



Dear Parents/caregivers,

Week 6

Time really is flying past this term so far. There has been so much great learning taking place across the Campus from Reception all the way up to Year 9. We have had lots of excursions and sporting events and are looking forward to Sports Day on Friday 31 March. More information on Sports Day will be out soon.

Aquatics

The Year 5 students spent two days last week enjoying the various activities on offer from Port Noarlunga Aquatics. They engaged in a Water Safety Program where they learnt about the hazards to be mindful of in and around the water and how to have fun while keeping themselves and their friends safe. Despite the change in weather they looked like they had a great time.

NAPLAN

On Wednesday next week, Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will begin their NAPLAN online tests. This year the tests have moved from May to March and will take place over a two-week window. We wish them well during this time.

Parking

Just a reminder that disabled parking should be left free for those community members that require the spaces. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Classroom Pulse Check

It was great to see the Year 9 students work with the Year 1 students on the Classroom Pulse Check. This check, which is carried out with every student across Catholic Education South Australia every term, is one of the ways we work with our students to see how their wellbeing is. The questions are related to identity, learning, relationships and belonging. The data collected then helps us to see how students are feeling and how we can support them.

2023 Dates

Please see the following link [here](#) to our 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

The latest edition of the blog is available at [Cardijn Connect – Thursday 9 March](#)

If you have any feedback or comments relating to Cardijn Connect, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Have a great long weekend everyone.

Nick Wright

Head of Campus



Deputy Head of Campus

CESA Classroom Pulse Check

In week five and six of each term, every student in Catholic Education participates in a Classroom Pulse Check Survey. The survey has been developed to find out how students are currently feeling about their experience in school. It is tailored to allow staff to check in and provide immediate feedback and support.

What does it ask?

The survey asks students eight questions related to identity, learning, relationships and belonging. There are two versions of the survey: Reception to Year 3 where students respond by clicking on emojis and a Year 4 to Year 12 where students respond by clicking on has three possible responses. The options are "Most of the time", "Sometimes" and "Not very often." Not only does the survey assist staff to understand student perspectives on their experience in school, but it also enables us to identify trends on times of the year when students require greater pastoral attention.

The survey really does help us to find out how students are feeling and then look at what can be done to support them. The aim is simply to "check in" with the students.

"More compassionate mind, more sense of concern for other's well-being, is source of happiness."

Dalai Lama

Parent Engagement Evening

On Monday 27 February it was lovely to gather with our families in our new Middle School building to hear a presentation from Trish Jarvis executive officer from Catholic Parents South Australia. Trish's presentation was entitled "Creating a positive partnership with schools." Trish spoke about her own experience with her children and related to the demands on parents at various times of life. She referred to the various 'seasons' of parenting you can go through as you juggle family demands, work, school, and children's development. She explained the importance of building a positive relationship with the school and the various ways you can engage to build a community of support. Trish also shared the purpose of the Catholic Parents South Australia and the support it offers to families. We look forward to working with you to unpack her ideas further.

If you are interested learning in more about this evening or how you can be involved, please speak with front office staff or email me kgould@galilee.catholic.edu.au If you are interested in learning more about Catholic Parents SA please refer to [Catholic School Parents SA | Home \(cspsa.catholic.edu.au\)](https://cspsa.catholic.edu.au)

Wishing you well for the week,

Kerri Gould
Deputy Head



APRIM

Kim Calderbank- APRIM

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is like seed that someone scatters on the ground. He would sleep and rise, night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.'

Mark 4:26-29

During Week 4 we celebrated Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of the season of Lent. On Shrove Tuesday we shared delicious pancakes, that were prepared by Ms Merenia, cooked by our amazing parent helpers and served by our Year 9 students. Cooking pancakes helps us to prepare for Lent and celebrate as a community.



On Ash Wednesday, the students in Reception to Year 2 celebrated a liturgy in the church. We read 'The Parable of the Growing Seed' from Mark's Gospel and talked about ash as a symbol of new life and a sign that God is with us. Just as God is with the growing seeds, God is with us as we grow. We cooperate with God by planting seeds to heal the earth, caring for and loving others and forgiving others to heal our friendships



After praying together, each class went forth with love and hope and planted seeds which they are tending to and watching grow throughout Lent. The seeds are a reminder of God's love for us, as we grow and try to be more loving, compassionate and kind during the Season of Lent and beyond. We look forward to seeing our seeds grow into beautiful plants and flowers, as we journey towards Easter.



The Mini-Vinnies group has now begun! Mini-Vinnies is a social justice group, which aims to help others and make a difference by "Seeing" the needs of the community, "Thinking" about what should be happening and "Acting" by taking steps to do something about it. We are currently electing students to positions of responsibility and brainstorming issues in the community students feel passionate about. Mini-Vinnies is on every Friday at 2nd Outside Learning, in the new library. New members welcome!



Q & A with our Principal



Recently Macy in Year 9 and Harriet in Year 2 took some time out to get to know our Principal Mr Steve Byrne in a Q & A session here at Galilee Campus. Maddie in Year 9 filmed the chat, so stay tuned on our socials for footage but in the meantime here's a transcript of what they talked about:

Macy: How have you found being the Principal of Cardijn College so far?

Steve: I found it's been very busy and very welcoming. The students and staff have a lot going on, particularly here at Galilee.

M: What's the most challenging part of your job and what's your favourite?

S: The most challenging part is being able to get to everything that I'd like to get to because there's so many things going on, exciting events, but also the learning in the classroom. I just wish I could get to every classroom all of the time. The most rewarding is watching young people grow into fine young men and women.

Harriet: When I grow up, I want to be a police or a movie actress. Why did you want to be a Principal?

S: Good question! I love school, as a student, even as a young boy, and somehow or other, I just couldn't leave school. So, I came back, and I was a teacher, and then, to be a Principal, you don't get to choose, people choose you. So people that I deeply respected said, you should think about being a Principal. Then for Cardijn, there was a panel of special people who selected me to be here, and I gratefully accepted.

M: What advice do you have for a student that wants to be a teacher?

S: Make sure you love children, and enjoy what it is you are going to teach, have lots and lots of energy, because you guys make us work so hard!

M: Can you tell us about what plans you see for Galilee in the coming years?

S: I don't know where to start with Galilee, it's growth is exciting, it means we can do lots of new things. But I also think there's a lot of very special things that go on here that not too many people know about, around the environment and the learning that is going on in literacy and numeracy. I think we can work on the development of the middle school like yourself, and the new facilities that are happening and the growth of the general area around Aldinga!

M: What should we as students do if we want to see a change at our school?

S: There's a number of things you can do. You've got student leaders that you elect, you can work through them, you can write to me, make an appointment. Just send me an email, I'm on the email – pretty easy to work out. Say "I need time to meet with you," and I have met with many students already. I met with a year 8 student yesterday who had a plan to deal with bullying so we sat down and she shared her ideas. I think your voice is very important.

H: When I am not at school I like surf lifesaving, gymnastics and jazz. What do you like to do?

S: Well, you're very busy! I like to stand up paddle surf, I like to walk my daughter's dog, who is a kelpie and like a little child, named cookie.

H: What is your favourite thing about Galilee?

S: I think it's the young people. The youngest primary students, I have been working in a big high school and prior to that I worked at St. Michael's which had Reception to year 7, so getting to know all the little people at Galilee has been great, I have really missed that. I will be getting myself in for a literacy block so that you can show me all the things that you have been learning. Would you do that for me Harriet?

H: How old are you?

S: How old do you think I am?

H: Mmmmm 50?

Steve: 50! I'll take that! Last year I turned 60, but what's age anyway?

H: What is your real name?

Steve: Well, ok so you have probably heard me introduced as Steve Byrne, but my real name is Steven, and I used to get that name whenever I was in trouble with my mother! *Steven...come in here!*

Thank you it's been a terrific chat with you Both!

We look forward to seeing Mr Byrne in the Learning spaces soon!



Middle School

Macy and Miffy are our Galilee Middle School House Leaders and this is them with their leaders' boarding pass.

They took part in a student leaders day at Port Noarlunga Surf Life Saving Club with all of the student leaders from years 7-10 from the Marian Campus. The day consisted of finding out the qualities of leaders, the strengths they possess and how they can use these as leaders as well as making a connection with the Marist theme for the year 'Created and Called.'

As part of the student leaders' day Macy and Miffy identified what they love about Galilee, they used this to brainstorm some ideas to implement at Galilee and have created a short term plan for this term which they will be carrying out with their fellow student leaders.

Nathan Evans

Coordinator of Students

(Middle School)



Eco-Literacy



Galilee Youth Environment Group

We have had an outstanding number of students getting involved with our Youth Environment Group for 2023! We have now met 3 times during the term and the students have been enthusiastic and passionate to discuss their ideas on how to support our environmental projects at Galilee. A huge thankyou goes to Andy Coleman who volunteers his time each fortnight and shares his environmental knowledge with us all.

Ms Moyse: "Why did you join the Youth Environment Group?"

Isabel – 'I like taking care of the environment and watering plants. In Mrs McLaren's Homeroom we all had jobs and I liked watering the garden beds because I sometimes water my garden at home with my Dad.'

Alaula – 'I want to help make the School a beautiful place and to bring joy to everyone. I've enjoyed putting the river pebbles in the creek bed next to the mud kitchen because it was fun to do a job with my friends.'

Pebbles in the creek bed

Thanks to Ava, Grace and Ivy for actioning a top up of river creek pebbles in our creek area near the mud kitchen. Students have been filling wheelbarrows and buckets with the pebbles and walking them across to the creek and have had help from a number of younger students from Stage 1 and Early Years – team work in action!



Carmen Moyse
Eco Literacy Coordinator

Community Notices

Prayer and Liturgical times to remember:

Prayer and Liturgy	<u>Tuesday</u> School/ Parish Mass 9.15am	<u>Wednesday</u> Community Prayer 9.00am
Week 7	Year 2	Yr 8 Evans
Week 8	Year 1	Yr 2 Littlefield
Week 9	Year 8	Yr 3- Lienert
Week 10	No H/R Mass	Stations of the Cross Yr 3- Westover

Sunday 16th April- Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, this year 16th April. Our celebration will be held at St. Luke's Church, Noarlunga. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starts at 2pm, with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, with several priests available. This time includes the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass will begin at 3pm with the solemn blessing of the Divine Mercy Image.

There will be no 5-30pm Mass at St Luke's that day.

"Jesus spoke to Saint Faustina, "You will prepare the world for my final coming"



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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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Galilee Playgroup

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

Second-hand uniform

Opening times
Wed 8.30am – 9am and
2.45pm – 3.30pm
and Fri 2.30pm – 3pm

KEY DATES

TERM 1

Week 7

Mon 13 Mar

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Wed 15 – 24 Mar

NAPLAN Years 3,5,7,9

Week 8

Mon 6 Mar

6.30pm Middle School info session for parents of year 3-6

Fri 24 Mar

Harmony Day Project Compassion – wear an orange accessory and gold coin donation

Week 9

Mon 27 – 30 Mar

Learning Conversations

Fri 31 Mar

Sports Day and Subway Lunch

Week 10

Thu 6 Apr

Last day Term 1 - 3.10pm dismissal

Fri 7 Apr

Good Friday Public Holiday

Week 11

Mon 10 Apr

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tue 11 – 14 Apr

Pupil Free – Staff PD

Campus Calendar

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

