to talk with their teacher, but Jaimie (although not a trained counsellor) is happy to meet with you as well.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN Testing will be occurring in Term 1 for students in years 3 and 5. The testing window is open from 12th – 24th 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 and 5 students are welcome to speak to Mrs. Tenney should you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN in 2025

SCHOOL FEES STATEMENTS

Statements for school fees went out last week. If you are concerned about your ability to pay school fees, we strongly encourage you to have a discussion with the Martin (Principal) or Jessica (Finance Officer).

SCHOOL CARDS

Just a reminder that School Card applications are now open and we strongly encourage families to check the eligibility thresholds, in the link below.

If you're family are eligible you will receive financial assistance with a reduction in school fees.

To qualify for a School Card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit, which depends on how many dependent children you have.

The income limits for applications lodged in 2025 are based on your family's gross income 2023 - 2024

Find out more [https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme?](https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme?fbclid=IwZXhobgNhZWwCMTEAARoMABJqOf2oFcOrZU97tc2yRVBuHjLbUGv767NtUDWeeZkgNLPI8wHIK54_aem_wYYnnweiX-M5w5dq5tcTlg)

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SWIMMING LESSONS



A reminder that swimming lessons are going to take place next week.

Please ensure that all of your child's clothes and "equipment" is labelled.

THERE ARE STILL SOME NOTES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN RETURNED. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THEY ARE BEFORE MONDAY.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Planting Seeds of Hope: A Wonderful Start to the Year

We were delighted to begin the school year with a **whole school Mass**, led by **Fr Ranjith**. This special gathering allowed us to come together as a faith community, warmly welcoming all the new families joining **St Joseph's** and celebrating our brand-new **Reception students** as they begin their learning journey.

During the Mass, we also had the privilege of **announcing and blessing our student leaders**, who will help guide and support our school community throughout the year. As we reflect on this year's diocesan theme, "**Seeds of Hope**," we are reminded of the role we each play in nurturing growth, kindness, and faith within our school. Our students, staff, and families are all planting seeds that will flourish into a strong and vibrant community.

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who attended—it was wonderful to see so many of you there. Special thanks to **Monica, our P&F President**, for organising a lovely **morning tea**, providing a great opportunity for connection and conversation as we start the year together.

We look forward to seeing the many ways our **Seeds of Hope** will grow throughout 2024!



Welcoming our new families

"Welcome to a place where your child will grow, learn, and thrive. We are excited to have you join our school family and look forward to growing together on this amazing journey."



THIS FRIDAY

JOEY'S FOR JUNIORS PLAYGROUP

Friday 14th February
St Josephs Parish School Gladstone
9.30 - 11am

Messy & Sensory Play | Nature Play | Community
Playgroup | Friendship & Connection
| Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate |
ALL WELCOME - FREE

Contact 08 8662 2016
for more information

The flyer is vibrant and child-friendly, with a teal and yellow color scheme. It features a smiling sun, a red heart with the text 'THIS FRIDAY', and three circular images: a child playing with a rainbow umbrella, a tree made of hearts, and children playing on a grassy area. The text is bold and clear, providing all necessary details for the event.