

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2 2025

Week 3

Catholic Education Week

Wed. 14th May:

Bike track afternoon

Thurs 15th May:

Lacrosse clinics

Fri. 16th May:

Stadium Day

Walk Safely to School Day

Joey's for Juniors Playgroup

9am—10:30am

P&F Meeting 9am

P&F Burrito Lunches

Lacrosse clinics

Week 4

Wed. 21st May:

Simultaneous Story Time

Fri. 23rd May:

Yr 3-6 Lacrosse Carnival in

Adelaide

Week 5

SAPSASA AFL

Mon 26th May:

National Sorry Day

Wed. 28th May:

School Board 7pm

Fri. 30th May

Stadium Day

Joey's for Juniors Playgroup

9am—10:30am

St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

Week 3 Term 2, 2025



15TH MAY 2025

We celebrated the mums and special ladies in our students' lives with a beautiful Mass and assembly led by Mrs Fuss's Year 2/3 class, followed by a lovely morning tea.

Students helped prepare the delicious cakes, slices, and platters with the support of Mrs Wurst and Mrs Clark. Our school captains and SRC also contributed to the preparations, ensuring our guests could sit back, relax, and enjoy the morning.

As we say, "Special moments are created when gathering."



MOTHER'S DAY



Principal's Message

The start of term has been very busy, filled with heartfelt connection and high quality learning experiences. I thank our staff for their patience, skill and kindness as we move through a very busy school calendar filled with educational opportunities. This past fortnight we have celebrated mass twice and I have been incredibly proud of the way students reverently and purposefully engaged. The leadership of our senior students has been a highlight for me as they step up and into these opportunities.

I am aware that a range of communications have been coming home because of this very full calendar. Please find on the back of this newsletter an updated Family Calendar for your reference. Please phone the school if you have any concerns or would like to clarify anything.

Staffing

As communicated to families last week, Mr Steven Schultz will be on leave until July. We also have Mrs Hannah Fuss commencing maternity leave in week 5 and Mrs Carmel Polomka finishing in week 5. We have been advertising for a replacement teacher in our 2/3 Classroom to take over when Mrs Hannah Fuss commences maternity leave. With this in mind We are seeking expressions of interest from within our community for potential candidates to take on the following temporary replacement roles:

- Education Support Officer (Services Stream) to drive our bus and maintain the school grounds until July. Appropriate licensing and checks will be required.
- Short term parental-leave replacement 2/3 Classroom Teacher for week 6-10 of Term 2, while we keep the advertisement open for a Term 3 and 4 role.
- Education Support Officer to work approximately 9 hours across two days. Experience in the Sounds -Write program would be of benefit for this role. This role is required from weeks 6 to 10 of Term 2.

All applications are to be sent to tamara.wilson@stjoglad.catholic.edu.au by Wednesday 21st May at the latest. Please contact Tamara for a confidential discussion if any of these roles are of interest to you. Due to the urgency in filling the above positions, they may be filled as soon as suitable candidates are identified.

Community Consultation

The role for a substantive Principal has been advertised. Part of the appointment process is to engage in a community consultation. Mr Geoff McManus, our Schools Performance Leader, will be visiting us on Wednesday 28th May to consult with students, staff and the School Board. This consultation process will inform the interview and selection process.

Mother's Day

We thank our families for attending our Mother's Day celebrations which included Mass, Assembly and Morning Tea. It was a pride-filled morning that demonstrated the strong partnerships we value and nurture at St Joseph's Parish School. Thank you to all who contributed to the morning, especially our 2/3 Class who led our Mass and Assembly and our Staff who supported students to make and share the morning tea offerings. Another event that highlights the teamwork we have here!

Lacrosse Clinics & Carnival

This Thursday and Friday our students will be participating in Lacrosse clinics at school and at Stadium Day. This will help form a strong foundation for our Year 3-6 students who will be travelling to Adelaide Friday 23rd May (week 4) to participate in the Catholic Schools Lacrosse Carnival. A letter was distributed on Tuesday to families for this excursion.

Simultaneous Storytime

Next Wednesday 21st May we will be participating in the National Simultaneous Story Time. Our R/1 Class will be joining with the Gladstone Primary School students for this activity, whilst the Year 2-6 Classes will participate in our Library. This event is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association which aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book.

SAPSASA Selections & Dates

We congratulate the following students who have been selected to participate in SAPSASA State Carnivals in the coming weeks; Hendrix in the AFL Boys and Ava K, Bella, Georgie and Imogen in the Girls Netball and Zachariah in the Boys Netball. We wish them all the best as they represent our school and region. We also wish Mr Shane Arbon well as the Coach of the AFL Boys team. An excellent opportunity to share knowledge and passion.

Jump Rope for Heart

We're excited to once again take part in the Jump Rope for Heart program. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to get active, learn new skipping skills, and build awareness about heart health. Information has been sent home with your child—please take a moment to read through it and chat with them about getting involved. We're encouraging all families to register using the link provided, so students can fully participate in the program. While fundraising is part of the initiative, please know that it's completely optional. We understand that times are challenging for many, and there is absolutely no pressure to contribute financially. Our focus is on fun, fitness, and learning.

SRC Update

Our SRC had a very fruitful meeting last Friday. In this meeting we discussed initiatives, concerns and potential impacts that we could have as a student body. It was in this conversation that students have decided to hold "Green Thumb Thursday" - an optional activity for students on Thursdays from week 4 onwards to help work on the garden space at the school. This will be supervised by Mrs Wilson. If you have concerns regarding your child's participation in this initiative please make contact with Tamara. The students also established that they would like to organize food donations to the St Vincent de Paul Society. They are currently constructing their advertisements for this which we will share with our community in the near future.

Catholic Identity at St Joseph's Parish School

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This week is Catholic Education Week (CEW), an important celebration across all Catholic Schools celebrating who we are and what we do. The week has a core focus on celebrating teaching and learning and what it means to be part of a Catholic school community. The theme for this important week is Shine with Open Hearts. We began preparing for CEW by decorating hearts with our names and then something we are proud of. The students took great pride in this process which we have displayed in the administration area. Please ask your child about their heart or even come in for a look at the display—it truly is something special to see how they each feel they can shine and the collective power of them together.



We started the week with Mass led by our SRC and School Leaders. In the introduction we were reminded of our call to be Pilgrims of Hope, by showing compassion and kindness, just as Jesus did. In the First Reading (from the letter of St James) we were reminded of our call to be patient, to keep hopes high and remember to be merciful and compassionate. Father Harold built on this by reminding students that we can be the face and hands of Jesus, that we can choose to be compassionate, kind, patient and generous.

St Joseph's Parish School
Term 2 Family Calendar 2025 UPDATED

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
3	Friday 16 th May	STADIUM DAY Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:00am—10:30am Walk Safely to School Day (walking together from SJPS to Stadium) Lacrosse Clinics Parents & Friends Meeting 9am Parents & Friends Burrito lunch day
4	Wednesday 21 st May Friday 23 rd May	Simultaneous Story Time 11:30am Year 3-6 Lacrosse Carnival in Adelaide
5	Monday 26 th May Wednesday 28 th May Friday 30 th May	SAPSASA AFL Monday to Wednesday National Sorry Day Community Consultation with Mr Geoff McManus School Board Meeting 7:00pm STADIUM DAY Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:00am—10:30am
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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 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 (Dept. buses impacted) School Board meeting 7:00pm 5/6 Class Mass & Assembly from 9am
9	Wednesday 25 th June Friday 27 th June	SAPSASA Netball Monday to Wednesday BEAUTY & THE BEAST EXCURSION (WHOLE SCHOOL) STADIUM DAY Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:00am—10:30am
10	Wednesday 2nd July Friday 4 th July	SACPPA netball Carnival End of Term Mass @ 9:00am

