

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2 2025

Week 5

Wed. 28th May:

Community Consultation for
Substantive Principal role
School Board meeting 7pm

Fri. 30th May:

Stadium Day

Wear it Yellow for Children's
Ground

Joey's for Juniors Playgroup

9am—10:30am

Week 7

Mon. 9th June:

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Fri. 13th June:

Stadium Day

Joey's for Juniors Playgroup

9am—10:30am

Week 8

Tues. 17th June:

Dept early closure (Dept. buses
impacted)

Wed. 18th June:

School Board 7pm

Frid. 20th June:

Yr 5/6 Mass & Assembly 9am

P & F Family Game Night 5—7pm

Week 9

SAPSASA Netball Mon-Wed

Wed. 25th June:

Whole school Beauty & the Beast

Excursion to Adelaide

Fri. 27th June:

Stadium Day

Joey's for Juniors Playgroup

9am—10:30am

St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

Week 5 Term 2, 2025



28TH MAY 2025

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:18



Year 3-6 Lacrosse Carnival



Principal's Message

The community of St Joseph's Parish School continues to inspire me. The way our Year 3-6 cohort represented our school and themselves last Friday at the Catholic Schools Lacrosse Carnival was outstanding. They demonstrated incredible team work, resilience, problem-solving and joy.

As we move into the cooler weather I remind families that if students have any symptoms of an illness such as coughs, runny noses, headaches or lethargy please keep them home from school to support their recovery and minimise the spread. We are also encouraging students to wear warmer uniform items such as jumpers and pants as we have quite a few wearing just t-shirts and shorts on very cold days. Thank you for your support in this.

National Reconciliation Week

We started the week with a prayer service led by some of our Year 5/6 students to acknowledge National Sorry Day. We were invited to remember how Saint Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph worked to bring love, dignity, and justice to those who were suffering and were reminded to follow their example by praying with open hearts and listening with compassion. We promised to be people of hope and healing, praying for reconciliation and for wisdom to act with compassion. National Reconciliation Week is celebrated from 27th May to 3rd June each year, it promotes understanding and respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians. It serves as a time to learn about the share histories, cultures, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students will participate in learning activities through the week that support this learning and understanding, and then will wrap up the school week with a "Wear it Yellow" day on Friday. This is an invitation for students to wear a touch of yellow and donate a gold coin to go towards Children's Ground—a not-for-profit organisation designed with, and led by First Nations people to end enduring injustice and disadvantage.

Staffing

Mrs Kylie Smith joins us next week as we wish Mrs Hannah Fuss all the best for her maternity leave. I am also delighted to announce that Mrs Carly Perry will be casually employed as an ESO to fill Mrs Carmel Polomka's role. Mrs Chloe Zippel will also increase her hours to help cover this backfill. As communicated to families previously we are seeking expressions of interest for a temporary replacement Education Support Officer (Services Stream) to drive our bus and maintain the school grounds until July. Appropriate licensing and checks will be required. Please contact Tamara if this may be of interest to you.

Lacrosse Carnival

On Friday the 23rd of May, all the Year 3-6 students travelled to Adelaide for a Catholic Schools lacrosse carnival. Despite the early bus trip everyone was buzzing with excitement and looking forward to utilising the skills they had been practising with Marylin from Lacrosse SA. When we arrived, we were met by two other schools and all our teams competed in 6, 17-minute games. During the games there was lots of goals, running around, encouragement and teamwork as a reward for that we got to stop at a choice of McDonalds or KFC. Some Highlights included playing with my friends and improving our Lacrosse skills as a team. (By Isabella & Imogen)

Mid Year Enrolments

We are currently finalising our Mid-Year enrolments. If you are aware of any families who may be considering enrolling mid-year at St Joseph's, please ask them to contact the school soon.

Our school has two intakes into Reception each year (Term 1 and Term 3).

The relevant dates for new Receptions:

- If your child turns 5 on or before the 30th April they can start school in Term 1 of that year.
- If your child turns 5 on or before 31 October they can start school in Term 3 of that year.
- Children starting in Reception in Term 3 will have a minimum of 6 terms in Reception.
- Children whose birthday falls between 1 November and 31 December are not eligible to commence school before the following year.

Department Early Closure Days

The local department schools have their next early closure day on 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. Please notify the school if you would prefer your child departs school early to catch their bus.

Classroom Snapshot—Reception / Year 1 Class

In Literacy, students have been developing strong reading and spelling skills through the *Little Learners Love Literacy* program. Engaging activities such as Fluency Pairs, Let's Spell, and the Sound Swap game help build phonemic awareness, decoding skills, and spelling knowledge in fun, structured ways—laying a solid foundation for confident, capable learners.

In Numeracy, students have been exploring addition through interactive fluency games that build confidence and accuracy with number strategies. They are learning to use approaches such as count all, count on from the largest number, and doubles. These hands-on activities support a deep understanding of how and when to apply different strategies to solve problems effectively.



Technology

In our Parent Communication on 21st May we communicated that technology was not to be brought on excursions for safety and consistency. Building on this, we ask that if children are wearing smartwatches they are in 'school mode' during school hours to ensure that students can focus on their learning.

Catholic Identity at St Joseph's Parish School

Shining with Open Hearts

We invite families to come and see our beautiful display of hearts that the children decorated in preparation for Catholic Education Week. Students were prompted to write something on the back of the heart that they are proud of. We will keep these on display until the end of the term to provide families an opportunity to have a look and to converse with your child about their unique gifts, talents or passions that help them to Shine with Open Hearts. We will send these home at the end of the term and encourage families to display them to maintain that sense of pride.




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

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
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 Consultation 6:30pm, Board Meeting 7:00pm STADIUM DAY Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:00am—10:30am Parents & Friends lunch catering Wear it Yellow for Children's Ground (gold coin donation)
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7	Monday 9 th June Tuesday 10 th June Wednesday 11 th June Friday 13 th June	KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY Parents & Friends Meeting via Teams 7pm Mid Year Reception Transition Visit 1 (until lunch) STADIUM DAY Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:00am—10:30am Parents & Friends lunch catering
8	Tuesday 17 th June Wednesday 18 th June Friday 20 th June	Department Schools' Early Closure Day (Dept. buses impacted) Mid Year Reception Transition Visit 2 (whole day) School Board meeting 7:00pm 5/6 Class Mass & Assembly from 9am Parents & Friends Family Games Night 5-7pm
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 2 nd July Friday 4 th July	SACPPA Netball Carnival End of Term Mass @ 9:00am End of Term—2:10pm dismissal

STRONGER FAMILIES:
A POSITIVE PARENTING CONFERENCE
PORT PIRIE

📅 **DATE & TIME**
Wednesday June 25, 2025
6pm sharp – 7:30pm


📍 **LOCATION**
St Mark's College – Bishop Gallagher Centre
Bosco Campus, The Terrace, Port Pirie




FEATURED SPEAKER
Madhavi Nawana Parker
Helping Children and Teens
Respond to Friendship
Difficulties and Bullying
(Renowned parenting and resilience expert)

🎁 **FREE Event** Light refreshments included


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CAN DRIVE



The St. Joseph's Parish School SRC Committee have decided to do a Can Drive to support the St. Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal throughout Catholic Education Week. We are asking for donations of any canned foods and non-perishable items from our school and local community. Thank you for helping us spread hope through Catholic Education Week.



CAN ALL DONATIONS PLEASE BE DROPPED TO THE OFFICE BY THE 6TH OF JUNE

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL

Family Game Night

Join the P&F for a casual evening of fun with friends. Sausage in bread, popcorn and hot chocolate provided.

20TH JUNE 2025
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

In the breakout space at school

Play old favourites or learn a new game!