DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER
19 QUIZ NIGHT 7pm
22 HR Mass - Stg 3
24 Yr 7 Reflection Day (Hall)
25 Advent Pageant & Pt Noarlunga Playground excursion Stg 2 9am - 12pm
28 Reception 2017 Transition 1 9am - 10.45am

DECEMBER
5 Reception transition 2 9am - 12.45pm
6 HR Mass Early Years
7 Thanksgiving Mass and Volunteer Thank you morning tea 9am
9 Galilee Carols 6.15pm
12 Whole school transition
12 Yr 7 Sending Forth 6.30pm
15 Last Day Term 4
16 Pupil Free Day
17 - 19 St Vinnies Hamper Assembly Volunteers Welcome Galilee Hall
Greetings everyone,

Our final term of the year is well under way. We are entering that time of the year where we reflect on the learning journey this year and prepare for the next phase of our learning in 2017.

This can be a challenge at this time of year as we all know how busy it does become with family, work and school events and celebrations being scheduled. Before we begin to focus on Christmas (which is quite a while off) making sure that we are stopping to acknowledge, enjoy and reflect on our achievements so far in 2016 as well as the many more that will occur in the coming weeks. There are many more books to read, stories to write, technology projects to explore and maths investigations to complete.

While our learning continues our staff will be supporting the children to reflect on their learning journey this year and steadily prepare for their transition into new opportunities for future learning in 2017. This next year may bring new teachers or the same teachers, new peers and some of the same peers, new home rooms, new buildings to be in and some new routines. We know that changes can sometimes bring a sense of nervousness for children and parents, which is very natural.

I still experience this with my own daughter at school and my own role each year. I take comfort from knowing that at Galilee (and my daughter’s school) the staff are committed to supporting the students and each other during this transition and that these new things can bring new opportunities for growth and learning. Showing our children that we are working together as a team supports their wellbeing during times of change.

On the evening of Wednesday 9th November Kiran Wedge and Sami Gilligan, from the Galilee Catholic Community Council, and myself joined principals and board members from other Catholic communities in our region to meet each other, share our strategic work in our own communities and explore possible opportunities for collaborating with each other to provide benefits for all children and families across all of the schools in our region. The communities represented there were:

- All Saints Catholic School, Seaford
- Antonio Catholic School, Morphett Vale
- Cardijn College, Noarlunga
- Emmaus Catholic School, Woodcroft
- Galilee Catholic School, Aldinga Beach
- Marcellin Technical College, Christie Downs
- St John the Apostle Catholic School, Christies Beach
By the end of this gathering everyone present agreed that this was a wonderful start to developing a closer relationship across the region where various resources, expertise, systems and procedures in teaching and learning, administration and innovation could be shared to enrich the great work already happening in each community.

In closing, it was wonderful to see everyone at the opening of the new administration building recently. I would like to thank the children, staff and families who were involved in the preparation and celebration. The shared contributions resulted in a truly fitting community celebration. Kate has some further details about the opening in her article and there are some photos included.

Yours truly,

Anthony Garton

Administration Building Official Opening

On Friday the 4th November we came together as a community to celebrate the official opening of our Administration Building. Archbishop Philip Wilson led the liturgy with the Honourable Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training also addressing the community. It was appropriate that the minister centred his speech on the ingredients that make a chocolate cake, likening it to the key ingredients that make up a close-knit community. Community members stayed for morning tea and explored our beautiful new building. The children enjoyed a delicious slice of chocolate cake to celebrate the occasion. We thank all the members of the community that helped with preparations, during the event and cleaning up it was a real team effort, which I have noticed is a usual occurrence within the Galilee community.

Quiz Night

Saturday night is set to be a fun filled night with the community coming together to answer the many brain teasers posed by our very own quiz master Anthony Garton! The night is a sell out and we look forward to
enjoying a curry lovingly prepared by Karena from The Salopian Inn. Don’t forget to bring your loose change for the games and raffles and of course money for the Silent Auction with many quality items kindly donated by local businesses, families and friends. Thank you to the Parents and Friends Coordinating Group for all their work in the lead up to the night. We aim to raise funds for our Outside Learning Environment.

Community Carols Night

We are looking forward to all the children and their families gathering together at the end of the year for a picnic and community carols.

Date: Friday 9th December
Time: 6:15pm – 7:30pm
Venue: Galilee Catholic School, On the figure 8 lawn on the eastern side of Stage 1

Please bring a picnic basket tea for your family. Students will be seated with their families and move to the stage as they are invited to lead the singing. Please be mindful of your children’s safety and ensure they are with you under your care when not leading the singing. We look forward to gathering together during this time of Advent as Christmas draws near.

Kate Turner
Acting Deputy
Official Welcome for our new Administration Building

You may have noticed the video playing in the front office of our Foundation Ribbon Ball being carried by the hands of all our students, staff and some of our parents into the new Administration Building. It’s a ball of memories and blessings. People from the beginning of Galilee wrote on the ribbon to wish us well, to encourage us and bless our ongoing efforts.

Every time a new space has been built at Galilee we pass this ball to bless the building and to remind us that everyone belongs and is welcome in each of these spaces.

This occurred two days prior to our Official Opening with Archbishop Wilson, Fr Charles, Senator Simon Birmingham, the architects John Held and other special guests with our whole parish and school community.

We thank everyone involved in creating a beautiful celebration from cooks to organisers to students offering tours and welcoming, to our core planning group of students who offered so many ideas for the liturgy and preparation beforehand including Jasmin, Isabel, Asha-Lea, Luka, Oliver, Holly, Poppy, Libby, Michaela, Denver, Mitchell, Emma, Kaylee, Sharon Doyle.

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Scholastic Book Club News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jo Antonwicz and Sarah Adams for all their work in organising the smooth running and distribution of the Scholastic Book Club throughout the year. Galilee has been able to put $1,200 towards the purchase of new books and resources for students. This week you will receive the final Scholastic Book Club brochure for 2016. If you wish to order something and would prefer the order to remain in the front office for collection, please write ‘to be picked up from office’ at the top of the order form. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Karen Edwards
KLT/Library
Mentoring Program

Would you be interested in sharing your skills or talents with a child or small group of children? Do you have time once a week to come in to school and share of your talents and build a relationship with a child or small group of children? The purpose of mentoring is to support the well being of our students and helping them to develop relationships with other trusting adults. We know the end of the year is fast approaching but we are keen to get this program started this term with the hope of it continuing next year. Relationships formed this year can then be built on next year!

These photos show a group of students who have formed a Science Club with their Mentor David. They were experimenting with water rockets.

So far we have six wonderful volunteers, but there are many more children on the waiting list. If you would like to volunteer and have a current police clearance and a talent to share (for example cooking, craft, gardening, woodwork) please contact the school office or email me at k Gould-galilee.catholic.edu.au.

Thanks Kerri Gould

Congratulations to our students in their extracurricular pursuits!
Send us your pictures and information if you would like us to share your news.

Congratulations to Cordelia (Dilly) from Miss Little’s homeroom. On Monday she became an Australian Citizen in a ceremony at the Hopgood Theatre. On Tuesday she shared lamingtons with all of her homeroom to celebrate. Good on ya mate!
Welcome Back Packs for Refugee Children

Please support and contribute to our ‘Welcome Back Packs for Refugee Children’ appeal. You can help by making a small donation of one or more of the following items.

Please leave donations in the Stage 1 foyer.

Our aim is to create 23 back packs (one for each member of the 5/6 O'Reilly / LeComu learning group to pack).

Refugee families are arriving weekly in to South Australia. They come with very little apart from optimism, excitement and intense desire to successfully participate in life, work and learning in their new home country.
Little Galilean’s Playgroup

Teddy Bears Picnic

Week 5 Term 4

This week we read the story called ‘Going on a bear hunt’. We then went on a bear hunt, we went past the frog pond, over the Galilee hill, through the grass and almond forest to the bear cave in the hall. In the hall we had a teddy bear picnic with our teddy bears and some fruit then we danced the teddy bear twist with our bears. We had a great time and there were some very tired bears at the end of all the twisting! See you all next week!
Family Connections Hackham

E-SAFETY SESSION

A presentation for parents, carers and grandparents providing an overview of how young people use technology, the risks they may be exposed to and strategies for safe use of the internet.

Where: 72 Collins Parade Hackham
When: Thursday 24th November
Time: Two sessions available
  10am - 12pm or 6 - 8pm
Cost: Free
Limited créche spaces available.

Bookings Essential:
Please call - 8186 6944

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What a wonderful evening of fantastic talent, showcasing the skills of our Galilee students and their teachers. All the student’s performances reflected the work, dedication and joy that music can bring to all of us. Thank you to all, families, friends and staff, who came along to support our musicians. Can’t wait for next year’s performances! Thanks to Angela Lisman for providing photos. We will showcase them in the from office very soon.

Linda Rankin
**Attendance Matters**

If your child is going to be absent, late, or leaving early please notify the office by SMS on 0407761162 before 9am. Please provide the following details:

- Child’s name
- Reason for absence/early departure/late arrival
- Child’s home room teacher

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**Contributions**

Contributions to be submitted by 3pm Tuesdays to njwalters@galilee.catholic.edu.au. Inclusions at the Principal’s discretion and some items may need to be amended depending on space.

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**Galilee OSHC News**

It has been a wonderful year at Galilee OSHC and we appreciate your support in helping us to run a wonderful program for the children at Galilee.

As the end of year is approaching us fast we would like to remind all families using the service to please update your accounts with us. We are a Service that provides a high quality care program that is there to support the community in need of BSC & ASC & VACATION Programs with Qualified Staff. If you are experiencing any difficulty in attending to your account, please speak with our staff or Kylie at the front office promptly so that we can assist.

Children wearing hats at OSHC is a very important and necessary matter over the summer periods. Just like in school, **children will need to have a hat to play outside**. The children really enjoy playing in the wonderful spaces outside at Galilee. During before and after school care, the children can bring their hats from school and keep it in their bag to return to their home room during the day. If you would like your child to have a spare school hat in their bag for OSHC, they can be purchased for $16 from the front office. During the VacCare program, children can continue wearing their school hat or a non-school, wide-brimmed hat as they will be wearing casual clothes. Thank for your assistance with this.

Bookings and cancellation books are always readily available during OSHC hours. These are important documents that we use to plan our work and staffing. Please record all of the details required accurately, to support us in supporting your children.

The DEC/JAN Vac Care Programme will be available from November 28th 2016. OSHC will be closed the 25th Dec 2016 until the 9th Jan 2017. The week 19th to 23rd of Dec, OSHC will be running the VacCare Program. Any inquiries please feel free to speak to any of the staff at OSHC.

We look forward to seeing many of you at OSHC in the coming weeks for a fun-filled program.

Rose Glover

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**Tip of the Week**

Q. Can two parents set up an account for the same student?

A. Q! offers the ability for two parents to set up accounts for the same student if needed. However, please note that the two accounts are independent and no details are shared between them.