

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2 2025

Week 1

Fri. 2nd May

Stadium Day

Joey's for Juniors

Playgroup 9-10:30am

School team colours day

Week 2

Thurs. 8th May

Mother's Day stall

Fri. 9th May

Mother's Day Mass 9am,

followed by Assembly,

both hosted by 2/3 Class

then Mother's Day

Morning Tea

Week 3

Catholic Education Week

Fri. 16th May

Walk to School Day

Stadium Day

Joey's for Juniors

Playgroup 9-10:30am

P&F Meeting 9am

Insert:

Mother's Day Stall flyer

St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

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"He is not here for he is Risen" - Matthew 28:6

sports day

FRIDAY APRIL 11TH 2025



Principal's Message

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. Firstly, I want to thank the St Joseph's Parish School Community for your warm welcome as your Acting Principal for Term 2. I have thoroughly enjoyed the start of term because I can see what a beautiful community we have here. I have enjoyed reconnecting with familiar faces from when I was a parent at the school, and getting to know those newer to the school. I am grateful of the energy and connections that exist here, professionally supported and encouraged by our committed staff.

Preparing the school calendar for distribution is always an exciting time, planning the educational opportunities for our students. Please find the calendar on the back of this newsletter which is accurate for this point in time. Any changes will be communicated through the newsletter. Thank you for your understanding that the dynamics of a school environment sometimes call for adaptation. Please note that a Pupil Free Day is yet to be confirmed, which I will communicate as soon as possible for your planning.

As we begin a new school term I remind our community that we deeply value the partnership between families and teachers in supporting our students' learning and wellbeing, particularly in relation to attendance and communication. Student attendance is important for continuity of curriculum engagement, therefore we ask that families maintain an open and respectful line of communication with teachers and myself so that we can support consistent attendance and engagement of students. To ensure effective communication, please note that staff are dedicated during work hours to providing high-quality learning and have the right to disconnect outside of these times. Teachers may not be able to respond to messages during the school day or after hours. If you have an urgent matter please phone our office for this communication.

Welcome

We welcome Talia Evans and her family to our school community, as she commences her first week in Reception at St Joseph's. We also welcome Ms Ebony Smith to our staff as our new WH&S officer. We thank Mrs Jo Brand for her dedicated and professional contributions to our school community over the past 5 years.



Sports Day

We carried out our Sports Day on the last day of Term 1. The weather was great and although it was not scorching heat, it was the hottest Sports Day we have had in many years.

The students should be commended for the way in which they competed and supported their peers, from the initial health hustles and war-cries, right through to the final event, the Tug-O-War.

The Parents and Friends committee once again provided a fantastic spread of lunch options and the coffee van, Love You a Latte, also provided a wonderful array of drinks and ice-creams.

We were grateful for the large number of Parents, Grandparents, siblings and friends that came to support. Our spectator numbers seem to be growing each year, which is fantastic.

This year saw St. Joseph take out the Team Spirit Shield, 271-249.5, whilst MacKillop won the Sports Day, 444-352.

As mentioned in the presentations, we take great pride in creating a day that enables every student to participate and have fun. Our events are designed to enable athletes to perform to their highest level of competition, whilst also ensuring other students are welcomed to take part in team games and tabloids that focus more on the elements of participation.

A big thankyou to all involved in the preparation of the day.

Mr Shane Arbon



ANZAC Day

Thank you to our Student Leaders who represented our school with pride at the ANZAC Dawn Service in Gladstone. Georgie and Max laid the school wreath, Zachariah placed a wreath in honour of the fallen soldiers at Gallipoli, and Ava raised the New Zealand flag. Thank you Student Leaders for your reverence, respect and commitment, you did an excellent job. Thank you to the local RSL for the opportunity to be involved, Ms Andrea Scott, Mr Arbon and Mrs Tenney for supporting our students' participation. *Lest We Forget*



Department Early Closure Days

The local department schools have early closure days on Tuesday 13th May (week 3) and Tuesday 17th May (week 8). We encourage families who utilise department buses to make alternate travel arrangements for your child(ren) on these dates. If alternate arrangements are not available your child(ren) can still use the department bus service which will be running an hour earlier.

SAPSASA Cross Country

Congratulations to our students who participated in the SAPSASA Cross Country event on Wednesday 30th April. Georgie came first in the 12 year old 3km group, Sadie came first in the 10 year old 2km group and Adele came third. Well done to you all for participating with such determination, representing our school with pride.



New Bus Signage

Over the break we had the bus signage completed. I am grateful to Steve Schultz and Nathan May who supported this process. It looks fantastic, supporting a sense of pride amongst our students.



Catholic Identity at St Joseph's Parish School

Pope Francis

We join the universal Church in mourning the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis. As shared by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, Pope Francis was a shepherd of deep faith, compassion and humility. He dedicated his life to serving God's people and advocating for the poor, the marginalized and the dignity of all human life. Pope Francis was a tireless witness to the Gospel, always reminding us of God's mercy and calling us to a life of love and service. May he rest in peace, and may his legacy of love, justice, and peace continue to inspire our St Joseph's Parish School Community and the faithful around the world. We pray that eternal rest be granted to Pope Francis and perpetual light shine upon him.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK—Week 3

Week three of this term we will celebrate Catholic Education Week. Further information regarding specific events will be distributed via a letter home.

School Masses

Please note mass times on the family calendar. We invite families to attend our class masses where possible. If you would like support in understanding the structure or traditions that exist within the mass please get in touch with Tamara and she will gladly support you in this. It is important that you feel comfortable and supported, especially if participation in the Catholic Faith Traditions is not familiar.

St Joseph's Parish School
Term 2 Family Calendar 2025

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
1	Friday 2 nd May	STADIUM DAY St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:00am—10:30am
2	Thursday 8 th May Friday 9 th May	Mother's Day Stall 2/3 Class Mass & Assembly from 9am Mother's Day morning tea (following assembly)
3	Monday 12 th May Tuesday 13 th May Wednesday 14 th May Friday 16 th May	CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK Catholic Education Week Mass 9am Department Early Closures (Dept. buses impacted) P&F Meeting 7pm STADIUM DAY St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:00am—10:30am Walk to School Day Parents & Friends Meeting 9am
4	Wednesday 21 st May Friday 23 rd May	Simultaneous Story Time School Board Meeting 7:00pm Year 3-6 Lacrosse Carnival in Adelaide
5	Monday 26 th May Friday 30 th May	National Sorry Day STADIUM DAY St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:00am—10:30am
6	Friday 6 th June	5/6 Class Mass & Assembly from 9am
7	Monday 9 th June Tuesday 10 th June Friday 13 th June	KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY Parents & Friends Meeting (via Teams, time TBC) STADIUM DAY St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:00am—10:30am
8	Tuesday 17 th June Wednesday 18 th June Friday 20 th June	Department Early Closures (buses impacted) School Board meeting 7:00pm 5/6 Class Mass & Assembly from 9am
9	Wednesday 25 th June Friday 27 th June	BEAUTY & THE BEAST EXCURSION (WHOLE SCHOOL) STADIUM DAY St Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:00am—10:30am <i>TBC - SACPPA Netball Carnival</i>
10	Friday 4 th July	End of Term Mass @ 9:00am End of Term—2:10pm dismissal