



Dear Parents/Carers,

Start of Term

It has been a busy start to the term, with classes settling well and students getting ready for the first excursions and camps of the year. It has been great to see students from R-9 for the first time in the school's history.

Parking

We are currently in the process of providing some additional car parking for pick up and drop off. The area (by the Wetlands) that was used for the builders last year will be converted for this purpose. A new base will be put down over the next few weeks so it will be usable during all seasons. We look forward to this being completed and providing some extra space needed as we continue to grow.

Ash Wednesday

Next week we begin the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:15am, Wednesday 22 February. We look forward to seeing you there.

Attendance

Attendance at Cardijn College Galilee Campus is very important for the development of students, academically, socially and spiritually. We understand that there are occasions when students are unwell and not at school, so we ask that the Campus is notified should your child be away. This also includes if students are away during term time on holiday. Please can we ask that absence is communicated before 9am to the Front Office via SMS on 0438 631 312 or email GalileeAbsentee@galilee.catholic.edu.au on the morning of your child's absence.

Please provide the following details:

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

Your support in this is appreciated.

Smart Watches

Following our return to school we have seen an increase in the number of students wearing Smart Watches. Smart Watches are treated in the same way as mobile phones at Cardijn College Galilee Campus and as such need to be handed in to the teacher at the beginning of the day. At the end of the day, as we do with mobile phones, they will be returned to the students. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the Uniform Policy, which refers to this.

Parent Engagement Evening

Just a reminder that on Monday 27 February you are invited to our Parent Engagement Evening and hear from Executive Officer, Trish Jarvis of Catholic School Parents South Australia. It will also be an opportunity to meet with new College Principal Steve Byrne. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Seesaw

We have had some questions regarding the messaging aspect of Seesaw. This year, to streamline our communication processes, all communication from the Campus, either from the office or teachers will be via email or letter. Therefore, the messaging part of Seesaw will not be used. Emails may initially end up in your junk or spam filter but you can mark us as a safe sender. Please contact the office if you require support.

2023 Dates

[CLICK TO SEE OUR CAMPUS CALENDAR](#) for our event dates for 2023. These dates will be added to over the year and you will be alerted should dates change or new dates are added.

Cardijn Connect

Welcome to Cardijn Connect – a weekly blog for sharing news and information. This will be updated weekly and sent out to all families via email. To catch up with the latest [VISIT CARDIJN CONNECT HERE](#)

Have a great week everyone

Nick Wright

Head of Campus



Welcome to 2023



Wellbeing 2023

Welcome to the 2023 school year. Despite the unseasonal weather in week 1 of the year, students and staff have made a great start.

At Cardijn College we are committed to catering for individual needs and differences of all our students and to enhancing the opportunity for all students to achieve. To us, our students need to grow academically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

"Happiness and well-being are actually best regarded as skills."

Richard Davidson

At Cardijn College Galilee we have a team of staff who along with your child's homeroom teacher support students and family's wellbeing. This team includes myself as wellbeing coordinator, Gabriele Catania Campus Counsellor who works Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Merenia Vince Campus Chaplain who works on a Wednesday, Nathan Evans Student Coordinator - Middle Years, Rachel Bishop Inclusive Education Coordinator and Tom Morris Inclusive Education Leader.

As the African proverb reminds us *"it takes a village to raise a child"*. We take a team approach to wellbeing and work together to ensure students' needs are supported and staff can help all children to thrive.

If you or your child are needing support, please speak to your child's home group teacher or myself, who will then refer you to one of the team members.

Blessings for the week,

Kerri Gould

Deputy Head



We are all 'Created and Called' to love...

"Be who God created you to be, and you will set the world on fire"

- St Catherine of Sienna

The 2023 Marist theme is 'Created and Called- a revolution of love and tenderness'. It reminds us that we are created out of love and called to love. God's love changes us, just as we can change the lives of others by showing love and tenderness and leading a revolution that has the power to change the world.

On Tuesday 7th February, the Cardijn College, Galilee Campus community celebrated a whole-school mass, to begin the new school year and welcome new people to the community. We reflected on the 2023 Marist theme through Mary's song of praise, 'The Magnificat', from Luke's Gospel. We are inspired by Mary's qualities of humility, tenderness and care for others, showing us how to bring forth the 'loving tenderness of the heart of our God' (Luke 1:78).

The Sand, Water, Vine, Light ritual is a special blessing that has deep symbolism and significance for the Galilee community. At our Welcome Mass, we blessed our new principal, Mr Steve Byrne and one of our new students, Cleo Davenport, with this ritual. The sand reminds us of our connection with our land and our creator God, the water reminds us of life, the vine connects us with our local area and the light is a symbol of God's presence. This special blessing helped us to welcome Mr Steve Byrne, and was a symbol of welcoming for all new students, staff and families who have joined our community this year.

In the coming week, we look forward to celebrating the beginning of Lent, with Shrove Tuesday pancakes and with our Ash Wednesday Liturgical celebrations. Lent is a significant time in the Liturgical Year, as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. During Lent, we are all invited to think about how we can help others, spend time in prayer and give to Project Compassion. It is a time of self-reflection, contemplation and a time to be closer to God.

The theme of Project Compassion 2023 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good we do today extends to impact the lives of generations to come.

By donating to Project Compassion, Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, can work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Each family will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

God bless,

Kim Calderbank

APRIM



Eco-Literacy

Magic Harvest has begun at Cardijn College Galilee in 2023!

Our Year 3 and 4 Homegroups have had their first Magic Harvest lessons for the year and have each received their very own 'Magic Harvest Garden journal' to document their garden observations as well as learning about growing, planting and eating local produce. Students participated in a soil test to find out what are current soil is like. The results ... slightly alkaline ... the answer ... add compost!

Would you like to participate at home?

The Cardijn College Galilee community are invited to participate in the Magic Harvest program at home. Perhaps you have a spare pot, or a 1m by 1m spare space or an existing garden bed that needs some attention! Here is a step by step guide to get you started:

1. Observe your space – What is currently growing, what is finishing, can you collect seed, could the pollinators benefit from the flower?
2. Do the 'soil test' – pick up some soil and rub your hands together. Can you make a sausage shape with the soil? If not, compost is your answer! Home made is best but many local nurseries stock local compost products for you to add to your soil.
3. Prepare an existing or new garden bed – See the book '1 Magic Square' by Lolo Houbin for easy to follow ideas (Galilee has copies of these books in our library for all to use).
4. Ask your family what are their favourite veggies and herbs to eat and make a list.
5. Decide on a plot or all 4! - Pizza, Soup, Salad or Stir fry – delicious!
6. Visit Diana at the Willunga Markets from Bickleigh Farm in McLaren Vale to purchase some organic seedlings. Tell Diana you are from the Cardijn College Galilee community and participating at home in the Magic Harvest program.
7. Plant your new seedlings, water and stay tuned for the next Magic Harvest update!

Happy gardening Magic Harvesters!



Early Years Eco literacy – *'We can be friends to the plants and the animals'.*

This term the Early Years students have been learning about and exploring ways to be friends in the Secret Garden during the Warltati (Kurna word for Summer) season. The students have noticed that the Secret Garden is quite dry and would love to see colour in the garden to attract various animals. The students prepared the large garden bed by weeding, adding compost and mulch and will plant colourful flowers as a way of being friends and caretakers of this special place.





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Galilee Directory

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Sr Margaret Ann Connelly
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Galilee Playgroup
Mondays during term time
9am – 10.30am
Melanie Wilson p 85579000

Second-hand uniform
Opening times
Wed 8.30am – 9am and
2.45pm – 3.30pm
and Fri 2.30pm – 3pm

KEY DATES

TERM 1

Week 4

Mon 20 Feb

Year 7 Camp

Tue 21 Feb

Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day

Wed 22 Feb

Ash Wednesday

Week 5

Mon 27 Feb

Parent Engagement Evening

Tue 28 Feb – 1 Mar

Year 5 Water Safety Programme

Week 6

Mon 6 Mar – 8 Mar

School Dental Visits

Mon 6 Mar

Campus Tour 9.30am

Tue 7 Mar

Campus Tour 5.30pm

Campus Calendar

<https://www.galilee.catholic.edu.au/events.html>

Term Dates

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