Dear Families and friends,

It is nice to be back from my leave. Routine is always good and South Australia is certainly my pick of places in the world to live! I certainly appreciate our beaches, space and roads! After spending time in a school in the north of Adelaide and New Zealand I was reminded of how amazing our learning spaces are and how lucky we are to have such space and opportunities for our children at outside learning. It was a great learning experience and I look forward to sharing parts with you, the staff and council as we develop our new strategic plan.

Next week a survey is being sent to families to provide us information of your thoughts on a number of areas. The survey has been developed in NSW for schools. It is very comprehensive and will enable you to inform us on decisions for our strategic planning.

Welcome

We welcome the students and their families to the Galilee Community. Kristian in Ms Balacco’s homeroom and Ella in Ms Kinnear’s homeroom

We also welcome Bianca Moore, the school Pastoral Care Worker to continue to support students and families. BIG THANK YOU to Merenia Vince for stepping into the role and providing wonderful experience for our children in cooking and supporting families in our community.

Planning for 2016

I thank all those who promptly returned the ‘Intentions to return to Galilee 2016’ form. You are required to give a full terms notice to avoid being charged the proceeding terms fees, including the beginning of a new year.

Staffing

We are currently in the process of making decisions regarding staffing. I ask parents not to ask staff about 2016 as you are putting them in a difficult situation. When final decisions and positions are in place the community will be informed. Please be considerate that this can be an anxious time for staff, parents and students so we ask for your patience in this matter.

Home group placements

Placement of students in home groups will occur over the coming weeks. This is a challenging process and we make decisions on many factors. When placing students, staff consider academic, social and wellbeing needs as well as class size, gender and importantly how the students may function together as a learning group. If parents have specific information regarding a child’s placement that may help us, it must be provided in writing or via email. (I will ask for a meeting if I believe further information is required) via the office by the Monday 2nd November. I will only accept information regarding student learning, social and wellbeing needs. Requests regarding staffing will not be considered. I remind you that the information you provide is either a request or information to assist in decisions and will be considered along with our knowledge and experience of all the children at Galilee.

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Diary Dates

**OCTOBER 2015**

- Art Exhibition Launch: 23rd
- Art Exhibition Day: 24th
- Principal’s Tour: 26th
- Sacrement Parent Meeting: 27th
- Instrumental evening: 28th
- GCCC Meeting: Dowie Doole 30th

**NOVEMBER 2015**

- Galilee Gathers: 2.30pm, Guilfoyle to hold for Stg 2&3: 2nd
- Reconciliation Workshop 1: 3rd
- Yr 6/7 Market Day: 6th
- Sacrement Presentation: 7th
- Reconciliation Workshop 2: 10th

**EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE**

- Excursion to Maritime Museum: 2.30pm - TUESDAY - 10th
- Galilee Gathers: 2.30pm, Fragnito to hold for E/Years Stg1: 13th
- Year 7 Reflection Day: 16th
- Reconciliation Liturgy: 6.30pm: 17th
- Excursion to Maritime Museum Balacco & Westover: 20th
- Galilee Gathers: 2.30pm: 23rd
- Treloar to hold for Stg 2 & 3: 27th
- PFCG Meeting: 6.30pm: 30th
- Aldinga Advent Pageant: 27th
- Transition Day: 30th

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Uniform Policy - Sports Shoes

Our uniform policy was adjusted and rewritten to take out ambiguity and ensure a clear policy. It states:

**Sports sneakers, predominately white in colour. Logos may be seen.**

**No specialist ‘sports’ shoes or casual footwear i.e. no skate, ankle boots or canvas shoes.**

The policy has been provided to all families and is online. The policy was developed with parents and endorsed by the Galilee Catholic Community Council, only what is in the policy will be allowed as this is fair for all, including staff being put in difficult situations. Parents have agreed to support policy in accepting the enrolment. It is up to parents to implement and respect policy. Staff are asked to support the policy through reminders, but this should not be part of their core work. We understand that on occasion you will inform us that a different item will be worn for a few days, when items are damaged, wet or missing and you need time to replace/fix the problem. This information applies to all items in the policy.

Finally, I thank the very large majority of families for following policy and ensuring their children wear correct uniform that is well presented. This helps children understand that they need to keep to policy and that presentation is important. Your support is appreciated.

Term 4 is always a busy term and remind you to check diary dates for events, excursions and celebrations.

I look forward to catching up with families at the Art Exhibition on Friday evening and/or Saturday.

Jodie Higgins
Principal

Greetings everyone.

Art Exhibition
We look forward to seeing you either Friday evening or during the day on Saturday for the first Galilee Art Exhibition.

The children are very excited about exhibiting their creations alongside local artists from the community.

We encourage you to spend plenty of time viewing the art pieces on display and engaging in the community based fun activities that will be offered alongside the art.

You are most welcome to make a donation in appreciation of the art work created by the children that will go towards supporting further art projects at Galilee. You will also have the opportunity to purchase art created by local artists with 10% of the price supporting Galilee. We are fortunate to have so many talented and generous local artists in the Galilee and wider community.

This has been a wonderful initiative from our Parents and Friends Co-ordinating Group supported by the children, staff, families and local organisations.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Car Parking
I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to you all for the way in which you have made adjustments to the dropping off and picking up of your children since the building works have started. It is great to see families entering and leaving our community spaces safely in an organized manner.

I have noticed that there are still plenty of parking spaces on both Bowering Hill Drive and Quinliven Road in the mornings and afternoons so if you are looking for a space please keep those two options in mind. Please remember to use our crossing when crossing How or Quinliven Roads too.

God bless.
Anthony Garton, Deputy Principal
We are all Connected – the month of November!

We’re fast approaching November, which in the Church’s calendar gives us a chance to remember our connections with one another in a ‘timeless’ sort of way. This month, and the opportunities it provides, is a very significant one for our children and families. How?

All Saints – we’re part of a ‘family’

Sunday, 1st Nov, is All Saints Day. It’s about the huge ‘family’ of which we are a part – the long line of people through the ages who have tried to live their lives with compassion, justice and love. We are part of what is called a ‘communion of saints’, connected through the message of Jesus.

All Souls – we’re connected beyond ‘time’

Then the following day, Monday 2nd Nov, is All Souls Day and is a time to remember and pray for those who have died. In our Mary of Galilee Church there will be a ‘Book of Remembrance’ in which you are welcome to write the name of anyone who has died and whom you wish to remember in this way. When we write the name of someone who has died we are really asking the whole community to support us, to pray with us to God.

So the month of November is a time we can connect with the Saints who inspire us to act with compassion and to hold all those who have died and together remember the huge, never-ending community of which we’re all a part.

You are very welcome to visit the church any time you have the chance to add someone’s name to the Book of Remembrance or to just be still for a moment.

Your child’s home group may also visit the church for a quiet time of prayer for anyone who has died that they wish to pray for, with a focus on the peace and hope that comes from just being in prayer with one another.

In the front office notices rack are a few prayer cards titled ‘Prayer for the Synod on the Family’. They have been used at the current meetings occurring in Rome in the Catholic Church about support for our many and varied families across the world.

You’re very welcome to take one of these cards. At our latest staff meeting we used this prayer to focus on our hopes for our own families and the families of Galilee community. One beautiful aspect of the prayer is the way it treats our families as ‘sacred ground’.

Prayer for the Synod on the Family

4 – 25TH OCTOBER 2015

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness of the family, and its beauty in God’s plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Market Day

On Friday 6th November, the Year 6/7 students will be running a Market Day to raise money for Catholic Charities. This day is always lots of fun for the children organising as well as for the whole community. On the day each child in the school can bring up to $7 and they will visit the stalls with their homeroom. The stalls will also be available to the community from 2.45-3.45.

To help us make the day a success, we are looking for donations of items to help us plan for Market Day. If you are able to donate any of the following items, your donations would be much appreciated. They can be taken to Stage 3 or left at the office for us to collect.

Non-Perishable items, please bring in By Friday 30th October

- Empty glass jars or bottles
- Empty plastic bottles
- Small plants
- Pebbles
- Flour
- Butter
- Tomato/ bbq sauce
- Disposable cups
- Chalk
- Popsticks
- Butter
- Muffin cake mix
- Ribbons (blue if possible)
- Small prizes (eg. Stationary items, small toys, McDonalds toys etc.)
- Scrap materials
- Ping pong balls
- Cordial

Perishable items, please bring in on Wednesday 4th or Thursday 5th November.

- Milk
- Bread
- Gluten-free bread
- Fresh fruit
- Sausages
- Home-made muffins and cakes
- Small prizes

We thank you in advance. More information about Market Day will be sent out via office bags soon.
As part of our Pastoral Care Programme for families at Galilee we have a weekly soup kitchen. At present we are seeking donations of pantry items. Bianca 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

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Fruit Roster Volunteers Wanted!

Each morning we provide a platter of fresh fruit as “brain food” for every child. In order to provide this we rely on volunteer help to prepare the platters each day. It takes around 15 minutes in the morning at drop off time if we have enough volunteers. In the next week I will be preparing a roster each for Stage 1 (including Receptions) and Stage 2 (including Stage 3).

It’s also a lovely opportunity to be able to connect with other parents. If you can help and would like to be placed on the roster please fill out the slip below and return to your child’s homeroom teacher or to the front office. Alternatively please email me on the email address below.

I look forward to hearing from you.

IF YOU REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JO SICHERI ON 8557 9000 OR jsicheri@galilee.catholic.edu.au

Fruit Preparation Reply Slip - (please return to Jo Sicheri by Thursday 17th September 2015)

I would like to be added to the fruit preparation roster.

Name:_________________________ Child’s Homeroom:________

Contact phone number:____________________

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY
STAGE 1 & Reception (please circle). Stage 2 & Stage 3 (Please circle).
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

At present we have some ‘Early Years’ jumpers missing. Please check through your school jumper supplies for any accidental strays. Many labelled jumpers have gone walkabout and may have unintentionally found a place within your collection.

Q Are invoices for sporting events, camps, soccer etc. covered by our regular fee instalment?
A No. 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 finance@galilee.catholic.edu.au
Fred’s Van
Fred’s Van in Aldinga provides a weekly sit down meal in the Community Centre every Friday to families and individuals in the area who are doing it tough. It is strongly supported by the Centre, local groups and businesses including the Victory Hotel who provide soup each week, the Men’s Group at the Community Centre, OzHarvest, Christian Care and Support and, of course, the St Vincent de Paul Society. Ours is one of the busiest “Fred’s Van Kitchens.” Fred’s Van Coordinator, Teresa Branch, is recruiting additional volunteers to shop for supplies for the week’s menu, prepare and cook food, set up the dining area, serve the meals and clear up afterwards. Male chefs, cooks and washer uppers are particularly encouraged to join in; those already there sometimes feel a bit lonely! Training is provided and the usual roster is one evening a month for about 3 hours. If you can help, please contact Teresa directly on Phone 8112 8720 email: tbranch@svdpsa.org.au Mobile 0419 857 966
For more information about Fred’s Vans, refer to www.vinnites.org.au

Nature Play SA – Things to do
25 Things to do in Spring
Try Geocaching
Build a Cubby
Make a Kite
You might also like to read about A SLOWER CHILDHOOD in Frankly
Mag http://cathfamily.org/franklymag/

Get in 2 fun Get in 2 Cricket
Milo in2cricket introduces girls and boys aged 5 – 8 to cricket. Held at Reynella Oval, Oval Road, Old Reynella From Saturday 31st October 9.00am – 10.00am. Programme costs $85.00 and overs 5 weeks Term 4, 2015 and 5 weeks in Term 1, 2016 with a bonus Participant pack. To register go to www.placricket.com.au

Wonderful World of Toddlers
Free parenting seminar. Are you the parent or carer of a 1-3 year old? Want to understand their feelings and behaviour? To register p) 83031660 or e) health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au Wednesday 4th November, 7.15pm – 9.00pm Adelaide Convention Centre, North Tce, Adelaide

Antonio 40th Anniversary
There are many people that have been a part of the Antonio Catholic School story. While invitations have been sent, we may have missed you. We would love for you to join us on Thursday 29th October at 9.15am for Mass at Mary Help of Christians Church, Morphett Vale and afterwards at Antonio School Gymnasium for morning tea. Please RSVP to Lillian Van Brussel on lillianvb@antonio.catholic.edu.au or 0409 285 159 for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing you then.

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) 8384 9244.