Dear Families and Friends,

Families will receive and email today with the details of a significant survey that we are undertaking – DISA Survey. This is YOUR opportunity to let us know your thoughts.

The SURVEY well help us develop strategic plans as

- We will be using data to make decisions...not relying on our thoughts
- It has been successfully used by schools across Australia
- Greater access for families to have a say
- Accessible for everyone
- Includes student voice (online survey completed at school)

The survey can only truly inform us if we have a high numbers undertaking the survey.

Please take the time to HAVE YOUR SAY! If you require Internet access iPads will be available at the office each morning and afternoon.

Building Update
It is great to see the new administration building well underway. We are on schedule at the moment, with work on footings to be completed and the slab to be laid in about 3 weeks. It will be greater to see the shape and size of the building defined. Students are enjoying watching the different machinery coming and going. I remind everyone to be more aware around the building site for any changes and to watch out for vehicles that may be coming in and out of the site.

Thank you PFCG!
I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the PFCG on the success of the Arts Exhibition and Family Fun Day. We have received many positive comments from both the Friday evening and Saturday. I also pass on our thanks to the students, families and friends who participated, entertained, assisted, provided art works and joined with us in making the events so successful.

Kind Regards,

Jodie Higgins
Principal
Galilee Art Exhibition Weekend - Thank you

Wow! What a weekend it was when our school held its first Art Exhibition evening and Saturday family day. It was wonderful to be able to see so many faces from within our community and beyond appreciating visual art created by our students and many local artists.

I would like to thank the children and local artists who shared their talents, the staff who supported the children and helped to display art and set up spaces and the many members of the organising committee. At the heart of this committee, pulling everything together were Amy Dicks, Sarah Adams, Buffy Woolcock, Sarah Vujicic, Leesa Farrant and Monica Jansons. A very big thank you to you all for the time, energy and ideas you brought to the weekend. The excitement, energy and creativity that resulted were wonderful to experience. Thank you also to all of you who were able to support the day with your attendance and support for your children. All of these energies combined contribute to the building of a connected community at Galilee.

In addition to making wonderful connections across our community, engaging families in their children’s learning and creativity, the Parents and Friends Co-ordinating Group are very proud to be sharing with you that they were able to raise close to $4,200 which will contribute to purchasing ongoing resources for learning and projects such as the shelter for the early years area.

Crossing Monitor Training

On Monday 9th November, the children who are currently ten years of age or older will attend crossing monitor training in the hall with representatives from the South Australian police force. This training will prepare the children to be crossing monitors for the remainder of 2015 and continuing through to 2016. This role is such an important one for our community and is an opportunity for the children to contribute in such a constructive way to community safety. It also provides the older children at Galilee with an opportunity to develop their road safety awareness before they move on to high school and begin to use public transport and our roads more independently at peak times of the day. All children who are trained will receive a letter with a return slip for you to complete and return by the end of next week. I would appreciate your support in completing this form and returning it promptly so that we can organise the rosters. We currently have over 80 children who can be a crossing monitor. We would like to set up the roster next year so that the Year 7 students will be monitors in just term 1, Year 6 children in term 2, Year 5 children in term 3 and our Year 4s and extra students turning ten between now and then being monitors in term 4. This will shorten the time commitment to one or two weeks in one term. I look forward to receiving lots of return slips next week.

Thoughtful Christmas Card Giving

As we enter the final few weeks of term four and approach Christmas it is often the custom to share best wishes with the giving of Christmas cards. We recommend this is best left until the final week of the term. If your children are keen to give cards to their friends, please talk with your child’s teacher about the best time for this to happen without disruption to the regular morning and afternoon routines. It is important that you consider how many cards are going to be given out as well. I would recommend restricting card giving to closer friends rather than whole home groups as this can sometimes lead to one or two names being left off lists and the act of ‘card giving’ being lost in ‘something we just give to everyone’.

This is something I encourage you to think about and discuss with your children so that the true giving of cards can be a meaningful and purposeful experience.

Along with the giving of cards often is the giving of lollies, candy canes and lolly pops. This is often something children like to stick to the envelopes and can add an extra surprise to the person receiving the card. At Galilee we of course encourage healthy eating and would prefer to see children enjoying the beautiful healthy food being supplied from school and home being eaten rather than morning tea consisting of lollies.

I thank you in anticipation of your support in these matters and hope that the next few weeks are a peaceful and wonderful time of preparation for the celebration of Jesus’ birth, God being with us.
We are all Connected – the month of November!

Remember, you are very welcome to visit the church any time to add, to the Book of Remembrance in the church foyer, the name of anyone who has died and who you would like remembered in our prayers. 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 God.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please keep the following children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation …

Rose Grimwood
Jack Walker
Kelsey Richards
Gabriel Garrett
Izabelle Vujicic
Albert Carr
Harrison Carr

and Molly Walker will join them to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion next year.

We’re using the story Jesus told of ‘the Forgiving Father’ (Luke 15:11-24) to get a glimpse of God who loves and forgives us beyond what we imagine is possible. The story also teaches about the steps that lead to repairing a broken friendship. The son who causes hurt - comes to his senses - admits he’s done wrong - says sorry - and asks for forgiveness. The father calls for a celebration at the ‘return’ of his son!

Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11th/11/2015

As we usually do, we’ll gather as a whole school community, at the base of our flag poles on the figure 8 lawn, for a Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday 11th November at 10:45am. Families and friends are very welcome to join us. Ms Calderbank’s Yr 7 learning group will lead the service.
Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Major fundraiser for the year. Thanks to your support we raised close to $4200.

An even bigger thankyou to:

**The Salopian Inn**
**Fleurieu Kitchen**
**Geddes Wines**
**Dowie Doole Wines**
For the food and wine on the night.

**Thank You!**

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All sponsors of our raffle and silent auction:


All the Musicians and artist who contributed toward making the weekend such a success and of course the students for their amazing artworks.

Thankyou to all the Parents and caregivers who helped cook the BBQ on the Saturday and to the parents who had market stalls

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The next event we will be co-ordinating is the BBQ at the carols night. If you would like to get involved or help on the night please join us at our next meeting on 23rd of November in the Staff room at 6.30pm or catch one of the members at school if you can’t make it.
Our next FAMILY MASS will be on Saturday, 7th November at 5:30pm at Mary of Galilee Church. All families are invited to come along and to join in celebrating the Eucharist together with the Parish Community. All children, especially those preparing to celebrate the Sacraments in 2015-2016, and those receiving certificates for this year’s program, are invited to attend and to be involved in the readings, prayers, processions etc. Inquiries to Sharon Doyle at school, or to Sister Margaret Ann on 0488287552. Please bring a plate of food to share after Mass.

As part of our Chaplaincy and pastoral care program we prepare delicious meals to go to families in our school community. The dishes provided depend on ingredients donated. These include pasta bake, tuna mornay, fried rice/risotto, quiche and soup in the cooler months. Bianca will prepare the dishes with the help of students, parents and carers. If you would like to be involved in any way please contact the office. 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.

Suggestions for donations
- Rice
- Pasta
- Vegetable oil/olive oil
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned vegetables and tinned fruit
- Stir through sauces

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.

“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”
— Maya Angelou

Pastoral Care News

Can you supply donations to help for Pastoral Care?
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.

**Can I buy a Galilee school hat from the front office at school?**

**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.

**Do private music tutors teach lessons on site at Galilee?**

**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

**Where is the Lost Property located?**

**Lost Property** is located adjacent the Front Office on the Eastern side. Lost property will be cleared out each fortnight.

**When is the Second Hand Uniform shop open?**

**Yes.** The uniform shop will be open the following times this term:

- **MONDAY** Morning and afternoon
- **WEDNESDAY** Morning and afternoon

**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.

**Are invoices for sporting events, camps, soccer etc. covered by our regular fee instalment?**

**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
You might also like to read about A SLOWER CHILDHOOD in Frankly Mag http://cathfamily.org/franklymag/

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities
The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities produces a ‘Welcome Package for families joining a Catholic school community’. The ‘Welcome Package for Families Joining a Catholic school community’ includes:
* Welcome letter for parents and families
* Federation brochure
* The Charter for Parents in Catholic Schools
* Basic tips for being engaged in your child’s learning
* Information about parent teacher interviews
* Information on volunteering in a Catholic school
* A suggested grievance process for parents
* Staying Connected and Useful Links
You can access the Welcome Package Federation’s website or by going to: http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/for-parents/welcome-package

Summer Reading Club Launch – Journey into Lost Worlds
Journey into lost worlds to discover dinosaurs and fossils!
Come and collect your summer reading club pack to begin your adventure. Willunga Rose Gardens, Aldinga Road, Willunga, Friday 4th December 3.30 -4.30pm, Bookings essential, Phone Aldinga Library on 83840022

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. The Noarlunga GP Plus School Dental Clinic will be open during the Christmas school holiday break.