



Dear parents/carers.

I thank you for your kind words of congratulations as we start the term. You may have noticed this week I have not been greeting families before and after school in the car park as I have been attending a Marist professional course in Mittagong NSW. There are 54 Marists Schools in Australia. Marist's spirituality was developed by Saint Marcellin Champagnat in France in the eighth and ninth century. It is a spirituality which is based on Mary, the mother of Jesus and her faith to God. The Marist spirituality focus' on Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work and following in The Way of Mary. This week was a great opportunity to meet with other leaders and educators across the Marists Australia network, to strengthen my understanding and practice of Marist pedagogy and learn more about core documents and formation processes. It was also a great opportunity to take time to step back and reflect, enrich, and deepen my own faith through exploring contemplative practices. I am very grateful for the experience and being given time to take part in this course. And look forward to sharing more about the Marist Way with you as we make links to the spirituality of Galilee.

Arrival to school

A reminder that staff are on duty each morning from 8.30am. Although we do love students' enthusiasm for school, if any primary school child is being left unattended before 8.30am they will need to attend before school care. The gates are open at 8.30am and teachers are then on duty to supervise students. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Please Stay Home If Sick

A friendly reminder if your child has a cold, cough, runny nose, or flu-like symptoms, please keep them home to avoid exposing vulnerable people, staff, students, and families to illness. If children present at school with any of the above symptoms, parents will be contacted to collect their child from school. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school healthy.

CESA Living, Learning, Leading Surveys

Thank you to parents/carers who have completed the survey. We value your input to this valuable survey. Please refer to the letter sent home last week and if you haven't had a chance to complete it, please do so before 25th August, it only between 3-5 minutes and helps direct future planning.

Parent Workshop

Mark Le Messurier is presenting at Galilee on Wednesday 16th August 7-8.30pm. Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor, public speaker, and the author of 18 books and publications. He will talk about the AMAZING Adolescent Brain: implications for behaviour, emotion, coaching, parenting, and learning. As we know adolescents can be a cocktail of emotions and mood swings, with a strong desire for increased independence, a frantic need for peer approval and connection, and a tendency towards impulsive, risk-taking behaviour. A few years ago, we thought that the behaviour of our adolescents was all about the, "Hormones!" Little did we understand the true depth of what's happening in an adolescent's brain, and the impact it has on their emotions, behaviour and on us! Mark will present some fast, practical, and helpful ideas for parents to work with. Please register for this event, even if your child has not reached adolescence yet I am sure there will be great tips and ideas for all parents.

Term 3

There is much planned for term 3. To keep up to date with latest events please refer to the online calendar [HERE](#).

Wishing you well for the week.

Kerri Gould
Head of Campus



Acting Deputy Head of Campus

ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

On Friday of Week 1, we celebrated our inaugural Academic Assembly where 31 students received awards.

There were 29 students who received an Academic Endeavour award. These students demonstrated outstanding endeavour in the subjects studied in Semester 1.

There were 2 students who received an Academic Excellence Award. These students achieved A's in both their academic endeavour and academic grade.

To achieve at the highest level a student must be committed to their studies and strive to achieve to the best of their ability. These students have demonstrated diligence, work ethic and perseverance in their learning and have fully embraced the Marist charism of Love of Work.

Congratulations to all our award winners.

NAPLAN

Earlier this year students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in the NAPLAN Online assessments. NAPLAN assesses the fundamental skills – reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and in numeracy, that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

NAPLAN results were sent home earlier this week and provide important information about literacy and numeracy skills that a child is learning through their regular school curriculum. The results complement the other assessments a child does at school.

Ultimately, it is important to remember that the NAPLAN gives a snapshot of a child's performance on one type of assessment, and the results should be interpreted within the broader context of a child's overall academic achievement.



Acting Deputy Head of Campus



PLAY IS THE WAY

Our Year 8 students got to share their hard work and creativity with their Reception and Year 1 buddies.

Through their elective, 'Play is the Way', the year 8's had to design a 'themed interactive educational activity' and create a 'Play School type clock' to introduce their theme-based picture book.

The session began with the Year 8's introducing their interactive clocks to build excitement and interest and then reading the picture book that had been highlighted on their clock. The Year 8's then became 'educators' and instructed their R/1 buddies as they undertook a craft activity.

There was a buzz of excitement in the Middle School and throughout the session the Year 8's demonstrated confidence, organisation, patience, and leadership. The R/1 buddies all left proudly with their creations and their interactions were a true testament to embracing our Marist charism of Family Spirit.



Acting Deputy Head of Campus



Commissioner's Student Voice Postcard initiative

Many South Australian primary school aged children are directly supporting the important work of South Australia's Commissioner for Children and Young People, Helen Connolly, as active participants of her annual Student Voice Postcard initiative, currently being rolled out to all schools across the State.

The initiative is helping Commissioner Connolly gain a clearer understanding of what is important to primary school children. She is asking this under-represented group to respond to four simple questions that invite them to tell her what matters to them most, what aspirations they have, what worries them, and what they would change to make their lives better. All responses are anonymous.

No personal information is collected. The Commissioner will use the postcard responses to inform her advocacy work to improve the lives of SA's children and young people. Learn more about the Commissioner's Student Voice Postcard initiative at

www.commissionerspostcards.com.au



AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

Last week students from Years 3-9 could nominate to participate in the online Australian Maths Competition. This year we had a staggering 80 participants!

The AMC contained unique problems designed by leading educators and academics to challenge and extend students' problem-solving skills. They were certainly challenging this year!

We will find out in Term 4 how our mathematicians progressed.



YEAR 9 CAMP

The Year 9's will be going on a 3-day camp in week 9 of Term 3. We will be camping in the Mount Crawford area.

The Year 9's have been undertaking camp preparations and have been learning how to cook using a Trangia, how to set up and pack up their tent and plan their camp menu. They have one more planning session in the coming weeks.

We are excited to be involved in the Year 9 camp for the 1st time. Through this outdoor education camp experience, the year 9's will learn more about themselves, their classmates, teachers and the natural environment. In conjunction with developing independence, skills in meal planning, resilience, teamwork, communication and leadership skills.

Stay tuned for our Camp reflections!

Brenda Byrne
Acting Deputy Head of Campus &
Director of Teaching and Learning



As we begin a new term, we take the time to notice the beauty that this time of the year brings. As winter comes to an end, we see the magnificent almond blossom that fills our almond trees. We give thanks for this symbol of new life, peace and hope. If you take the time to stop and notice the the bees, busily carrying pollen from the pink and white blossom, they help to remind us of the significance of each and every creature that God has created on this earth. In the words of Fr Tenison Woods, "There is an echo in the harmonies of nature which penetrates the soul".

On Tuesday of this week, we celebrated the Feast of our only Australian saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary was a woman of deep Christian faith, who taught people that they should never see a need without doing something about it. She led by example, as a strong, courageous, and determined women, who served the poor and vulnerable in society. To celebrate this day, the Middle School held a special Feast Day, to learn more about Mary MacKillop and to build a real sense of community. Father Josy led a beautiful mass, which reflected on the life and work of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, using the Gospel of Matthew 14:13-22. The Feeding of the 5000 with the loaves and fishes, illustrates the way that Mary helped others served those most in need, just as Jesus did. The students also engaged in the 'Amazing MacKillop Race', where they had to solve challenges and puzzles about Mary MacKillop's life, to complete the race. The students were very enthusiastic to learn more, work collaboratively in teams and complete the challenges. We also held a cupcake fundraiser for Marist Solidarity. More than \$100 was raised, which will support our City to Bay team to raise funds that will go to Marist communities.



APRIM

After a busy Term 2, our Mini-Vinnies group have been creating a prayer book about social justice, which they are looking forward to publishing and sharing with the community. They hope that through their prayers, they can help others to think deeply about the issues affecting people in our community, pray for God's help and take action where they can. Here are some of the prayers the students have written:

Dear God,

May the poor be rich in your Spirit. May the rich be humble and walk in your ways. May those who sin, sin no more. May those who are dirty, be cleaned by the living water. We ask these things in Your name. Amen

-Mya

Dear God,

We pray for peace in our world. With all of the war and fighting that is happening, please help all those who are struggling.

Amen

-Charlie

Dear God,

We pray that you can take care of all families. Help to keep them all safe. We love and thank you for taking care of us.

Amen

-Noah

Dear God,

Please help all people in need, like refugees and people experiencing homelessness. Please help them to find a safe place to live and food and water. We pray that they can all live long and happy lives.

Amen

-Indy

Kim Calderbank
APRIM

A notice from St Luke's- RCIA

ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO.....

Has expressed an interest in being Catholic?

Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact the

Parish Office on 8382 1717 or email nswcp@tpg.com.au

APRIM

Prayer and Liturgical Celebrations

Week	<u>Tuesday</u> School/ Parish Mass 9.15am	<u>Wednesday</u> Community Prayer 9.00am
4 Mon 14 th August 19 th Week Ordinary Time	Whole School 7 Wells lead Feast of the Assumption	No Community Prayer
5 Mon 21 st Aug 20 th Week Ordinary Time	No class mass	Year 2 Balacco/ Little
6 Mon 28 st Aug 21 st Week Ordinary Time Season of Creation begins	Year 5 & 6 Currie	Year 8 Evans
7 Mon 4 th Sept 22 nd Week Ordinary Time Father's Day (2nd)	No class mass	Year 5 Janssan
8 Mon 11 th Sept 23 rd Week Ordinary Time RUOK Day Together we grow day (Fri)	Early Years (R-2) Gregory	Friday: Together we grow day Year 9 Anderson
9 Mon 18 th Sept 24 th Week Ordinary Time	No class mass	Year 6 Guilfoyle
10 Mon 25 th Sept 25 th Week Ordinary Time	No class mass	Year 2 Littlefield

Eco-Literacy



Welcome to our new chickens!

Galilee has chickens again! This is a new flock of chickens which includes 2 blue and black Orphingtons and 3 Australorp gold laced Wyandottes. Galilee has had chickens for a number of years and our last flock retired to Mrs Guilfoyle's farm to live their lives.

Our school chickens have been used in the past for a number of different purposes:

- Small group visits with our ESO's which support the emotional needs of students
- Homegroup visits
- Inspiration for our teaching and learning
- Collecting delicious eggs for our cooking programs

Please feel free to visit and meet our new school chickens behind Stage 3 next to the Outdoor Lounge.

Chris Westover



New garden beds

Hopefully you have noticed our 3 new round raised garden beds near the entrance of Galilee. The purpose of the garden beds is to connect our Middle School Students, families and Parishioners and to grow, harvest and enjoy some delicious produce. During the planning stage in Term 1, our Year 9 students identified the need for a Herb bed, Indigenous planting bed and a Flower bed. During this term we hope to involve members of our community in the planting process. If you would like to help with watering, planting and/or can donate some seeds/seedlings/cuttings, please let Lana and Sam in the front office know.

We look forward to watching our new plants grow and sharing the produce!

Carmen Moyse
Eco Literacy Coordinator





To celebrate World Youth Day at Galilee the newly formed YCS group carried out their first action in the school community. The group decided they wanted to generate some more positivity in the Middle School and the way they decided to do this was by making affirmation cards to place on their classmates lockers. When the students arrived at school the following day they were greeted with a spark of positivity on their locker energizing them for their day ahead and creating a chance to celebrate the awesome young people we have in our Galilee Middle School community. I look forward to working with the YCS group for the remainder of the term and seeing what they are able to accomplish.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Galilee Year 9 leaders were invited to attend a 'Rise Up Tree Planting' event organised by the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) on Friday the 4th of August to celebrate World Youth Day. There were over 100 students in attendance from 10 different Catholic schools. The students planted 1500 trees in a record time of 30 minutes and enjoyed the remainder of the time exploring the Victoria Park Wetlands and being introduced to the fun that is geocaching.



OSHC News



Vacation Care was a huge success for the July Holidays. Children had lots of fun with the team from Games2U, sensory spaghetti, creating volcanos and mixing potions for Science Day. Muddy animals for our Winter day and Games with Funtime Kids parties.

We are looking forward to a fun Term 3. This term we are starting our OSHC family tree If you would like to email hmcgregor@cardijn.catholic.edu.au or bring in a family photo to have displayed on our OSHC family tree board, that would be very much appreciated. This is not compulsory and only if you would like to participate.

OSHC is now fully operating in our new space and using the hall for wet weather active activities. Watch this space for more things happening this term at OSHC. For any OSHC inquiries please contact Hollie at hmcgregor@cardijn.catholic.edu.au.





Book Week 2023 Week 5 Term 3

Each year across Australia, the CBCA brings children and books together by celebrating CBCA Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators, and children celebrate Australian children's literature.

The theme for this year's Book Week is
'Read, Grow, Inspire.'

On **FRIDAY 25th August**, we encourage students to dress up as their favourite **book character** or something related to the theme, 'Read, Grow, Inspire'.

The following are guidelines for costumes for the day;

- Low Cost
- Characters who are a BOOK character first. Bring the book if you can!
- Remember our School is about being Welcoming, Respectful and Constructive, so please **avoid** superhero costumes.
- We are looking forward to seeing your creativity!

This year we are holding a fundraiser for the **Indigenous Literacy Foundation** (ILF) organised by Ms Currie. This foundation supports remote communities across Australia to access literacy resources and supports communities to create and publish their stories in languages of their choice.

Starting on Monday 21st August, a video will be released every day with a staff member dressed as 'The Cat in the Hat'. Students can donate 10c per guess as to who they think it might be and go in the running to win a prize. On Friday, the staff member will be revealed. All funds are donated directly towards the ILF.



**CARDIJN COLLEGE GALILEE LIBRARY
BOOK FAIR**

Monday 4 Sept | Tuesday 5 Sept

8:30am until 9:00am

2:30pm until 3:30pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

ON THE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE BOOK FAIR BEING OPEN TO FAMILIES, THE STUDENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE BOOK FAIR AND CREATE A 'WISH LIST'. HOWEVER, PURCHASING WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ON THE MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF THE BOOK FAIR.

POPCORN STALL

**50
Cents
each**

**Every
Friday
3:00PM to
3:25PM**

Raising money for
Australian Marist
Solidarity



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A baby corn ate his dad pop corn.



FUN RUN

The Year 8 class at Galilee is currently immersed in the elective subject, Steps to Success. As an integral part of this curriculum, students are actively involved in preparing for the City to Bay fun run. This endeavour also includes a fundraising initiative in support of Australian Marist Solidarity. An impressive cohort of participants includes over 40 students across Years 7 to 9, alongside a dedicated group of more than 10 staff members who will be taking part in the City to Bay event.

For those interested in making a contribution please

DONATE HERE



second hand book stall

**fridays 3:00pm-
3.25pm**



**Australian Marist Solidarity.
City To Bay**



If your child is going to be absent, late, or leaving early please notify the office by SMS on 0438 631 312 or email GalileeAbsentee@galilee.catholic.edu.au before 9am. Please provide the following details:

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

Galilee Directory

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Galilee Playgroup
Mondays during term time
9am – 10.30am
Melanie Wilson p 85502200

Second-hand uniform
Opening times
Wed 8.30am – 9.15am
Fri 8.30 – 9.15am
Fri 2.30pm – 3.15pm

KEY DATES

TERM 3

Week 4

Mon 14 Aug	State Robotics Competition
Tue 15 Aug	Whole campus Mass 9:15am Youth Environment Forum
Wed 16 Aug	First Eucharist Workshop #2 Parent Workshop – Mark Le Messurier

Week 5

Mon 21 Aug	Book Week Campus Tour 9:30am
Fri 25 Aug	Book Week Parade 9:00am

Week 6

Fri 1 Sept	Father's Day Coffee Morning 8:00am
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Campus Calendar



Photo: Mimi and Indonesian visitors