Greetings everyone.

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

This week is of course is Book Week, which is often a highlight each year at Galilee and many schools across Australia. During Book Week we recognise the wonderful learning and excitement that we enjoy when we read books on our own, with a friend or family member. Some of my most treasured times have been when I have shared books with my parents when I was at school and then later with my daughter before she was going to bed. When sharing stories, I often found that it provided an opportunity to share a smile, great laughs and to also talk about all sorts of questions and topics that would be raised from what we read.

I would like to thank Karen Edwards our key literacy co-ordinator, parent volunteers and our teaching staff who have collaborated with the children to prepare for all of the wonderful events during this year's Book Week. Our Year 7 students have prepared to share stories and related activities with our younger students, parent volunteers will be running the book fair in the stage 1 library room and of course we will all enjoy the dress up day tomorrow when the children dress as one of their favourite book characters and parade their costumes in the morning. We look forward to seeing any parents who are dressed as their favourite book character too.

While Jodie Higgins is on leave, I will begin the process of planning and preparing for 2016, including confirming numbers of students in all age groups and our staffing. Yesterday you would have received a note with a reply slip for you to complete and return to inform us about your child's attendance at Galilee in 2016. Please read through this and return it by Friday 4th September so that we can complete this process accurately. If you would like me to contact you about your attendance at Galilee in 2016 please indicate this is on the reply form.

One of the wonderful opportunities I have enjoyed engaging in this week has been interviewing new families and students who are looking forward to joining our community next year. It has been wonderful meeting them and talking with them about their hopes and dreams about their child's education at Galilee. So many of them have mentioned that one of their reasons for enrolling their child at Galilee is a result of a recommendation from another family already in our community. If you do know any families who are considering a school for their child next year, please let them know there is another principal's tour coming up on Monday 14th September at 9.30am and 6pm. They are most welcome to contact the school on 8557 9000 to make a time for an interview. Thank you for the important role you play in promoting our growing learning community that is so life giving to be a part of.

Next week from Wednesday to Friday I will be engaging in a leadership retreat. All leaders in Catholic Education South Australia engage in such retreats to strengthen their connections between their faith and their important work in leading a faith community. While I am on retreat Sharon Doyle, Kerri Gould and Karen Edwards will continue to lead our community with great wisdom, experience and faith.

From Tuesday 1st September all children and staff are to wear their hats outside. Please find those hats and give them a quick wash ready for wearing. New hats can be purchased at the front office.

I wish you all the best and hope you make the most of the slowly increasing amounts of sunshine with your family in the communing weeks.

God bless.

Anthony Garton, Acting Principal
It’s always a privilege to welcome visitors and show them around Galilee with the help of our students. The comments from students about our school are so insightful. On Tuesday Fr Tony Telford-Sharp, who will be working with us when Fr Charles is unavailable, came for a walk around the school, meeting students, staff and parents. The students spoke with pride and enthusiasm about a whole range of activities and precious places including trees, fun on the oval, plants and the creatures inhabiting them, the produce garden, help given by parents, stepping stones, cubbies and learning to work together, being independent learners and nervousness in preparing to move to high school.

Ms Treloar’s homegroup who just that morning had joined Fr Tony at Mass where their prayers related to awareness and care of the earth met him again near hay bales by the outdoor lounge behind Stage 3. With Mr Johnson, the students are filling in the centre of the hay bale area with soil ready to plant out.

Fr Tony thought we have a very beautiful place in which to learn. A simple visit always helps us stop and notice the wonderful ways we learn and the wonderful people who support us all.

**Learning conversations**

Please look out for a letter coming home with your child early next week, which outlines the dates, times and procedures for Term 3 learning conversations. These meetings are a great opportunity to celebrate your child’s learning and identify new goals. Your child’s participation is crucial and they will be preparing for this with their homeroom teacher prior to the meeting. If you wish to discuss an issue without your child being present this could be left to the end of the meeting time or a more suitable time could be made with the teacher. We know learning happens best when children are aware of the ways their parents/carers and teachers work together. We appreciate your involvement.

**Galilee Art Exhibition Event - 23rd and 24th October**

Please look out for the note in this week’s newsletter regarding this creative community event. Already the students are keen and planning ways to get involved. Some are beginning to plan their art projects at school and others are creating an art work from home…

“I’m going to crochet some baskets!”
“I’m going to knit some scarves.”
“I’m going to do a painting of a girl with a tree and a swing on it. It’s peaceful and we all have one place we go when we’re angry or sad.”
“My friend is making cakes or cupcakes and decorating them as art.”
“My sister’s going to make some pom-poms.”

We look forward to a wonderfully creative community celebration!

**Play after school**

“Do I have to move off the equipment even when mum or dad are there?”

Yes – even if mum and dad are there we cannot have any children on the monkey bars, etc after school. The practice is that all children meet and stay with their parents/carers near homerooms or move out to the piazza/meeting place to say farewell and/or organise play dates. Often new families aren’t aware of this even though it would have been discussed in the homeroom. Please remind one another and help keep everyone safe and calm in that period of time after school.

Thanks for your ongoing support with this.

From Sharon Doyle
Galilee Dinner, Art Exhibition and Fun Fair – 23rd & 24th October 2015.
The Parents and Friends Co-ordinating group are organising a Twilight Dinner and Art Exhibition on the evening of Friday 23rd October. This is going to be a wonderful evening, showcasing art pieces from our children and local artists. The cost of the dinner is $30pp which includes cocktail menu catered by the Salopian Inn and the Fleurieu Kitchen, with local wines available for purchase, supplied by Geddes Wines and Dowie Doole.

The Twilight dinner will be followed by the ‘Galilee Family Fair’ on Saturday 24th October which will showcase the creativity of our children and local artists whilst including a variety of market stalls, activities for children, food, drinks and fun. Exhibited art will also be available for purchase.

We are currently calling for market stall holders who would like to be involved in the Family Fair day, the price per stall is $10 for a stall under the veranda and $15 for a marquee stall. We will be asking for donations of fire wood, beads etc for jewellery making and other items later this term so please keep an eye out for upcoming notices. If you are interested in being involved in either the Friday or Saturday event please leave your contact details at the front office for Amy Dicks and Sarah Adams who will make contact with you.

The new Galilee Gazebo’s
"Here are the new Galilee Gazebo's in action at the recent Cross-Country event held in Adelaide. It was great to have some protection from the weather and a place to sit and rest and they look fantastic.

A big thanks to the PFCG for organising the purchase of these and more importantly the whole school community who contributed to their purchase through our various fundraising events throughout the year, thank you!"

Thank you to everyone!
From the Parents and Friends Coordinating Group.
During the last two weeks in community prayer the students in Mr Buchanan’s and Ms Guilfoyle’s home group have helped us to reflect on how we can help and care for those in need. September is Catholic Charities month. The Catholic Charities Appeal was founded in 1941 by Archbishop Beovich. It is a Diocesan Appeal to help people in our community. “Never see a need without doing something about it” was one of the sayings of St Mary MacKillop and is a call to remind us to assist struggling families and individuals in our own community. Thank you to the students who helped us to consider the needs of others and asked us to consider:

‘How we could help someone today?’

Courtenay - “Help us to have patience and confidence to help people in need”

Grace - “Please give strength to those people who help the poor and homeless. May they continue to do great work they do.”

Chiara - “Help us to be more generous and to not take what we have for granted”

Tabitha - “May people feel the warmth of God in their hearts when they give to people in need.”

Connor S - “Help us to give to the homeless people who are struggling to survive”
Can you supply donations to help for Pastoral Care?

As part of our Chaplaincy program and pastoral care for families at Galilee we have a weekly soup kitchen. At present we are seeking donations of pantry items. Merenia will prepare the dishes with the help of students, parents and carers. The main dishes that are made each week, depending on the ingredients donated, are vegetarian fried rice, filo parcels, pasta bake, and soup in the cooler months. Meals are delivered freshly-made for families in need including those contacted through St Vincent de Paul. “We made food to help people who aren’t as lucky as us.” – Mali, Miss Little’s class.

When someone is in need in our community, from illness, a death in the family, a new baby, stress or financial hardship, we ask people to contact the office so that we can prepare a meal for them. So let us know if you have a friend in need. This is one of the ways we connect with one another and build community at Galilee.

Suggestions for donations

- Rice, Pasta
- Rolled oats
- Vegetable Oil/Olive Oil
- Eggs
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned beans (chickpeas, butterbeans etc)

“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”
— Maya Angelou
Whilst Mrs Calderbank has been enjoying her well-deserved long service leave Miss Gibbon and the year 7 homeroom have been super busy. The last five weeks has taken us on a journey to Ancient Egypt giving us the opportunity to learn about all of its mysteries and marvellous beauties. Did you know that if you unwrapped the bandages of a mummy they could stretch for 1.6 kilometres! Students worked in groups to present an information technology based project to the class. Some students presented Powerpoints, others chose to create their own movies.

**Aldinga Library**

As a celebration towards Book Week 2015 the year 7 homeroom walked to Aldinga library. Students had a guided tour of the library and learnt a lot about The Star of Greece artefacts and images that are kept in the library. The students then had the opportunity to borrow some books from the library. We were amazed when we found out that members of the library could borrow up to 100 books and 20 DVD’s and CD’s!

**Working with Mrs Gould’s Homeroom**

Students have been focusing on the Feeding of the Five Thousand Gospel for Religious Education. During this time we read Mark and Luke’s versions of the Gospel and made comparisons and differences to the texts. Students then worked in small groups to prepare a lesson for Mrs Gould’s homeroom. Each group was to work with a small group of children from Mrs Gould’s homeroom. Some of the activities the year 1/2 students completed were; making plasticine models, colouring pages, word searches, dancing, prayer and reflection time and drawing tasks. It was great to see both homerooms engaged and enjoying themselves.
Miss Little's Learning Community

**Historic Willunga Excursion**

Earlier this term the children in Stage 2 went to the Old Willunga Court House, the Bassett Boys School and a walk around Willunga. As part of our connection inquiry we have been looking at local history and how people connect with the past.
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
  Thursday 27th  Friday 28th After the Book Week Parade
  8.45 am-9.30 and 2.30pm-3.30pm  2.30pm -3.30pm

• 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 an 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 Are invoices for sporting events, camps, soccer etc. covered by our regular fee instalment?
A No they are not. All extra-curricular invoices need to be paid separately the weekly fee amount does not cover these, if required payment arrangements can be made by emailing or phoning our finance officer Kylie Taylor finance@galilee.catholic.edu.au
Polly’s Pirate School Play

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 or p) 8384 9244.

Organic Vegetable Market Stall
After school every Friday afternoon between 3.30 and 5.30pm, call in to the Aldinga Arts EcoVillage Car Park for fresh beautiful vegetables http://villagegreens.com.au/ Village Greens of Willunga Creek.

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.

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