Dear families and friends,

As I write today I feel a sense of excitement as well as some disappointment, as it is my last day at Galilee for the rest of the term. There are many things happening in the next 5 weeks, which I will miss or not be a part of the planning.

- Our administration building is going to tender this week, we wait in anticipation of positive responses and look forward to some site works soon. We have received some images that we will make available in the admin area for people to view.
- In 2016 we are due for new School Improvement Plan to provide direction and opportunities. A Survey, developed independently to support school reviews, will be available for all families to provide feedback in the coming weeks.
- Catholic Schools Touch Football Carnival
- Book week Parade on 28th August
- Festival Choir Performance in the final week at the Festival Theatre.

I thank Anthony, Acting Principal, Sharon, Acting Deputy Principal, and Kerri, Acting APRIM for filling these roles and supporting the community while I am away.

Farewell and welcome
Next week we will send our best wishes with Carmen Moyse and Nicole Perry as they begin leave to prepare and welcome their new family members. On behalf of the community I wish them all the best and look forward to hear their news.

Tania Guilfoyle will begin working fulltime to cover Carmen in the year 3/4 homeroom, which we are thankful to enable continuity for the students. We will welcome Sarah Farnham as the new teacher in the 1/2 homeroom, replacing Nicole and Paul. Paul Johnson will continue at Galilee in his position as Eco-Literacy Teacher until the end of the year. Paul will use the remaining time to complete his PhD. In 2016 Paul is taking a new position at Arbury Park Outdoor School. This is a wonderful opportunity for Paul, however he will be sadly missed for the amazing contribution he has made to the Galilee school and community. We will farewell Paul later in the year.

I would like to pass on my thanks to Natalie Bowden for her contribution to the school and students as a student support educator over the past 4 weeks. Natalie has been a wonderful asset to our community and we look forward to seeing Natalie in the future.

Earn and Learn
Over the past few weeks staff have been asked by students if we are collecting the Earn and Learn Stickers. This is always a challenging question for us, as we believe we have a responsibility to choose carefully who and what we advertise and support as this sends a message about our school. Galilee works hard to support local businesses as much as possible. As a result of conversations with children, we have decided to participate. Students have outlined that their families already shop at Woolworths so they will be able to gain some great resources from Modern Teaching Aids, (a company we do purchase resources from). In supporting the campaign, we are encouraging families to continue their usual shopping choices, particularly in supporting local companies. Sticker sheets labelled with Galilee can be entered in the box at the store. I thank the students who asked, for doing so with respect and support of our school.

I wish everyone a positive term 3 and look forward to catching up with you in term 4.

Jodie Higgins
Principal
Learning Conversations
Later this term we will have our scheduled learning conversations that will provide an opportunity for all families to discuss their child’s learning with their child and their teacher. These meetings are not the only time however that you are able to discuss your child’s learning. You are most welcome to contact your child’s teacher at any stage you may wish. We value these opportunities to share your child’s development and learning so that we can discuss current achievements, challenges and future goals for learning that we can all support.

Galilee Art Exhibition Event - 23rd and 24th October
Please keep an eye out for a separate newsletter being sent home shortly to let you know about the exciting opportunities to come at our Galilee Art Exhibition. The Parents and Friends Co-ordinating group are excited about the organising of a wonderful cocktail evening for adults on Friday 23rd October that will showcase wonderful art pieces and music from our children and local artists along with the produce from local wine producers and chefs and then a family day on Saturday 24th that will once again highlight the creativity of our children and local artists and include a variety of market stalls, creative activities for the children, food and drinks. If you are interested in being involved in either the Friday or Saturday activities please leave you contact details at the front office for Amy Dicks and Sarah Adams who will make contact with you.

Principal Tours
If you know of any families who may be interested in enrolling their child at Galilee please let them know to contact our front office to book in at the front office for our next series of Principal Tours on Monday 17th August at 9.30am and 6.00pm.

Dyslexia Parent Support Group - Change of Day
I’d like to invite you to join myself and other parents and friends at Galilee to enjoy a cuppa and discuss beginning a support group for families with children who have dyslexia. The plan is to share information and resources that we have with each other and to make connections with other families in our community. Why focus on children with dyslexia? There are some support centres or resources closer to or on the other side of the city which can be challenging to access living in our community. Our first gathering will now be held at 9.15am on Monday 24th August due to Principal Tours being held on the morning of the 17th August. I hope to see you there.

Anthony Garton
Deputy Principal

Mary, mother of Jesus
Last Tuesday we gathered with Fr Tony to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption.
Ciara welcomed us all with the following words …

“Mary took a step in the dark when God asked her to be the mother of Jesus. She was very courageous and trusted God. People all over the world call on the prayers of Mary for peace in their countries and for comfort in their homes when times are tough.

Today we bring prayers, candles and symbols of peace and of Mary.

We pray for peace in our world and in our homes. Mary reminds us of a God who holds us carefully and tenderly.
Dear parents, caregivers and community members,

Since my start at Galilee Catholic School as teacher of Italian in the middle of last term, I have been enjoying getting to know this community through the children and the school staff. Coming from overseas, listening to the children’s stories and points of view makes each day at school very interesting and enriching in terms of cultural understanding.

I was born and grew up in Italy, in a town not too far from Bologna, a city in between Florence and Venice. I moved to Australia four and a half years ago to study Applied Linguistics at the University of South Australia, before continuing my studies with a Graduate Diploma in Education.

In times of globalization, an understanding and an awareness of the impact that languages and cultures have on society are critical, and I personally think that learning a language is central to this idea as it educates young citizens in becoming informed about diversity, while making them conscious about the importance of respecting it.

For the first half of term, Reception children are exploring diversity in terms animals and sounds. Indeed, speakers of different languages sound and hear animals differently.

Test yourself and see if you can guess how animals sound in Italian 😊

Cow chicchirichi
Dog bee-bee
Cat muu-muu
Sheep miao-miao
Rooster bau-bau

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Regards,

Sara Foschini
sfoschini@galilee.catholic.edu.au
Book Week 2015
Books Light Up Our World

Week Six August 24th-28th is Children's Book week.

The theme for this year’s Book Week is ‘Books Light Up Our World’. Book Week highlights the importance of reading, and draws on the joy of stories and creativity of Australian books. Book Week is about encouraging students and families to read; to learn about new books; to share favourite authors and illustrators; to take time to be alone and just read! It is also an opportunity to enjoy reading the books that are shortlisted for Book of the Year 2015.

Once again we will have a Book Week dress up parade. The following are guidelines for costumes for the day and are in keeping with our School understanding of Welcoming, Respect and Constructive:

**Book Fair**
- Low cost
- Simple, so that everyone feels included
- Homemade is great - See what you can create out of recycled materials
- The theme is ‘Books Light Up Our World’ so you could be creative and come as a character from a book such as ‘The Lighthouse Keeper’, ‘Shadow’ or ‘I Want My Light On’ or perhaps a traditional tale, a library favourite, a Book Week story … the possibilities are endless!
- Of course you can come as your favourite book character. Bring the book if you can!
- No TV/Movie characters or Superheroes like Spiderman, Mario, Minecraft, Pokemon, Star Wars, Disney characters. It is all about the celebration of books!
- Remember our school is about Welcoming, Respect and Constructive so no ‘killing’ characters, blood, swords etc.

This year through the Galilee Student Forum, students discussed the possibility of wearing their costume for the whole day at school. It was acknowledged that it takes thought and effort to come up with a costume so this year students will be able to stay in their costume for the day. Of course if the costume is one that restricts movement the student can make sure they remove that part of the costume or change into comfortable and appropriate clothing.

If you and your child are unsure of what is suitable to wear please have a chat with the homeroom teacher or myself. We really want all students to enjoy the day. Remember, it’s all about having fun and promoting the joy of READING!

**Annual Book Fair**
- Families are invited to visit our Annual Book Fair. There will be a variety of books available for you to look at and an opportunity to purchase if you wish. Please do not feel under any pressure to purchase!
- Students often write a book request, which is considered for purchase for our Galilee Library.

**Where - Stage 1 Library Area**

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- We are looking forward to seeing your creativity!
- The parade will start at 9.15am on Friday 28th AUGUST in the piazza area or hall pending weather conditions.

EVEryone is welcome to join in the fun!

See you there,
Karen Edwards, Key Literacy Teacher/Librarian
Please text 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) 0407761162. Note new number.

Please provide child’s name, reason, and teacher. Please record this number in your mobile.

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. Small/medium or large/extra-large.

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 open?
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

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.
Nature Play

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) or p) 8384 9244.

Organic Vegetable Market Stall

Aldinga Summer Netball Competition
It is time to start thinking about getting teams together for the summer netball competition held on Thursday nights at the Aldinga Netball Club. As always we would love to have teams from Galilee enter in U9’s, U11’s, U13’s. Team registrations will close on Friday 25th September with the first games starting on Thursday 15th October. I hope to hear from you soon.

Aldinga Recreation Centre
2 McRae Street, Aldinga Beach SA 5173
Junior Basketball Clinic - Held Monday 5-6pm - $5 per child
Junior Netball Clinic - Held Monday 4-5pm - $5 per child
Junior Soccer Clinic - Held Friday 4-5pm - $5 per child

Please contact Maureen p) 1300454906 or e) aldingarec@belgravialeisure.cm.au if you would like to register.

Mark Le Messurier Parent Workshop
Mark Le Measurer returns to Cardijn to present a workshop for parents ‘A window into the adolescent brain development’. Enter the science of neurobiology which is teaching us that the brain of an adolescent is wired quite differently from that of a child or adult.

When: Thursday 27th August at 7.00pm at Cardijn College Honey Pot Road Noarlunga Downs in the Faulkner Foyer.
RSVP: mgaffney@cardijn.catholic.edu.au