

# NEWSLETTER



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## IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 2025

### Week 9

Wed.26th-Fri.28th March  
SAPSASA Softball Adelaide  
Fri. 28th March  
Stadium Day  
Fish Taco Friday  
St Joeys for Juniors 9:30am-11:00am  
P & F Family Social Night-5:30pm Little Blessings Brewery  
Laura

### Week 10

Mon.31st March  
Young Leaders Day- Adelaide Yr 6 Class  
Tues. 1st April  
Yr 2-6 parent teacher interviews  
Wed. 2nd April  
Yr 2-6 parent teacher interviews  
Fri. 4th April  
SRC Cookie Stall at IGA Gladstone 9am-11:30am  
Easter Presentations 1:45pm

### Week 11

Tues. 8th April  
Yr 5/6 T ball Carnival-Laura  
Wed. 9th April  
Chrism Mass Port Pirie-Yr5/6  
Rec/1 parent teacher interviews  
Fri. 11th April  
SJPS SPORTS DAY 9am-Gladstone Stadium  
Last day of TERM 1  
NO SJPS Bus running

INSERT: P & F SPORTS DAY LUNCH ORDER SHEET

# St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

## Week 7 Term 1, 2025

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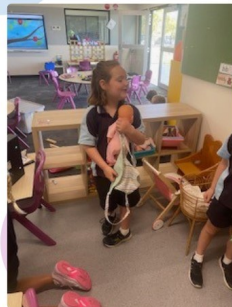
26TH MARCH 2025



*"Lent is the perfect time to allow ourselves to contemplate the pain of those who suffer without anyone to help them." - Pope Francis*

## Reception/Year 1 Class OUR FAVOURITE THINGS ABOUT SCHOOL SO FAR.....

### Investigations!!



BUILDING WITH THE 'LITTLE CONSTRUCTION', I BUILT A CRAB THAT WENT ON MY BOAT. - BERNIE



I ENJOY THE BEAR AREA AND MAKING PUPPET SHOWS. -LACEY

I LIKE PLAYING IN THE BABY CLINIC. -IVY

I LIKE DOING PUPPET SHOWS IN THE BEAR AREA. - ELSIE

I LIKE BUILDING BIG BOATS WITH SHARKS UNDERNEATH. - HUGO

I LIKE PLAYING LEGO. I BUILT A RED BOAT WITH RED GEMS IN IT. - HUXLEY

I LIKE TO WRITE AND DRAW PANDAS AND FOXES. -BEN

I LIKE THE 'LITTLE CONSTRUCTION', I MADE A BOAT AND A HERMIT CRAB. I ALSO LIKE PLAYING LEGO. - COOPER

PLAYING WITH WATER OUTSIDE. -TOBIAS AND AMY



## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

As I write I find myself filled with a mixture of emotions. It is with a heart full of gratitude and a sense of sadness because I know that my time as Principal of St Joseph's is very quickly coming to a close, and it is difficult to express just how much this school has meant to me.

Over the past twelve years, I have had the privilege of being part of a community that is truly exceptional and although I may be leaving the formal role of Principal, please know that St Joseph's will always be a special place to me. I will continue to take an interest in the lives of the students, staff, and families here and I look forward to hearing about the continued successes of this wonderful community in the years to come.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to each and every one of you, students, staff, and parents, who have been part of this journey with me. Your support has meant so much to me over the years.

It has been an honour to serve as Principal of St Josephs, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of this wonderful community.

Martin

## NEW SCHOOL BOARD

Last week we held our School Board AGM. At this meeting we had three members come to the end of their time, and each had done 6 years of service. I would like to thank Abbie Arbon (who was our chair for the last 4 years), Charlotte Rich and Jason Zohs for their volunteer service to the school, it is very much appreciated and I personally would like to thank them for the support that they have given me over their time.

At the AGM we were also able to elect three new members; Monica Richards, Amy Fogarty and Rory Zippel. I thank them for taking in these important roles. Our School Board is now:

St Joseph's 2025 School Board	
Fr. Harold Camonias	President
New Principal	Principal
Nathan May	Chairperson
Matt Thomas	Vice-Chairperson
Stuart Wilson	Treasurer
Amy Fogarty	Secretary
James Wardle	Parent member
Rory Zippel	Parent Member
Monica Richards	Parent Member
Camilla Tenney	Staff Representative

## FAMILY EVENT—LITTLE BLESSINGS BREWERY— 28TH MARCH—5:30pm

This Friday, 28th March, we have scheduled an event at Little Blessings Brewery for our St Joseph's families. We see this event as a way of our families coming together in a relaxed environment and hopefully the opportunity arises for families who may not have met each other to do so.

## NO ST JOSEPH'S BUS FOR SPORTS DAY

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the St Joseph's Crystal Brook bus will not be operating on Friday, 11th April (Sport's Day). We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to our Crystal Brook families and appreciate your understanding and patience.

## SPORTS DAY

A reminder that our Sports day is going to be held on the last day of the term, 11th April. There will be a timetable coming out shortly. But a few reminders for families:

-Children come to Sports Day in their normal school uniform and when they arrive they will be given a shirt to wear in the colour of their team. They then return that shirt at the end of the day—we ask for a volunteer to take them home and wash them all (please let Andrea or Jo know if you can do this)

-Children are allowed to wear ribbons of their team colours in their hair, spray their hair and/or wear coloured zinc. Please note that they will need to be wearing their school hat when not competing.

-P&F will be organising a lunch order meal pack for the day (order included with this newsletter).

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY AT ST JOSEPH'S

### EASTER PLAYS

Every alternate year we do Easter plays, depicting the Christian story of Easter. Each class will present a different part of the story. These will be presented on Friday 4th April at 1:45pm in the break out space.



Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer.

Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative, Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection.

Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives.

[Watch Lam's story here](#)

**Will you walk alongside people like Lam this Lent?**



Photo credit: Caritas Australia



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Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

### Easter Raffle

We are looking for lots of easter Egg Donations for our annual Easter Raffle. Please drop them in to the front office by the end of next week so we have time to bundle them up.

Draw date: Wednesday 9th April

# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL BUS

Due to circumstances beyond our control the SJPS Crystal Brook bus will not run on Friday 11th April

# Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival 2025

A great swimming carnival at Clare on Friday March 21st.

St. Joeys placed 2nd overall. Well done team.

Thank you to our volunteers, Parents and Grand Parents who came to support.



Congratulations to Imogen Wardle - Year 6 age Champion

# Reminder

**Fish Taco Friday**  
Fri 28th March  
**Sports Day**  
11th March  
**Last Day of Term**  
11th March

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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## BSR WELCOMES JUNIOR NETBALLERS & FOOTBALLERS

Junior Training Starts:

**INTER** netball only 20th March @ Spalding from 5:15pm

**U12's, U14's & U17's** football and **JUNIORS & SUB JUNIORS** netball only 27th March @ Redhill from 5:15pm

Netball Junior Coordinator:  
Anne Jones 0438 272 592  
Football Junior Coordinator:  
Brad Jones 0439 840 708

**Laura Fair**  
Eat, Dance, Enjoy  
**APRIL 5 & 6 2025**  
Sat 5th 10am-10pm Sun 6th 10am-4pm

**Kidz Zone**

**SATURDAY**

- 10am - Animals Anonymous
- 10:30am - Nitro Niall
- 11am - The Punny Farmers
- 11:30am - The Amazing Drumming Monkeys
- 12noon - Nitro Niall
- 12:30pm - The Punny Farmers
- 1pm - The Amazing Drumming Monkeys
- 1:30pm - Animals Anonymous
- 2:00pm - Peter Combe
- 2:30pm - The Punny Farmers
- 3:00pm - Nitro Niall
- 3:45pm - Cool 4 Kids
- 4:15pm - The Amazing Drumming Monkeys
- 4:45pm - Cool 4 Kids
- 5:15pm - Giant Lawn Games & Activities
- 6:00pm - Glow Disco
- 7:30pm - Movie Under the Stars

**SUNDAY**

- 10am - Nitro Niall
- 10:30am - Animals Anonymous
- 11am - The Punny Farmers
- 11:30am - The Amazing Drumming Monkeys
- 12:00pm - Nitro Niall
- 12:30pm - Animals Anonymous
- 1pm - The Punny Farmers
- 1:00pm - The Amazing Drumming Monkeys
- 2pm - Nitro Niall
- 2:30pm - The Punny Farmers
- 3pm - The Amazing Drumming Monkeys








**FOR THE ADULTS:**  
Pop Stalls, 20 Food Vans, Can Bar, Wine & Cider Vans, DJ & MORE!

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