Dear Families and Friends,

The AGM went well, particularly the introduction of Restorative Practice by Michael Lincoln from Catholic Education Behaviour education team, which was well received. A number of parents have asked about another session, which we will organise. I have included a few points from the session.

Restorative Practice empowers children (and adults) to resolve situations through a process that highlights listening, understanding, respecting and agreeing to a way forward that restores relationships. It recognises the importance of the people directly involved in the conflict being actively involved in the restoration.

It occurs when there has been a breakdown in a relationship; this could be between children, teacher and child, or parent and child at home. It can be from behaviours such as continually interrupting a teacher, to something like exclusion or insulting a person. The conversation can be short and immediate, but at other times may require support to work through a process so the individuals fully understand the harm caused and the need to restore the relationship.

Galilee Catholic School is a learning community; we believe children can learn to make decisions and act more appropriately through accepting their behaviours, understanding the harm their behaviours has caused, and being able to restore the harm. It is also important that the harmed person feels listened to and understood, enabling the relationship to being to repair. This fits with our school Vision and Values:

‘Galilee Catholic School is a learning community grounded in the person and teaching of Jesus. We strive to nurture the unique potential of each person, through a deep connection with others, the natural world and our God.’

Welcoming ~ Respecting ~ Constructing

Restorative practice is one aspect of our working in helping students to make appropriate choices, to have successful relationships and to get along. Other processes include:

- Teaching Social Skills – which includes Circle Time and ‘What’s the Buzz?’
- Setting high expectations of behaviours – such as listening, putting hand up to speak, wearing the correct uniform, welcoming (this is an extensive list).
- Programs such as Cyber safety, teaching about bullying, Child Protection Curriculum
- Setting individual plans which include goals for students
- Providing a Voice for Students – Homeroom Meetings, and Forums
- Working in partnership with parents – this works best when parents work WITH the staff
- Support – Centacare Counselling, Chaplain and other agencies

As a community we will continue to provide information so we can work in partnership to create a community welcoming, respectful and constructive community.

Building and Master Plan

Have you noticed the surveyors, or markings around the school?

Yes, we are getting ready to build our new administration building and updating our Master Plan with the intention of building a Middle School (7-9) in the not so distant future. It is an exciting time for our community. At the moment many meetings have been occurring with groups in the community including students, teachers, parishioners, grounds committee, administration staff and Galilee Community Council. Conversations will be on going, over the coming month and weeks. I look forward to sharing with the wider parent community.

Jodie Higgins
Principal
**From the Deputy**

**Mornings and afternoons in the piazza**

The piazza is a wonderful place for everyone to gather each morning before the gates open at 8.45am and also talk with friends in the afternoon. It is a place where people meet, welcome, farewell, share stories and smiles, make connections, ask for help and arrange play dates. It can be the place where a wonderful start or end to the learning activities can be supported by wonderful words and gestures from everyone. To help maintain this fantastic place ready for these great things to happen we

Stay together as a community on the paved area between the church doors and the front gates
Walk our bikes through the piazza safely
Listen to the teachers who are in this area each morning
Move or wait safely
Use welcoming and respectful words

**Shrove Tuesday**

I would like to forward a wonderful thank you to all of the helpful members of our community who helped prepare and cook the pancakes for our community to enjoy on Shrove Tuesday. Thank you to Dustin Rodgers for creating the ‘bulk batter’ again and to Bianca Moore and Darienne Bovell for creating and cooking the batter for children with dietary needs. Thank you also to our PFCCG members and all of the volunteers who helped out in the lead up to and on the day. The children and staff were all most appreciative of your time, energy, expertise and great spirit.

**Active After Schools Communities changes over to Sporting Schools in 2015**

The Active After Schools Communities Sports Program is currently undergoing some changes across Australia during the first two terms of 2015. It will now be known as Sporting Schools. We are looking forward to offering some exciting sporting options for the children in our community through our Galilee OSHC service located in Galilee Hall. The sporting schools website address is [www.sportingschools.gov.au](http://www.sportingschools.gov.au)

**Children’s Work in Progress at Galilee**

When you walk through the school community you may notice creations that are a work in progress in the yard, the inside shared spaces or the early years deck. They could be cubbies, towers, paintings, constructions, drawings and more. If some of our students younger siblings aren’t aware of our work in progress the students would really appreciate your support in helping them to learn.

**From the APRIM**

**Celebrating the Sacraments**

Sometimes we have new students arrive at the beginning of the year who would like to join the Sacraments of the Church program here at Aldinga. At the moment we have a number of students from various year levels who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation (in Term 2) and Holy Communion (in Term 3). While these students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation late last year, we do have a couple of students involved in learning about Reconciliation this term.

If you would like any information about the program (including Baptism) or are keen to enrol your child please don’t hesitate to contact Sharon Doyle (APRIM) or leave a message at the front office.

The next Sacrament workshop (on Confirmation) for children and parents is Tuesday 24th March at 5:30pm in the church.
Composite Classes
Composite classes are often the topic of controversy and conversation amongst parents but are 'composite classes good or bad for your child'? The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities has considered both sides of this passionate debate and has developed the following resource for parents.


Parish News

Stations of the Cross
During the season of LENT the prayer 'Stations of the Cross' will be prayed in the Chapel at Mary of Galilee every Wednesday evening at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

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 - 0488 287 552.

Next Family Mass
Due to the Public Holiday Weekend in March, our next Family Mass will be at 6pm in Mary of Galilee Church on Saturday, 14th March. Fr. Charles will celebrate this Mass and we may have two students from Galilee School who will be baptised at this Mass. More details in our next newsletter.

Friday Food & Fun

Friday food, fun and reflection
On Friday 13th March after school (3:30-4:30) children and their parents/carers are invited to gather together for some food, games and simple ways to reflect and plan together for parts of the Family mass which will be on the following day, Sat 14th March at 6:00pm. Parents are asked to stay with their child on the Friday after-school gathering. Children are also still very welcome to get involved in mass on the Saturday evening if they can't make it on the Friday. Come along if you can - simple food and drink provided. Please use the return slip below.

To Rachel Bishop/Bianca Moore via Galilee front office:

I ………………………………… (parent/carer name) and my child …………………………………

(child's name) in ………………………………… (child's homeroom) can come along on

Friday 13th March at 3:30pm. Signed: …………………………………………………………………..
On Monday morning the students from Years 4-7 from Galilee were visited by ex-students Katie and Kelsey.

The purpose of the visit was to promote the high school and make a strong connection between Galilee and Cardijn.

Once the girls had spoken of their smooth transition into High school, they spoke about all the new opportunities that the school has to offer.

The students watched a short clip and then had some Question and Answer time.

Some questions:

Q. “When do you start selecting what subjects to take?”
A. Year 8’s begin choosing their subjects.

Q. “When can you start cooking?”
A. On their very first day Year 8’s were in the kitchens cooking up a storm.

Q. “What things do you do there, that is not at Galilee?”
A. Football and netball academy. There is a writer’s club at lunchtimes. There is a robotics club in the new library.
Montana and Kiara discussing what they will need to collect in order to make something from recycled materials.

Some interesting items made from recyclable materials.

Last Friday 20th February, Ms O'Reillys & Ms Lecornu’s homegroup along with the year 5’s from Ms Treloar’s and Mr Buchanan’s homeroom went on excursion to the Wingfield Recycling depot. The focus of the excursion was to make connections between our waste and where it ends up. The students were shown through a series of sorting and classification of waste and recycling.

The students were then taken to ‘Waste not’ a recycling shop designed to resell materials to make with.

This machine crushed old concrete and building materials into sand to be reused.

Here is the shed where the sorting of construction materials happen.

Students working out which items could have been reused or recycled instead of getting thrown out.
We have been discussing how we can get ready for Easter over the time of Lent.

Here are some of our thoughts.

For Lent I will help cook. Addison.
I want to share with my family. Tyler.
I am going to make my bed to help out. Shelby.
I am going to help my mum. Lucas. I will help mum and dad. Pearl.
I am going to help cook. Summer. I will go to the caravan park. Gracy
I am going to help dad make muffins. Pellion
I am going to thank mum and dad. I like them. Phoebe.
I am going to wash the dishes. Logan. I want to help make my bed. Mia
I am thankful for my brother and my dog. Violet.
I am going to help at home. Memphis. I want to build with my Lego. William
I am going to water the flowers. Maelin.

Me and dad are going to play baseball. Cody.
I will play with my marbles. Louie.
I am thankful for my mum being nice. Halle.
I am thankful for me and mum and dad. Encho.
I want to help make my bed. Elia.
I will help Mr Nizzola. Finn. I want to love my mum and dad. Leo
I will play with my scooter. Aj.
Constructing, Respecting, Welcoming

**Attendance Matters**

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 record this number in your mobile.

**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 Do private music tutors teach lessons on site at Galilee?**

A Yes for Guitar, Piano and for Violin. If you are interested in private tuition for your child you can contact the relevant tutor below and they will provide information about lessons which are held on site and during the school day. These lessons are rostered at a different time each week so that your child will not miss out on the same lesson each week. I.e. the lesson may be at 9am one week and at 10am the next and so forth. For more information contact:

- **GUITAR:** Tammara Wellman 0410595300
- **VIOLIN:** Robin Anthony 0450981476
- **PIANO:** Beth Maddock 0412284594

**Q What are the 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.

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
- Geniacare p) 8557 9050
- Galilee OSHC p) 8557 9043
- 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: pfcg@galilee.catholic.edu.au

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**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 Quinlivan 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.

Willunga and Districts Basketball Association
Players wanted to join junior and senior competitions. Air-conditioned. $5 per game no registration fee for new teams. Season starts in Term 2. Contact Petrina for more details on 0414 511 572.

Keeping teens and pre-teens safe online
Free parenting seminar. Are you the parent or carer of a 10-15 year old? Are you worried about their online safety? An internet safety expert and a child and adolescent psychologist will be speaking. To register online: http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au/ or p) 83031660 or e) health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au or register for webcast: http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au/ Tuesday 17th March, 7-9pm at Panorama Room Adelaide Convention Centre

Aldinga Football Club
Mini’s, juniors and senior players wanted. For further information please call David Peart m) 0411239924.

Digital Portraiture Project - Free
Carclew and the City of Onkaparinga are currently looking for young people aged between 12 and 15 yrs old to participate in a free digital portraiture project. The project will commence in March and continue through to September. Workshops will be on Fridays after school at the Arts Centre Port Noarlunga. Participants will work with artists Jenna Pippett and Sasha Grbich. There are 15 spaces and sign up is by the 28th February. E) pinch@carclew.org.au or p) 0400746449.

National Youth Week
Friday 10th of April from 7.30 - 10.30pm in partnership with The Volt we will be hosting the National Youth Week Party at the Aldinga Recreation Centre for young people between the ages of 10 - 15. They’re currently running a poster competition with the chosen artist receiving a $50 voucher. E) lauren.jew@sa.gov.au or Jeannie.agostini@junctionaustralia.org.au

Lego Adventure Club at Aldinga Library

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

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