

## NEWSLETTER



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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### TERM 2 2025

##### Week 7

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  
Friday 20th June:  
Yr 5/6 Mass & Assembly 9am  
Parents & Friends Games Night  
5-7pm

##### Week 9

Mon-Wed: SAPSASA Netball  
Wed. 25th June:  
Whole school Beauty & the  
Beast Excursion to Adelaide  
Fri. 27th June:  
Stadium Day  
No Joey's for Juniors

##### Week 10

Wed. 2nd July:  
Yr 3-6 Netball Carnival Adelaide  
Thurs. 3rd July:  
Whole school mass 2pm  
Fri. 4th July:  
PUPIL FREE DAY

# St. Joseph's Parish School Gladstone

## Week 7 Term 2, 2025



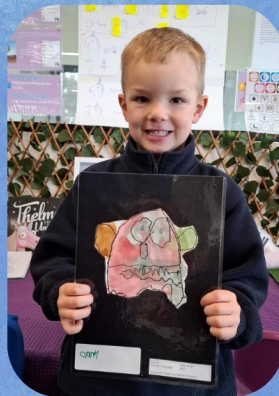
12TH JUNE 2025

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16*

## CONGRATULATIONS



**BARBARA  
KLEINIG  
JUNIOR  
ART AWARDS  
2025**



Recently, our students had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Laura Art Show. Everyone did a brilliant job showcasing their creativity and personal expression — we're so proud of all who took part!

A special congratulations goes to the four students who received commendations for the Barbara Kleinig Junior Art Award:

Upper Primary - Sophia Richards  
Middle Primary - Kai Hansen  
Junior Primary - Clancy Palmer and Cooper Zippel

Well done to all participants and especially to Sophia, Kai, Clancy and Cooper for this fantastic achievement!

## Principal's Message

As we move through the term, it has been heartening to see our students deeply engaged in their learning across all year levels. Classrooms are alive with curiosity, collaboration, and a genuine enthusiasm for growth. We are especially grateful for the new staff who have joined us this term as they have settled into their roles beautifully, forming strong connections with students and embracing our shared mission to support each child holistically—as thriving people, capable learners, and leaders for the world God desires.

Our staff continue to demonstrate outstanding commitment to our students, working hard behind the scenes and in the classroom to ensure every child feels valued, supported, and challenged. And as always, our students continue to inspire me. Their kindness, sense of community, and growing awareness of how they can positively contribute to our school and the world beyond is something we should all be very proud of. We deeply value the partnership we share with our families. Open communication and mutual support play an important role in helping our students thrive, and we truly appreciate the ongoing connection we have with you.

## Breakfast Club

We're pleased to share that Mrs Jaimie Clark has successfully applied to Foodbank SA & NT to bring a School Breakfast Program to St Joseph's Parish School. This program aims to provide students with access to a healthy, quality breakfast—particularly important given that one in seven Australian children arrives at school without having eaten. Research shows that a nutritious breakfast can have a positive impact on physical and mental health, concentration, behaviour, attendance, academic outcomes, and social development. We're very grateful to Mrs Clark for leading the application and planning process. We look forward to launching the program partway through Term 3. Initially, it will run on Wednesday mornings from 8:30am in the Mary MacKillop Room, offering toast, preserved fruits, and fresh fruit.

## Staffing

Thank you to our community members who helped spread the word about our need for a temporary bus driver and grounds person. We're pleased to welcome Mr Ronald Johns, who is now supporting our grounds and maintenance on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also have paperwork currently being processed for a temporary replacement bus driver, and we will share an update with families as soon as this is finalised. We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate these temporary changes, and we're grateful for the ongoing support of our school community.

## Sporting Success

We're proud to acknowledge several of our students who have recently represented our school and region in various school-based sports competitions. Congratulations to Georgie Arbon and Sadie Thomas, who competed at the SAPSASA Cross Country event at Oakbank. Georgie completed the 3km track and Sadie the 2km track, each running against approximately 200 competitors—an outstanding effort! Earlier this term, Hendrix Evans represented the North Eastern district at the SAPSASA Boys AFL carnival in Adelaide. The team was coached by Mr Shane Arbon and braved some very wintry weather throughout the competition. We're especially proud of Hendrix for his perseverance, teamwork, and the way he challenged himself across the three-day event. Well done to all our students for their commitment, courage, and strong spirit.



## Catholic Identity

We are looking forward to our Year 5/6 Class Mass on Friday 20th June, and warmly invite families to join us for this celebration. An assembly will follow the Mass. Alternatively, we will be holding an End of Term 2 Mass on Thursday, 3rd July at 2:00pm. We hope that by offering two different timings, we are providing opportunities for as many families as possible to take part in these important moments in our school community.

## Department Early Closure Days

The local department schools have their next early closure day on Tuesday 17th June (week 8). I apologise for an error in the last newsletter incorrectly stating May. A reminder that students who use Department buses can still use them, but they will need to leave school at 2:15pm, which therefore requires your communication for this early dismissal.



## Welcome to the world Mario Bruno

Congratulations to Jess and Ross on the safe arrival of Mario Bruno on Thursday 29th May, to be doted upon by big brothers Lucca and Rocco.



## CILAH Information

Families will have received communications about our school's involvement with Catholic Education South Australia's Improved Learning through Allied Health initiative. These messages specifically relate to Privately Engaged Allied Health Services, our partnership with Trent Ames, and an upcoming Staff Professional Development Day on Friday, 4th July, which will be a Pupil Free Day. If you have any questions or concerns about this information at any time, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are committed to supporting clear communication and ensuring everyone understands these important updates.

## Classroom Snapshot— 3/4 Classroom

In Grammar, the Year 3/4 class have been using coordinating conjunctions (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) to combine two independent clauses to create compound sentences. Some examples of this in action are:

Cassie - Ella loves chocolate, but her mum said she can only have it once a week.

Harry - Harry was playing footy, and Ben was playing cricket.

Levi - Tom made a mess in the kitchen, so he had to clean it up.

Mia - I wanted to go to the park, but it was blocked off.

Lucca - Jack wanted to ride his bike to school, but the tyre was flat.

Lara - Lara wanted to get another dog, but her mum wouldn't let her.

Anastasia - Sarah broke the toy, so she tried to fix it.



We recently completed our unit on 'Pattern & Algebra.' We have learnt about different types of patterns and have used algorithms to help us identify and create number patterns. We have worked on creating a number pattern that increased or decreased by the same or a different amount. Students hid the middle number of their pattern, so that their peers had to use their problem solving skills to identify the pattern and the missing number.

## 2026 Enrolments

Yesterday we were delighted to welcome our Mid-Year Reception intake students for their first Transition Day. This is always a special time as we help new children settle in and begin their journey as part of our caring and connected St Joseph's Parish School community. Looking ahead, we're excited to be part of Catholic Schools Open Week in August—an opportunity to open our doors and share the heart of our school with the wider community. At St Joseph's, we're proud to be a welcoming and inclusive school, open to all families. We encourage our current families to share the good news about our school with friends, neighbours and the community. Personal stories and recommendations go a long way in helping others discover what makes St Joseph's Parish School such a special place to learn and grow.

## Positive Parenting Conference

The Positive Parenting Conference—helping children and teenagers to respond to friendship difficulties and bullying—will be held at St Mark's College on Wednesday 25th June, 6:00-7:30pm. Registration for the event is required, the link is <https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-6172346>. Madhavi Nawana Parker is the Director of Positive Minds Australia and one of Australia's leading experts on Wellbeing and Resilience.

## Friendly reminders

- ✓ Project Compassion Lent boxes to be returned before Friday the 13th June
- ✓ Register for Jump Rope for Heart (currently 46 registered with 7 hours logged—amazing!)
- ✓ Beauty & the Beast—reply slips and payment for food orders to be returned please
- ✓ Bus students (SJPS Bus and GHS Buses)—reply slips to be returned please

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

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
7	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Mid Year Reception Transition Visit 1 (until lunch) <b>STADIUM DAY—Electives</b> Joey's for Juniors playgroup 9:00am—10:30am Parents & Friends lunch catering
8	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June  Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 9:00am Production auditions for 5/6 Students Parents & Friends Family Games Night 5:00-7:00pm
9	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June  Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	SAPSASA Netball Monday to Wednesday <b>BEAUTY &amp; THE BEAST EXCURSION (WHOLE SCHOOL)</b> Positive Parent Conference at St Mark's College (registration required) <b>STADIUM DAY</b> No Joey's for Juniors Playgroup (cancelled due to staff availability)
10	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	SACPPA Year 3– 6 Netball Carnival in Adelaide End of Term Mass @ 2:00pm, dismissal @ 3:10pm <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b> (Staff Professional Development)

**FRIDAY 13 JUNE**

**JOEY'S FOR JUNIORS**

**PLAYGROUP**

**Friday 13th June**

**St Josephs Parish School Gladstone**

**9 - 10.30am**

*The playgroup will be coordinated by Occupational Therapist Emma Richards. Activities will be sensory-based, designed to support sensory and emotional regulation.*





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

**Contact 08 8662 2016 for more information**

**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!**

