Dear Families and Friends,

I hope you had a relaxing Easter Break and that you are looking forward to time with your children over the holidays. Easter is a significant time in our church year with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The symbols of new life that we enjoy at Easter bring to mind the messages of hope for us and for our world, especially when things seem difficult, troubling and cause worry, we need to focus on hope and the great things.

There have been many moments of joy and hope around Galilee in the past few weeks:

- The success and team spirit of our swimming teams
- The many volunteers and positive encouragement at sports day
- Our whole school celebration of Easter
- New buds sprouting in our gardens
- Early and safe arrival of baby Harriet for Miss Bianca, Georgia and Adrian

A prayer of St Assisi is a wonderful prayer at Easter to remember to be hope filled Easter people

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;

A few uniform reminders:

- Full winter uniform can be worn on cold days at the end of term 1
- Full summer uniform can be worn on warm days at the start of term 2
- Stockings and leggings cannot be worn with summer uniform
- Girls can wear long pants and white shirts in winter
- Hats are worn until 30th April as per SunSmart guidelines (Week 1 Term 2)
- Accessories such as jackets, scarves and gloves are navy only and to be worn outside

I compliment parents in respecting the policy. It certainly makes the students look well-presented and respectful.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable school holidays.

Kind Regards

Jodie Higgins
Healthy Eating Policy
At our recent launch of the Galilee Healthy Eating Policy some parents brought along some lunch boxes packed with a variety of delicious, nutritious foods for children to eat. We would like to share those great ideas with you and encourage you to email me at agarton@galilee.catholic.edu.au any lunch box ideas you might like to share in our newsletter in the coming term. Please enjoy the photos of these lunch boxes below.

Home baked and frozen options
Left - Reception child: apple, yoghurt, cheese and vegemite scroll and pumpkin scone
Right - Stage 3 child: cheese & vegemite scroll, strawberry and coconut cupcake, roast chicken, carrot, cashews and almonds

Store prepared/purchased
Left - rice cakes, muesli bar, hot cross bun, sultanas and apple

Home prepared/made
Right - sandwich on wholemeal, quiche, dried and fresh fruit

Quick and easy
Left - wholemeal crackers, left over fried rice, cheese, fruit and vegetables
Right - Cut fruit, vegetables and dip, almonds and strawberry and cottage cheese sandwich on wholemeal bread

National Consistent Collection of Data
Beginning this year, all government and non-government schools in Australia will be required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. The Data Collection will provide all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with nationally consistent information about the number of school students with disability and the level of adjustment being made to enable the students to access and participate on the same basis as their peers. Please read the accompanying letter to parents and fact sheet for further information. You are most welcome to contact me in person or at agarton@galilee.catholic.edu.au if you have any further questions.

Galilee Disco - Friday 8th May
Our next Galilee Disco is coming up early in term 2 on Friday 8th May. Please see the accompanying letter for all of the details and note the times for each of the age groups as these have been adjusted to provide the students with some more time to dance and enjoy the music. At the disco, the children, school staff and PFCG volunteers will remain in the Galilee hall while you are most welcome to either return home or enjoy coffee, tea and cake in the parent retreat in stage 1. We look forward to seeing you and your children on this great night.
Dear Families,

PROPOSAL TO TRANSITION YEAR 7 INTO SECONDARY SETTINGS – HAVE YOUR SAY!

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools recently released its strategy paper: Leading Catholic Education to New Levels of Excellence, making public its plans to strengthen and transform the presence of Catholic Education in South Australia.

One proposal in the strategy is to transition Year 7 into secondary settings as of 2019.

Your voice is essential as the Catholic education community discusses this proposal and you are invited to complete an online survey to gauge the issues of importance to parents.

The survey can be accessed at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Year_7 and will be open until Friday 17th April 2015.

The survey shouldn’t take more than 15 minutes of your time and will be of great value to us as we represent the parent voice as Catholic Education engages the community in this plan and in our representation to the State Government.

Be connected. Be informed. Be heard.

PLEASE NOTE: From this coming Saturday, 11th April, MASS AT MARY OF GALILEE CHURCH, ALDINGA, WILL BEGIN AT 5:30PM
This change from 6pm to 5:30pm was voted last year by a majority of families as being a more appropriate time for them to attend weekend Mass.

Galilee Gathers

Families are very welcome to join us on certain Mondays at 2:25pm for ‘Galilee Gathers’. This year, we are holding separate gatherings – one for the Early Years and Stage One learning groups and another for the Stage Two and Three learning groups. Each homeroom will have a turn hosting.

So far…..

We’ve heard about some exciting learning taking place (e.g. excursions to Botanic Gardens, Maths learning),
- we’ve been introduced to new ideas and events (e.g. Bread Roll day and Project Compassion) and
- our student executive representatives explain important decisions being made through student forums

Our senior students are hosting each ‘Galilee Gathers’.

Please join us if you can. The dates for ‘Galilee Gathers’ next term are….

Monday 4th May – Early Years and Stage One - hosted by Fern Nizzola’s homeroom
Monday 11th May – Stage Two and Three - hosted by Melissa Treloar’s homeroom
Monday 25th May - Early Years and Stage One - hosted by Nicole Perry’s homeroom
Monday 1st June – Stage Two and Three - hosted by Bec Little’s homeroom
Monday 22nd June – Early Years and Stage One - hosted by Bethany Kinnear’s homeroom
Monday 29th June – Stage Two and Three - hosted by Rachael O’Reilly and Sara Lecornu’s homeroom
A few words from the children….

“The table in our homeroom is for storytelling and we changed it for different days. Sometimes the colours change and the things and the books. The stories have been about Jesus: when he gives the bread and the wine out, when he went to the cross.”
Fynn and Jade

“We’ve been doing books about Easter. We got to sit in the church on Tuesday and the people were dressed up like Jesus. Everything was good. The music was beautiful.”
Summer and Lara

About our Stations of the Cross …
“I liked when they were on the figure 8 hill, when Jesus rose again.”
“It was a bit like a story but using real life people. When he got killed, I didn’t like that bit but when he rises, I liked that bit.”
Oliver and Candice

Planting after prayer …
“Planting is about hope. You can hope it survives and grows, and because you need at least some green in your life. We planted seeds in little yoghurt cups. We planted oregano and coriander.”
Aria and Ravyn

Fire and light ...
are great symbols of life and hope – they remind us of the energy and activity of God’s Spirit moving in our lives and world. We use this symbol at Easter when the ‘new’ fire (of the new Paschal candle) is lit and we hear the words ...
   May the light of Christ, rising through love,  
   Dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

This is a good prayer to consider for our own families and for our community ...

God of new life,  
**Bring hope to our hearts and minds**

God of promise, of all beginnings and all endings  
**Bring hope to our hearts and minds**
**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 Are we looking for donations of ceramic pot plant holders?**

**A** Yes. If you are able to donate any size of ceramic pot plant holders, would greatly be appreciated.

**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:** Tammara Wellman 0410595300
- **VIOLIN:** Robin Anthony 0450981476
- **PIANO:** Beth Maddock 0412284594
- **DRUMS:** Kyrie Anderson 0403882382

**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
- **THURSDAY** Morning only
- **FRIDAY** Morning only

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.

JamaeRaw – School of performing arts
JamaeRaw is a non-for-profit organisation and we are passionate about providing a unique service within our community. Classes include acting, singing, dance and music. For students aged 4 years. Free trial lesson available. e) jamaeraw@gmail.com or www.jamaeraw.org.

Fun Plaster Painting Workshop
Friday 17th April – 2 shows 11am and 2pm. Paint a plaster figurine or flower pot to take home. BYO Art Smock or old shirt to paint incl. Free face painting. $10 per person. Includes materials. The Arts Centre – 22 Gawler Street Port Noarlunga p) 8326 5577 or www.onkaparingacity.com/arts

“Temper” Point and Flex Circus
Monday 20th April at 11am. A multifaceted circus production, interwoven with theatrical and dance elements. Featuring acrobatics, juggling, hula-hoop, contortion, contact, handstands and sideshow. Tickets $10. The Arts Centre – 22 Gawler Street Port Noarlunga p) 8326 5577 or www.onkaparingacity.com/arts

Fairy Wings & Pirate Things
Wednesday 22nd “Clash of the Enchanted Island” Children’s interactive show time with music, dancing, games and prizes. $10 per person. The Arts Centre – 22 Gawler Street Port Noarlunga p) 8326 5577 or www.onkaparingacity.com/arts

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