Dear Families and friends,

A warm welcome to everyone to the 2015 school year. I especially welcome the new reception students and a number of new students who have joined us this year.


We also welcome the parents and siblings to our Galilee Community. This year we have 2 new staff members to welcome, Mrs Rachel O’Reilly who is teaching the year 4/5 home group and Mrs Melissa Treloar who is teaching a year 5/6 home group. I am sure you will help our new community members feel welcome. I look forward to reacquainting with everyone this Friday evening at our Welcome Picnic.

There is much to be excited about in 2015. Since early January I have been meeting with our architects, John Held and Lauren Haywood from Russell & Yelland Architects as we begin important projects for our future. Firstly, we are reviewing our Master Plan to ensure our site is planned for future building including the location of our new administration building. Then designing and planning the administration building that will be built during the year with final completion early 2016.

During 2014 our staff has had training in Restorative Practice. This approach to supporting positive relationships and behaviour has worked effectively in many schools and communities. We are looking forward to beginning the year at the Parent Acquaintance Evening/AGM with a guest speaker who will provide information on Restorative Justice, so families can journey with us in the implementation.

SAVE the DATE: We are developing a NEW FORMAT for the parent information evenings to prepare you and your child for the expectations and needs for different learning groups.

Parent Information Evening and AGM
Tuesday 17th February

Jodie Higgins
Principal
Greetings everyone.

Our Galilee Gravel Car Park is situated on the corner of Quinliven and How Roads adjacent the front entrance to the school. To help us all use this safely the following information is provided:

It has been wonderful to see so many bright eyed and bushy tailed students (and adults) entering school this week. I look forward to seeing you at the Welcome Picnic this Friday evening from 6.00pm.

Anthony Garton, Deputy Principal
agarton@galilee.catholic.edu.au

1. Enter and exit the car park via the Quinliven Rd entrance only.
2. Park in an east-west direction in the spaces signified on the image.
3. Please leave the entrance and exit clear for traffic movement.
4. The three parks highlighted with P are for permit parking and unloading heavy items. Keep these clear.
5. Do not cross the pedestrian path or park in the area between the path and the entrance to the car park by the church. This area needs to be kept safe for pedestrians entering the grounds from How Rd.
6. If the gravel car park is full, park in the permanent car park by the church and op shop or the designated parks along Quinliven Rd or Bowering Hill Rd and use the monitored Quinliven Rd crossing if needed.

Can you help to prepare fruit in the mornings?

Each morning we provide a platter of fresh fruit as “brain food” for every child. In order to provide this we rely on volunteer help to prepare the platters each day. It takes around 15 minutes in the morning at drop off time if we have enough volunteers. In the next week I will be preparing a roster each for Stage 1 (including Receptions) and Stage 2 (including Stage 3).

It’s also a lovely opportunity to be able to connect with other parents. If you can help and would like to be placed on the roster please fill out the slip below and return to your child’s homeroom teacher or to the front office.

Alternatively please email me on the email address below.

I look forward to hearing from you.

IF YOU REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT NATALIE ON
8557 9000 OR njwalters@galilee.catholic.edu.au

Fruit Preparation Reply Slip - (please return to Natalie Walters by Monday 2nd Feb 2015)

I would like to be added to the fruit preparation roster.

Name:_____________________________________ Child’s Homeroom:____________

Contact phone number:_______________________

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY
STAGE 1 & Reception (please circle).
Stage 2 & Stage 3 (please circle).
Why apply for school card?
- School card eligibility puts your family into the lowest fee level A
- There is an additional $149 discount per school card eligible child
- Improves school funding


Income limits for applications lodged in 2015 - based on the family's gross income in 2013/2014.

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What is included as income?
Income that's included as part of gross family income when establishing eligibility for the School Card includes:
- gross salaries, wages and allowances from an employer/s
- taxable Centrelink pensions, benefits and allowances
- non-taxable or tax-exempt pensions, benefits and allowances - eg Disability Support Pension
- gross interest and dividends
- benefits from the Department of Veterans' Affairs
- supplementary income identified in the supplementary tax return
- fringe benefits - eg provision of a car, entertainment expenses
- foreign income, including pensions and employment
- self-employment - income from a business or partnership.

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### Invitation to Community Prayer

Everyone is very welcome to stay for a while on Wednesday mornings when we gather in the church at the beginning of the day for ‘Community Prayer’.

It’s a peaceful time together where we reflect on and pray about the events of our lives. Each week prayer is lead by different students, teachers and other community members. Everyone is very welcome families are also welcome to stay after prayer for a simple ‘breakfast’ in the hall.

All are welcome!
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’s will still remain as 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, you can send a SMS text message before 9am on m) 0408 508 892.
Please provide child’s name, teacher and reason this number in your mobile. You may also call the front office as well.

 attendance matters

Directory Contacts
Mass Time Mary of Galilee
Saturday 6.00pm, Tuesday 9.15am
Family Mass once a month Saturday
Fr. Charles Gauci p) 8382 1717
Sr Margaret Ann m) 0488287552
Parish p) 8557 9018
Centacare p) 8557 9050
Galilee OSHC p) 8557 9043
Acting Director m) 0411382054
Galilee Op-Shop M, W, TH & F
Closed Tuesdays 9 – 3pm
Contact Sharon m) 0451830929
Galilee Playgroup Monday’s Community Room 9 – 11am
Sally Blanchard m) 0419944740
PFCG: pfgc@galilee.catholic.edu.au

Newsletter contributions: All items for the newsletter should be submitted by 3pm on Tuesday. Please email items to jsicheri@galilee.catholic.edu.au. We will try to include things with as few amendments as possible, but sometimes we need to conserve space. Items included are at the Principal’s discretion. Address: Cnr How and Quinliven Rds, Aldinga SA 5173 P) 6557 9000, F) 8557 9099 W) www.galilee.catholic.edu.au