Dear Families and Friends,

We have had a fantastic start to the school year. The students have generally settled well and started off very positively. I think the cooler weather has been a big help.

Parent Information Evening TUESDAY 17th FEB

Do you find yourself saying?

“I don’t need to go, I’ve had that teacher?”
“I’ve been here for years, I don’t need to go again.”
“They are the same each year?”

As principal I hear teachers saying...

“I’m disappointed I didn’t get many parents.”
“It’s hard working with children when their parents didn’t attend the session.”
“If parents came to the sessions they would understand.”

After listening to you and the teacher’s, some changes have been made:

We believe the initial induction to starting school works. We asked ourselves, how do we induct for the different stages of growth in other areas? So…..

- Receptions - sessions will continue as we find most parents attend and the information continues to be relevant.
- Parents in Stage 1, 2 and 3 will all be presented with information on
  - What to expect socially and emotionally in each stage? i.e. friendships
  - What will be the different expectations and needs in each stage? I.e homework
  - How will you support development literacy and other learning areas?

Early Years – Individual Homerooms
Stage 1 – Whole stage and then individual homerooms
Stage 2 – Whole Stage – Question time with homeroom teacher
Stage 3 – Whole Stage - Question time with homeroom teacher
Year 7 – A separate meeting will be held regarding senior leadership and graduation etc. Date to be confirmed.

I strongly encourage you to attend. Teachers will keep a record of attendance to help sharing of information in the parent/teacher partnership in your child’s learning

Galilee Catholic Community Council Nominations
Please consider your involvement at Galilee through the Community Council. It is a great opportunity to give input and better understand...

- Catholic Education
- Master Planning
- Finances
- Community and Student Well being

Please find nomination form and invitation attached.

Regards,

Jodie Higgins
Principal
Healthy Eating Policy for Galilee

As a learning community we are always striving to discover ways in which we can support the wellbeing of the children in our care. In the final term of 2014 a small group of committed and passionate parents began the process of developing a healthy eating policy based upon work done by another group of parents, a number of years ago. The Parents and Friends group and staff have been consulted along the journey and we look forward to bring that to you in the coming weeks. Information will be shared at the parent information evening and an information sheet will be forwarded to families soon.

At the heart of this policy is the relationship between school and home in supporting our children’s development. The school will be looking forward to walking alongside families with many educative opportunities for children, parents and staff to provide healthy food and drink for our children while they are at school, that will support them to learn and grow. One of the things we will be focusing on with our educative policy is the importance of children bringing water to school in their drink bottles. Research shows that water is the best drink to keep our body and in particular our brain hydrated for participating in inside and outside learning activities. We are all able to concentrate for longer when our brains are operating better. Please support your children by ensuring they have a water bottle that is labelled and filled with water daily. They are all able to refill their bottles using the designated drinking taps at school.

Parents and Friends Co-ordinating Group

The PFCG held their first meeting on Monday evening this week. It was wonderful to see new, returning and continuing parents who are all keen to help build a welcoming, inclusive community for our children to learn and grow in. If you were not able to make our first meeting, you are most welcome to join our next meeting on Monday 16th March at 6.30pm in the staff common room at the back of the front office.

Mariola Nelson has accepted the role of chair and Amy Dicks the role of secretary. Thank you to Mariola and Amy for taking on these roles with enthusiasm and energy. The PFCG will be sharing the minutes from their meeting with the community shortly, so please keep an eye out for these. The first event the PFCG will be supporting is our upcoming Shrove Tuesday pancake morning tea next week, 17th February. Thank you to Dustin Rodgers who has once again volunteered to prepare the batter that will create close to 400 pancakes for the community. Thanks also to Bianca Moore and Darienne Bovell who will be preparing pancakes that will cater for children with special dietary needs too. If you would like to help cook and serve with the volunteers who have nominated themselves already (a big thank you to you all), please stop in on Tuesday morning after drop off to either the stage 1 or 2 verandahs where the pancakes will be sizzling away.

Following Shrove Tuesday, the group will then prepare to support our school sports day with a shared lunch BBQ on 27th March. More information will be forwarded shortly.

School Soccer

Notes will be sent home shortly that will provide information about the upcoming Saturday morning soccer season. Galilee has fielded teams of all ages in the past, where the teams have played home games at Galilee or at other schools competing in the Noarlunga Districts Soccer competition. To support children from Galilee we will be seeking parents to nominate as coaches for these teams and looking forward to parents supporting the Saturday morning BBQ at Galilee when a group of Galilee teams are playing at home. Sport is a wonderful opportunity for children to have plenty of fun, learn wonderful skills and developing a sense of team spirit in a supportive environment. Without the support of committed and enthusiastic parents we will not be able to provide this opportunity so I look forward to hearing from many of you after the notes go home.

Yours truly,

Anthony Garton
Deputy Principal
agarton@galilee.catholic.edu.au
The purpose to Morning Inquiry is to introduce the students to a ‘welcoming’ and ‘constructive’ start to their day. Morning Inquiry is designed to provide learning opportunities for the students when they arrive in the learning space. Between 8:45 and 9:10 the students are greeted with several provocations directing their attention and learning to what has been deliberately set up.

**WEEKS 1 & 2**

**CIRCUITS / ELECTRICITY**

This year’s Inquiry focus is on ‘Connections’. During the week, the group brainstormed what are ‘connections’ and the word ‘electricity’ was mentioned. The following day the students were connecting wires, batteries and globes to form circuits.

**UNO / LEGO**

Uno is an excellent game teaching students strategy, taking turns, following rules and making ‘connections’ with their hands to what’s been played. It brings Individuals together and always allows for students who feel left out to join.

Lego is a hands-on creative way of expressing oneself. It allows students to create stories and engage in role plays, joining students with low self-esteem together.

**MARBLE RUN**

This is another example of connections and using team building to construct a maze to test the marbles. A game of ‘trial and error’.

**Note:** Parent Information Night is on Tuesday 17th February (week 4)
We collected ‘lorence fennel’ seeds. There were probably one thousand seeds. We will grow some for next year and we will give some to other schools.

By Finnigan and Izaak

Experiencing, understanding and creating our roles in the community of life is an essential part of Eco-literacy. By tasting fennel and gathering seeds to grow more when the season changes, Izaak and Finnigan are learning about and participating in the pattern of life.

Paul Johnson, Ecoliteracy teacher.
Outside Learning At Galilee
WORKSHOP ON THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK

Date: Saturday, 21st February, 2015

Venue: Mary of Galilee Church,
Corner of How and Quinliven Roads, Aldinga Beach

Time: 10:00am – 3:30 pm

Presenters: Sister Isla & Mrs Jenny O’Brien
(from the Office of Worship)

This workshop is designed for all those who would like to learn more about our Church celebrations of HOLY WEEK: ie Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus.

Tea/coffee & lunch will be provided – RSVP: Sister Margaret Ann – 0488 287 552

The season of LENT begins on Wednesday, 18th February. Mass times for ASH WEDNESDAY in our Parish will be: Mary of Galilee Church - 11:30am, St. Joseph's Willunga - 9 am and 7 pm

Church Cleaning Roster

We are about to draw up a new roster for the cleaning of Mary of Galilee Church. If any mother / father could spare some time to help clean the Church it would be greatly appreciated - just vacuuming the carpet. It could be done in your own time and would take about an hour. Please see Sr. Margaret Ann 0488287552. Thank You

Financial help with extra-curricular activities

St Vincent de Paul can provide financial assistance for children to access extra-curricular activities (such as sports, instrumental lessons, dance, etc) camps and uniforms. For further information or to make an appointment with the Vinnies team please call them on 1300729202.

Fee Brackets

Galilee’s tiered fee system provides lower tuition fees to our families that have a lower annual income. If your combined family income is under $65,000 per annum, you are eligible for a fee discount. In order for us to process your eligibility for lower fees you will need to provide proof of your combined family income with one of the following documents:

- Centrelink income statement
- Documentation from Centrelink showing assessable income for Family Tax Benefit purposes
- 2013/2014 financial year Notice Of Assessment issued by the Australian Taxation Office
- Last 4 consecutive payslips

If your family is having trouble paying their fees please do not hesitate to make an appointment with either myself or Jodie Higgins to discuss payment options available. Please contact the Galilee office on 85579000 or email accounts@galilee.catholic.edu.au
Q Have we changed School Banks?
A Yes. This year we will be using Bendigo Bank at Aldinga for our school banking, as Bank SA no longer pick up in our area. If you would like to open a new account for your child/ren with Bendigo, please come to the front office to collect an account enrolment pack. Once your account is opened you will be supplied with a Welcome passbook account pack for your child/ren. Tuesday will still remain our school banking day. If you have a current school bank account opened with Bank SA it will still remain open.

Q Is the School closing early this Term?
A Yes. Tuesday, 24th February the school will be closing early at 2.30pm, due to Work Health & Safety compliance staff training. Please mark this day in your diary.

Q Is it ok to park on the unsealed car park west of the Front Office?
A For the time being it is ok to park here. However, please only enter via the designated driveway on Quinliven Road. There is NO ENTRY allowed to this car park via the How Road entrance. This practice is dangerous both to the flow of traffic entering the kiss and drop zone and it also crosses a walkway which students use. We thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a safe space for everyone.

Q What are there times for locking / unlocking the school gates?
A Each morning the gates will be locked at 8.55am by the staff member returning from the car park. Each afternoon the gates will be unlocked at 2.55pm. You are most welcome to enter and exit via the front office and deck should you be engaging in special activities such as a sharing afternoon, afternoon prayer, listening to reading and so on.

Q Where is the Lost Property located?
A Lost Property is located adjacent the Front Office on the Eastern side. Lost property will be cleared out each fortnight.

Q When is the Second Hand Uniform shop?
A Yes. The uniform shop will be open the following times this term:
MONDAY Morning and afternoon
WEDNESDAY Morning and afternoon
Morning opening times: 8.45am–9.15am - Afternoon 3.00pm–3.30pm
The Second Hand Uniform Shop will no longer be accepting the 'old' white sports polo shirts, as they are now in the process of being phased out.

With our new SMS Texting service available, if your child is going to be absent, late, leaving early for an appointment etc, please send either an SMS text message on m) 0408508892 or call the front office by 9.00am, on p) 8557 9000.

Please provide child’s name, teacher and reason this number in your mobile. You may also call the front office as well.

Ace the principal’s discretion. Address: Cnr How and Quinliven Rds, Aldinga SA 5173 P) 8557 9000, F) 8557 9099 W) www.galilee.catholic.edu.au
Junior Soccer Clinic
Aldinga Rec Centre are looking for children of all ages to come along to their Soccer Clinics or if you have a team or would like to join a team for competitions, please call Maureen on m) 0401489089 or visit Aldinga Rec Centre, 2McRae Street, Aldinga.

Change a Child’s Life
Become a Foster Carer. There is an urgent need for long-term Foster Carer’s in your community. Life without barriers are seeking compassionate people to provide a child in need with a therapeutic, safe and nurturing home. For further information please contact Deborah on p) 8415 6900 /e) deborah.whitelock@lwb.org.au. www.lwb.org.au.

Hangout Hive
A place for your children to learn some new skills, including cooking, art Wii, computers, games and more. Held from 4th February – 25th March on a Wednesday. Time 3.30pm – 6.00pm. Ages 8-15 yrs. Cost: $2 per session, afternoon tea included. At Onkaparinga youth service, Aldinga, VOLT. Aldinga Central Shopping Centre Pridham Boulevard. For further information and to register, please call p) 8557555.

Banana Splitz
Groups for kids aged 5-12 living with parental separation. Banana Splitz comes to Christies Beach in Term 1 and 3, 2015. Tuesdays 4-6pm. Groups will be held at Noarlunga Family Relationship Centre, 38 Beach Road, Christies Beach. The programme consists of six consecutive sessions. Cost is $30 per child. Concessions available. For further information call Amanda or Belinda at Anglicare on p)83014200.

Aldinga Netball Club
Players wanted. Trial days 8th and 15th February. U11’s – 9.00am, U13’s – 10.30am, Inters – 12.30pm, Seniors – 2.00pm. Enquiries can be made to Natasha Dyer on m) 0405326400 or aldingananc@gmail.com

Fred’s Van
Fred’s Van Kitchen will be launched at the Aldinga Community Centre, Symonds Reserve, Aldinga Beach on Friday 2nd March. There will be a volunteer’s Information Session at the centre on Monday, 16th February from 6.00pm–8.00pm. Even if you have not registered but are interested in volunteering, please come along.

Eco Beach and Aquatic Adventure
Free fun filled nature play day at the beach. Sunday 15th February, 10am – 2.00pm. Port Noarlunga Beach, (by the jetty). Beachcombing walk, paddle boarding, learn to surf, reef snorkeling investigation, beach cricket and much more. Grab your rashie, hat, sunblock and join them for a free fun filled nature play day at the beach.

Miloin2Cricket
Programme cost $75 for terms for newcomers and covers Term 1, 2015 and Term 4, 2015 with a bonus Participant Pack. All equipment and coaching supplied. To register and find local centres. Visit www.in2cricket.com.au. SACA Super 6 Smash is a fun, friendly cricket competition for girls from grades 2 to 7. For information please contact; volunteer co-ordinator Trish Pinder pinders@internode.on.net/p) 83226527

School Dental Service
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend. Dental care is FREE for most children. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children. To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au