Dear Families and Friends,

In the media you may have heard or seen comments on recently released Catholic Education SA strategy paper: *Leading Catholic Education to New Levels of Excellence*. Galilee Catholic School is included in the strategy and has been mentioned in *The Advertiser*. Attached to the newsletter is a message from the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities providing information to parents.

One of the strategies discusses the **Provision of new Catholic schools** and proposed activity will involve further detailed planning with regard to feasibility. The proposal for Galilee:

- Extension of Galilee Catholic School, Aldinga to Year 9 and in the medium term to Year 12 dependent upon four streams being achieved in Years 8 and 9.

As I have made you aware, we are currently Master Planning for extension to Year 9, which will include including year 7 as part of the 7-9 Middle School. Currently, we are not Master Planning for 10-12, as this is dependent on growth in the Middle School.

This week the Architects from Russell & Yelland met with a group of students to provide input to the Master Plan for a future Middle School. It was an interesting conversation and much of what the children said was the same as adults. Some comments and conversations were:

- ‘The oval is not oval’ – year 1
- ‘We need the oval, it can’t be smaller’ – year 6
- ‘We can’t build on the swale, that brings the water to the wetlands.’ – Year 6. Ongoing conversation about water catchment was quite detailed. There was even the idea of putting in a pipe.
- The need for high fences and trees near the oval, so balls can’t go over fences. especially if there is a train line!
- The need for more green play spaces for when older children are around.
- Where buildings for the middle school would be placed.
- Where older students would enter the school.

The planning and development will depend on the rate of population growth of Aldinga and the school itself that will in turn impact the timing of development. These are certainly exciting and significant times ahead for our community.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at sports day. It looks like a nice day, cool but don’t forget sun safety.

Jodie Higgins, Principal
Healthy Eating Policy
This morning we launched our new Galilee Healthy Eating Policy. You will receive a hard copy as well as an electronic copy with a covering letter today. Please take the time to read through this letter and policy to see how we can all support the growth and development of our children. Within the policy it classifies foods into three groups based on the three colours of traffic lights, namely green, amber and red. Green foods are foods that are the best and can make up the most part of our children’s lunch boxes. Amber foods can be enjoyed in small amounts and should not dominate lunch boxes, while red foods are occasional foods for special occasions so should not be in lunch boxes each day. Our major aim of the policy is to reach the point where everyone’s lunch box contains plenty of green foods and some amber foods with water being the preferred drink. The staff will be teaching and learning with your children about healthy food options and we look forward to providing lots of informative experiences for parents each term too.

“If it’s in a packet, it’s a racket
If it doesn’t grow, it doesn’t go”

If you have any queries you are most welcome to clarify aspects of the policy with your child’s home room teacher or the school leadership team.

Water is the best drink for our children
Please see the attached information page that highlights the great benefits for us all to be making water our choice of drink during the school day. In our new Healthy Eating Policy at Galilee, the preferred drink for children at school is water, rather than milk, cordial and juice based drinks which are more occasional drinks, best enjoyed at home. Water provides great healthy benefits for growing, learning bodies and minds and is really cheap too.

Sports Day
We are all looking forward to a great day full of sporting achievements and fun at our annual sports day tomorrow. The children have been preparing with their teachers during the past few weeks and are looking forward to sharing their great sporting prowess with you. Please see the sports day outline that was sent home to you yesterday. The day will begin at the regular time of 8.45am in the home rooms before gathering on the oval at 9.15am for a healthy hustle lead by our Year 7 senior students and Ms Jo Gibbon, one of our very talented parents. Here are a few important things to remember for tomorrow:
Children can be taken home at the end of the shared lunch at 1.00pm after speaking directly with your child’s home room teacher - this helps the teacher keep a record of attendance
Your children need their hat, morning tea, water bottle and have sunscreen applied
Children will remain with their home room teacher for morning tea - you are welcome to join them in or near their home room
the morning tea stall will be for our parents and visitors rather than the students as this can be a supervision challenge and can become an exclusive activity for only some children, with others missing out - children bring their morning tea to school at the beginning of the day as they would normally
Please participate in any way you feel comfortable to by encouraging all children, supporting their teacher, joining in activities where you are invited to and having a great day

Galilee Gathers and Forums - 2.25pm Mondays
This year our student voice and community communication system has some adjustments to improve decision making processes and communication of information to students, parents and teachers. We now have a three week cycle which looks like this:
Wk 1 - Forum - all Year 7 students meet with representatives from all home groups and leadership
Wk 2 - Early years and Stage 1 Galilee Gathers
Wk 3 - Stages 2 and 3 Galilee Gathers

At each Galilee Gathers, one of the home rooms will be the hosts and celebrate learning and achievements with the community. Further news and events will be share by other members of the community. Please keep an eye out on the date’s section of this newsletter which will inform you of which home groups will be hosting next. You are most welcome to join us at our Galilee Gathers.
On Thursday the 18th March we took a group of enthusiastic swimmers, who had trained hard, out to the annual SACPSSA Swimming Carnival at Magill.
It was a beautiful sunny day and the children made the most of it! The students represented Galilee proudly and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day. Their hard-work and training also paid off, as some were awarded ribbons, as well as beat their personal best for their events.
We were very proud of all of their efforts in the pool and their support for each other during each and every race as well.
A huge thankyou to Mandy Hawkins-Romain, who gave up her time to run trainings, teach and support students in their swimming styles, organise events and wristbands for the kids.
A big thank you also to Tessa and Lizzie who helped out on the day.

All up it was a fantastic day!
Thank you to all of the parents and families who came along and supported their children in so many ways.

From Eleanor, Jacob and Ben

On the 18th of March 2015, Galilee had a swimming carnival. It was the under 9’s, 10’s, 11’s, 12’s and seniors that competed in the races. There was also relays, medley and 4x freestyle.

Galilee came fourth out of all eight schools. The U12’s came first in their division and won the school a blue ribbon that is up in the stage three shared space.

We also came first in the medley, which is a breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and freestyle relay.

The sun was shining and everyone had a great day! This was only possible with the help of Mandy, Tessa, Lizzie and to all the parents that came and supported us.
Students who attended the Ecological Forum

FOREST OF EDEN
Ecological Forum at St Catherine’s Stirling on 17th March 2015.

On Tuesday 17th March, six students went to St Catherine’s for an environmental forum. There were many other schools that attended and it was a great opportunity for us to continue to think about how humans impact the environment and what we can do to make a difference. We came up with some ideas that we would like to pursue and we made a plan of what we will do now, next and later.

The students who attended were: Emma and Gethin from Mrs Trelor’s homeroom, Jasmin and Calvin from Mrs LeCornu and Mrs O’Reilly’s homeroom and Tessa and Ruby S from Mr B’s homeroom.
On Thursday 19th March we all climbed Mount Hayfield as part of our retreat day. Father Tom shared the Tjilbruke Dreaming story with us and we set out to climb this mountain together, at the birthplace of Tjilbruke.

This story helped us to understand more about our own hidden fire.

We were proud to all achieve this goal together and we will be reflecting further on what this means for us.
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 Can I buy a Galilee school hat from the front office at school?
A Yes. Hats are $16 each and will be available from the front office. We have two sizes and styles available; bucket and slouch. SML/MED. or LARGE/XTRA LGE.

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: Tammarra Wellman 0410595300
VIOLIN: Robin Anthony 0450981476
PIANO: Beth Maddock 0412284594
DRUMS: Kyrie Anderson 0403882382

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.
**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.

**Aldinga Bay Surf Life Saving Club**
‘Lazy Sunday’ All families welcome. Easter Sunday, 5th April, 12 – 5pm. Live Music. Food and beverages available.

**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.

**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

**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