Wow: What a great start to the year, we’ve had. We have enjoyed making and eating pancakes, planting and playing in the ‘Secret garden’, having ash placed on our forehead to remind us about the start of Lent, busy learning new things in the homeroom and having a wonderful time at outside learning all in just five weeks. Not to mention new books, learning to read and learning bigger numbers, making new friends and just having a lot of fun with homeroom mates.
Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust this newsletter finds you well.

**Parent Acquaintance Evenings**
Thank you for your attendance at our recent parent acquaintance evenings. As you may be aware, we adjusted the format of these meetings to provide parents with some information that was very pertinent to the age group of the children in specific stage buildings. Topics covered were:

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I have received some feedback from parents about these evenings that included comments such as these:

* ‘Sharing how children’s play incorporates mathematics was wonderful.’
* ‘The session about reading with my child has provided some great tips to make the most of those little opportunities at home.’
* ‘The cyber safety session was just the information I needed to talk with my child about.’

If you would like to provide any further feedback to me about these evenings which will contribute to our reflection and preparation for next year’s evenings, please forward your thoughts to me at agarton@galilee.catholic.edu.au

**Annual General Meeting**
Our Annual General Meeting where we enjoy the opportunity to celebrate achievements and report improvement progress with you will be held next Tuesday 8th of March. We invite you to arrive from 6.45pm onwards for a 7.00pm start before finishing at 8.00pm. We are looking forward to our special guests, the children, sharing alongside staff and parents the achievements and future learning directions about mathematics, eco-literacy, engaging families and Catholic identity.

**Building Progress**
The new administration building is continuing to progress well and is due for completion in April. A small group of administration staff were walked through the building yesterday as part of the fortnightly site meeting and we commented on the amount of natural light entering through the windows and the comfortable feeling of space in a number of the community spaces. In the coming weeks the walkway that leads from the How Rd crossing to the piazza will be fenced off to allow work in this area and the adjoining space where the site huts are to be completed. This will mean that pedestrians on How Rd will be provided with a safe, alternate path and entrance into the school. This will be clearly marked and information will be sent home shortly to everyone in preparation for this change.

**Welcome Kate Turner**
This week our staff and students welcomed Ms Kate Turner to Galilee Catholic School as our Acting Deputy Principal for the remainder of 2016. Kate brings with her a wealth of experience in various leadership roles and has made a significant impact around our community already through her warm and generous nature. Kate is looking forward to meeting you around the community in the coming days and weeks so please feel free to introduce yourself to Kate when you have the opportunity.

Yours truly,

Anthony Garton
It is great to be at Galilee, I am excited to be working with the community for the remainder of the year. The children, staff and families have made me feel extremely welcomed; I have been greeted by many friendly faces and appreciate the patience of the community as I learn everyone’s name.

I have enjoyed visiting the many learning spaces and engaging in conversation with the children about their learning. Tuesday morning I visited the Secret Garden with the Reception children. We had lots of fun fishing in the pond, baking chocolate cakes and sitting around the campfire toasting marshmallows. It was an enjoyable morning out in the sunshine watching the children let nature lead their imaginative play.

Wednesday morning was the first opportunity to meet all the Galilee children when we gathered for Community Prayer. Sitting amongst the children and looking out the window to the surrounding landscape I felt at peace and enthusiastic about the year ahead.

Regards,
Kate Turner
Acting Deputy Principal

Week Three: Dominic’s story
This week’s story is about Dominic who is from Papua New Guinea. Dominic participated in a Caritas funded project that trains people to run ‘community conversations’ within their Villages to create solutions to some of their community problems. In Dominic’s village, the problems related to alcohol, low income and disrespectful relationships within families including family violence. Through Dominic’s leadership his community identified ways families can work together, solve arguments and communicate with each other more respectfully. The project wouldn’t be possible without money raised by Caritas’ Project Compassion.

View the video of Dominic’s story here:

Find out more about Papua New Guinea where Dominic lives:

Reflections:
Families provide a child’s first, ongoing and most important experience of love, faith and learning. What is your child’s experience of love, faith and learning in your family?

Consider this:
How do you work together as a family to get jobs done, solve problems or settle arguments?
What are your family’s traditions for expressing love and celebrating each other on your birthdays or other special days?

Family conversations:
Talk with your child about ways we show respect for each other when we communicate, settle arguments or work together to do the household chores.
What are the ways we show how much we love each other?
What are the ways we work together to solve a problem?

Pray together:
Merciful God, we thank you for the changes in Dominic’s life and community. May we learn, like Dominic, that we have a lot of power within to change ourselves and work for change in our community. In our love for you, may we love mercy, act justly and walk humbly. Amen.

Plan together:
Hold a ‘family conversation’ to consider some ideas to raise funds for Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2016
On the 1st of March, Kaylee and Declan in Mrs Calderbank’s class, Molly from Ms O’Reilly’s and Isabelle from Ms Janssans went to the SAPSASA Swimming Carnival at the Marion outdoor swimming centre. Most schools had at least ten people representing their school, we had four!

Declan went in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly and won all of the races. He also won all the finals.

Kaylee swam in breaststroke and freestyle. Isabelle went in butterfly, freestyle and breaststroke.

Molly went in backstroke, butterfly, freestyle and breaststroke.

After everything was finished they announced that Galilee was the winner of Division 2!

We received a pennant saying District Champion School, SAPSASA Swimming 2016!

Thank you to all the parents and teachers involved in organising the carnival.

~ Kaylee Hooper ~
We are learning about Scientific Investigation Methods. First we viewed a balloon rocket experiment and discussed how we could modify the experiment to answer our questions. We planned our investigation and chose one variable to change. We kept all other variables the same to make it a fair test. String and fishing wire was used as lines and a straw was threaded through. The balloon were inflated and taped to the straw. Some groups measured the time taken to travel across the line. Others measured the distance the balloon travelled along the line. We found out that as the air in the balloon rushed out it created thrust, a force that pushed the deflating balloon forward. We had lots of fun completing our investigations.
What is School Card?

$ School Card is a State Government scheme that offers assistance for low income families via the School Card Assistance Scheme.

$ Being eligible for school card immediately puts you into income level A (School Card Eligible).

$ The school benefits from students being eligible for school card.

$ Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2014/2015 financial year being within the School Card income limits (as shown below).

$ The combined gross family income for the applicant and partner (where applicable) includes:

- Gross salaries, wages and allowances from an employer(s)
- Taxable Centrelink pensions, benefits and allowances
- Non-taxable or Tax-exempt pensions and benefits (e.g. Disability Support Pension)
- Gross interest and dividends
- Benefits from the Department of Veteran’s Affairs
- Supplementary income as identified in the Supplementary tax return
- Fringe benefits (e.g. provision of a car, entertainment expenses)
- Foreign income including pensions and employment

$ Gross income does not include any amounts received for:

- The TPI component of your Department of Veteran’s Affairs benefits
- Family Tax Benefits parts A and B
- Child maintenance payments
- Carer Allowance.

$ The income limits for 2016 are as follows:

- 1 dependent child $37,015
- 2 dependent children $38,025
- 3 dependent children $39,035
- 4 dependent children $40,045
- 5 dependent children $41,055
- Each additional dependent child $1,010

We encourage you to enquire about school card at the front office should you fit the above income limits.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on p) 8557 9000 or finance@galilee.catholic.edu.au. Kylie Taylor, Finance Officer.
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 0410 595 300
VIOLIN: Robin Anthony 0450 981 476
PIANO: Beth Maddock 0412 284 594
DRUMS: Kyrie Anderson 0403 882 382

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. At present we have 4 pairs of shoes. Please check to see if you are missing any.

Q  When is the Second Hand Uniform shop open?
A  The uniform shop will be open the following times in term 1:

MONDAY  Morning and afternoon
THURSDAY  Morning and afternoon
Morning opening times: 8.45am–9.15am - Afternoon 3.00pm–3.30pm

Q  When will I receive my Fee statements
A  Your Fee statement will be posted this week you will also receive a F&Qs sheet with your statement, should you have any queries please refer to the F&Q sheet. If your question is not answered on the F&Q sheet please call, email finance@galilee.catholic.edu.au or pop in and chat with Kylie Taylor.
SA Dental Clinic
The Noarlunga GP Plus School Dental Clinic is a free dental service for most school-aged children and all preschool children. All babies, children and young people aged 0-17 years are welcome. Please call 8384 9244 for an appointment.

80 Years of Catholic Education
Friday 15th April – Sunday 17th April 2016 at Our Lady of the River Catholic School. To celebrate 80 years of catholic education there will be events held. Family Fun day at OLR Friday 15th April 12.30pm onwards. Old scholars benefit (2 course dinner, cabaret & auction) Saturday 16th April 6.30pm. 80th Birthday mass and morning tea at St Mary’s Church Sunday 17th April – 9.00am.

‘The Pipes are Calling’
Dedicate a pipe to a loved one through the ‘Pipes are Calling’ campaign for the St. Francis Xavier’s cathedral restoration appeal. All gifts are tax deductible. To donate or for more information contact Jane Juniper p) 82108223 or e) jjuniper@adelaide.catholic.edu.au

Willunga Basketball Association
Is looking for more players to join our U/10 mixed U/12 boys, U/12/14/15 girls
Games are played in air conditioned comfort and are only $6.
Contact Petrina Kitchen for more details on 0414 511 572

Aldinga Recreation Centre
Open Day, Saturday 2nd April 2016 from 8.30am to 12pm. Try UJam, Metafit, Yoga or do a gym session. P) 1300454906. 2 McRae Street, Aldinga Beach

Lego Adventure Club
Have fun building Lego with a different challenge each week. Tuesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm during school term. For all ages. Held at Aldinga Library.