Diary Dates

**MAY 2015**

**DISCO**
8th

Early Years & Stg 1 Gymnastics
8th

Galilee Gathers – 2.25pm
11th
Hosted by Ms Treloar’s homeroom

NAPLAN
12 - 14th

Formation Evening
13th
6.30pm

2nd Fee Installment due
15th

Principals Tour
9.30am and 6pm
18th

Yr 7 Parent Information night
20th

Early Years & Stg 1 Gymnastics
22nd

Galilee Gathers – 2.30pm
25th
Hosted by Ms Perry & Mr Johnson’s homeroom

**EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE**
2.30pm 26TH

National Sorry Day
26th

Early Years & Stg 1 Gymnastics
29th

**JUNE 2015**

Early Years & Stg 1 Gymnastics
5th

**Public Holiday**
8th

Early Years & Stg 1 Gymnastics
12th

PFCG Meeting 6.30pm
15th

Early Years & Stg 1 Gymnastics
19th

Principals Tour
9.30am and 6pm
22nd

Early Years & Stg 1 Gymnastics
26th
Dear community members and friends,

We have had an exciting start to Term 2 with lost of events and visitors with more to come throughout term, so please note dates on the calendar. I bring you attention to the open invitation, attached to the email. The Community meeting is to help strengthen our community and all are welcome to attend.

I take this opportunity to welcome the following new students and their families to our community; Yasha-Jane, James, Stella, Albey, Jack, Molly, Ciara, Laoise and Jessica.

**New Director for Catholic Education SA**

Helen O’Brien has been appointed to the position of Director of Catholic Education SA and Chancellor in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. Helen has held the Acting Director of Catholic Education SA position and previously the Deputy Director. She has been involved in Catholic Education SA for many years, particularly in the area of leading learning.

We were fortunate to have Helen visit Galilee this Tuesday and were able to congratulate her personally. She totally enjoyed her tour, particularly the opportunity to talk to some early year’s children, as she had been an early year’s teacher. Mrs O’Brien joined in with Mrs LeCornu Italian lesson, with Mrs McClusky’s learning group, as she too is learning Italian. Helen had the opportunity to meet a few parents and parishioners who were volunteering at the time.

Helen was keen to hear about enrolments, capital development, community services and our learning programs. Helen had not visited Galilee since about 2009 and she was keen to see if the initial intentions were still visible. She said ‘It was clear to see how this orientation had not only been maintained but expanded in powerful ways.’ She added ‘I believe that your school is a model of creativity, exploration, initiative and success that has something to say to our sector and to other schools who would seek to listen.’

**Confirmation**

Following Helen’s visit, Fr Philip Marshal, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, celebrated the Confirmation with our students I congratulate the children and families at this special time of making a commitment to our Church. As Fr Philip Marshal said “You are all beautiful, born to shine and born to shine in God’s love.”

**Staffing**

We have a wonderful abundance of new life emerging amongst a number of our staff which will bring about a few more changes in the coming weeks as Sara LeComu and Shanna Campbell take leave to prepare for the arrival of their little bundles of joy. Rachel O’Reilly and Andrea Pengilly will fill Sara LeComu’s homeroom position and we will welcome Sara Foschini soon as the new Italian teacher. We will also welcome Tania Fragnito who will replace Shanna Campbell. We wish Shanna and Sara all the best.

In case you have not caught up on the recent arrivals. We congratulate our staff; Tia John’s on the safe arrival of Max, Carla Opie who welcomed Oliver into the world and Bianca Moore had a beautiful surprise with the early arrival of Harriet. All are doing well and we keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

*I also congratulate the many families who have recently welcomed their own little treasures, which will make mother’s day celebrations that extra bit special for you this year. I wish all mothers in our community a wonderful day on Sunday and give thanks for all that you do in supporting your children and families.*

If you are looking for something to do with your family this weekend or in the future when we have some nice weather, I recommend you to have a look at the Nature Play website particularly the story, Merenia Vince, a parent at Galilee contributed. There are some lovely photos and I have heard that a family has already been on one of the hikes. [http://www.natureplaysa.org.au/blog/hiking-in-deep-creek-conservation-park-with-our-children/](http://www.natureplaysa.org.au/blog/hiking-in-deep-creek-conservation-park-with-our-children/)

**Happy Mother’s Day**

Jodie Higgins, Principal
Galilee Disco
Along with today’s newsletter you will receive a reminder flyer about our Galilee disco tomorrow evening in the Galilee hall. The Parents and Friends Co-ordinating Group are looking forward to seeing Galilee students enjoying the disco at the following times:

6.30 – 7.25pm  Reception to Year 2
7.35 – 9.00pm  Year 3 to Year 7

The year 2 students in Mr. Westover’s 2/3 learning community can choose which one of these disco sessions they would like to attend. This year’s disco has an entry charge of $7, which also includes two glow sticks. Up to $3 additional glow sticks can be purchased per child for 50 cents each. Last year there wasn’t the same charge but that was due to the fact that the cost of the disco was covered in the agreement with Footsteps who ran our dance program at school. This year’s entry fee will cover the cost of the DJ from Footsteps and also help us to continue our fundraising towards our ongoing projects to support our children at Galilee. There will also be a donation tin at the disco entrance and the parent’s retreat. You are invited to make a voluntary donation that will be forwarded to Caritas, a catholic international aid organization that is currently supporting families affected by the earthquake in Nepal. You can find out more about the work this wonderful organization does by clicking on the following link: http://www.caritas.org.au

Please see the accompanying flyer for all of the details of the disco. It promises to be a wonderful night for everyone.

UniSA Research Voluntary Participation
This week a student from UniSA named Emily Watson is visiting Galilee and in particular the Year 4 – 7 home rooms to provide information to the teachers and children about her research into the effects of food and sleep upon behaviour in children. Emily will explain to the home groups what her research entails and send home information and a consent form with your child. The research will involve your child being surveyed by Emily at school at a future date and parents completing a short survey at home. Research is a big part of our work at Galilee and this particular research may provide us with some interesting learning once it has completed. Please read through the details and complete and return the consent forms should you be interested in participating in this learning opportunity. Survey data will be confidential.

Parents and Friends Invitation
Our Parents and friends Co-ordinating Group met last Monday evening to prepare for the upcoming disco and review our sports day shared lunch and bake stall. If you would like to see the minutes of the meeting there are copies of this in the front office and we will also have them on our school website. You are most welcome to join our wonderful PFCG at their next meeting on Monday 15th June at 6.30pm in the staff room to prepare for the shared soup lunch at the end of the term.

Healthy Eating Ideas
If you are looking for some further ideas or tips for creating healthy lunch boxes for your children please click on the link below which take you to a website with many ideas and tips that you can pick and choose from. The page you will start at is Anna Gare’s suggestions or tips. One of the things I like about her tips are just to keep it simple and utilise what you already have in your fridge. Here is the link: http://www.kidspot.com.au/Back-to-School-Lunch-box-nutrition-Anna-Gares-top-lunch-box-ideas+6414+181+article.htm

Uniform Shop news
Term 2 Uniform Shop hours are Monday and Wednesday morning and afternoons. Times are printed in 'frequently asked' question section. For the first and last week of term look out for extra times we will open for all your winter uniform needs. Remember we also have selected 'new' uniforms available through our shop, 10% will be taken off the RRP when purchasing, there is a large selection of girls pinafores and skirts available 'new'.

Please note we are no longer accepting the 'old' white polo sports shirt or the non-logo Windcheaters to sell - these items will be phased out as part of the uniform by the end of the year. We have discounted remaining stock of these items to $5.00 for the 'white' sports Polo and $10.00 for all 'old' style Windcheaters. These items may be useful as 'spares' till the end of the year.

If you wish to sell your pre-loved uniforms through the uniform shop you can hand into the office or directly to one of the Volunteers when shop opens, you will just be required to fill out a Sales form at the time with your details.

From Sarah Adams
This term we will be learning about weather in Science. We began by thinking of our questions about weather.

Some of our wonderings about weather...

- How are rainbows made?
- How does the rain fall?
- How does the sky look blue?
Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

Our congratulations to Georgia Moore, Sebastian Antonowicz, Brady, Michaela and Jacob McDonald, Ashley Hooper, James Potter, Ella Mosel, Frank Tiedje, Ethan and Samuel Flack, Rhys Middleton, Isabel Grimwood, Max Carr, Ruadri Baird, Eamon Lawrence, Kaylee Brookes, Ravyn Taylor, Abbey McIver, Carli Perryman, Sacha La Ronde and James Maidment

We had a wonderful celebration last Tuesday evening with these children celebrating Confirmation and with their families and friends. Fr Philip Marshall, who is the Vicar General for the Adelaide Archdiocese, joined with Fr Charles to lead us in prayer. Fr Philip’s key message was about the deep love and confidence our God has in each of these children and in all of us. He encouraged all of the children to notice their gifts, and discover ways as they grow to use their unique talents to create a better world.

We also had a number of choir children help, using their unique gifts, to provide beautiful singing. We’re very grateful for their enthusiastic presence and for their parents who brought them along on a cold, wet night! The children’s singing helps create an inviting, celebratory tone. Thank you!

A Confirmation Prayer –
Thank you God for the gift of your Spirit who guides and supports us.
Help us all to appreciate who we are and our special gifts.
Help us to use our gifts well to support others and our world.
We make our prayer through God’s loving Spirit. Amen.

Please Note: Mass at Mary of Galilee Church begins 5.30pm
This change from 6pm to 5:30pm began after Easter and was voted last year by a majority of families as being a more appropriate time for them to attend weekend Mass.

Friday food, fun and reflection

Would you and your children like to help prepare for the next parish Family Mass this Saturday 9th May (5:30pm)? Then please join us this Friday 8th May, when children and their parents/carers are invited to gather together after school (3:30-4:30pm) for some food, games and simple ways to reflect and plan together for parts of the next Family mass.

This is a very relaxed time for both socialising and reflecting together. Come along if you can - simple food and drink provided. Please use the return slip below.

To Rachel Bishop/Catherine Freeborn via Galilee front office:

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

(Child’s name) in ........................................ (child’s homeroom) can come along on

Friday 8th May at 3:30pm. Signed: ..............................................................
**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 Has anyone left a blue canopy from Sports Day?**

**A** At present we have a blue canopy that was used during Sports Day and is in OSHC to be collected

**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

Morning opening times: 8.45am–9.15am - Afternoon 3.00pm–3.30pm
**Nature Play**

**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.

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

**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](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)

**Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities**
South Australian Catholic school parents hold a diverse range of views on the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) and the national testing carried out each year across Australia for children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The Federation has written the attached resource, designed to answer a number of questions commonly asked by parents about the purpose and scope of NAPLAN.

It can also be found on our website at: [http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/__files/f/2052/Putting%20NAPLAN%20in%20Perspective%20-%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/__files/f/2052/Putting%20NAPLAN%20in%20Perspective%20-%20FINAL.pdf)