



Dear Parent/Caregivers,

Learning Conversations

Next week Learning Conversations will take place and a letter explaining the process for booking an appointment with your child's teacher can be found [here](#). Family and school partnership is extremely important to continue to develop and nurture the learning of the children. If you do not get chance to talk with your child's teacher during Week 8, please make another mutually agreeable time to discuss their learning over the next few weeks.

Book Week

It was fantastic to see the wonderful costumes that students were wearing during the Book Week Parade, thank you for supporting your children with their costumes. The theme this year was 'Dreaming with eyes open...' and the costumes definitely showed off this theme. Book Week is all about reading and it was great to see the different activities that took place in the Homerooms. Reading is one of the most important skills we can teach our children and is a predictor of future success. That is why we spend significant time at school developing this skill during our Literacy Blocks. Reading is something that needs to be learnt and practised in order for fluency and skill to be developed. It is also further developed in partnership with families and teachers. Reading can be used for a variety of things from relaxation, to travelling to other places, to researching. It is skill required in life and underpins all learning.



Safety

Please be reminded that the Staff Car Park is an entrance and exit for those students who ride their bikes to and from school. Please do not use this area as a kiss and drop, use the kiss and drop facility on How Road or organise an alternative pick up point with your child. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this important safety issue for our students.

Father's Day Coffee Van

It was great to see so many dads and father figures having a coffee from the van on Monday. A big thank you to them for all they do.

Have a great week everyone.

Nick Wright

Head of Campus





RUOK?

Thursday 8th September is R U Okay Day. R U Okay Day is a National Day of Action dedicated to inspiring all people of all backgrounds to regularly ask each other 'R U Okay?' The aim of this day is to encourage Australians to connect with someone and help stop little problems turning into big ones. We know staying connected with others is crucial for our general health and wellbeing. Regular meaningful conversations can protect those we know and love and help access help for those in need.

We encourage you to reach out and ask, 'R U Okay?' and inspire and empower a meaningful connection with the people around you and start a conversation. You don't need to be an expert to start a conversation just reach out and be a good friend and a great listener is all some people may need. The theme for R U Okay Day this year is: Ask R U Okay?, no qualifications needed.

Four helpful tips to starting a conversation:

1. Ask R U Okay
2. Listen
3. Encourage action
4. Check in

Remembering if the conversations become too big for family or friends or if you are worried about someone seek support from a professional.

Helping one person might not change the whole world.

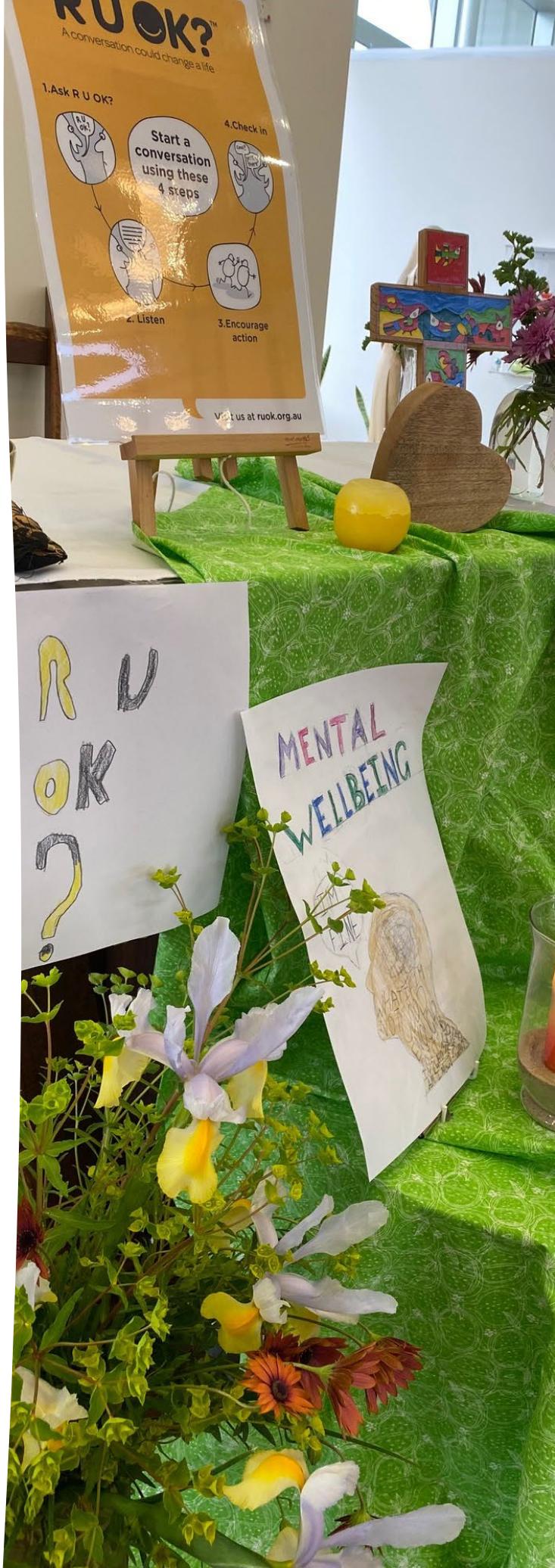
But it could change the world for one person

Author Unknown

Wishing you well for the week.

Kerri Gould

Deputy Head



Listen to the Voice of Creation



People all across the world from many different Christian faiths celebrate the month of September as the *Season of Creation*. It ends on 4th October, which is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

The theme this year is 'Listen to the Voice of Creation'. And the symbol is the 'burning bush' that was not consumed which called to Moses reminding him he is standing on 'holy ground'. During the Season of Creation, this symbol calls us to listen to the voice of creation and respond with action. This symbol reminds us to remove the "sandals" of our unsustainable lifestyles that disconnect us from creation.

To remember our earth and all of creation, we're creating spaces for prayer and stillness and a commitment to action. Please look out for them and take a moment to reflect on your own care of creation.

How do we listen to the voice of creation?

Listen to the sounds of creation. Birds singing - they have creative singing.

When we listen to creation, we become more calm and we realise it's a way we can become more calm and not stressed and angry.

When bees come to pollinate them, you can hear the bees.

Or you can hear the wind through the trees. That's another way to go calm.

If you look after creation, then everything will live for longer and you'll hear the rustling noise of the leaves against the branches.

Scarlett, Layla, Emmalyn

Eco-Literacy News

As you walk down the path at Galilee, you can't help but smile and enjoy the fragrance of almond blossom, bright wattle and the fresh new growth around us. Spring is upon us! We are buzzing with excitement as there are lots of exciting projects 'on the go' around our school. Reception have replanted seeds in the pots on the early years deck as well as the flower bed near the sandpit and circular bed in the Secret Garden. They are starting to flower now! Stage 1 students are developing plans to improve the Sensory Garden. Stage 2 have been busy with the produce gardens which are looking fantastic! They are planning to do some cooking.

The Year 5's are learning about gardening, frog ponds, worm farms and composting. Our valued grandparent volunteer, Andy Coleman, also worked with students on Galilee's new propagation area near the oval. (Andy has worked with the us at Galilee for a number of years, educating our community.)

Middle School have planted some Yakka seeds and are awaiting germination. They also plan to do propagation of native plants in the future.

The Youth Environment group recently joined other schools interested in sustainability. Together, they learnt about the environment and discussed projects that they would like to start. Galilee students are focusing on setting up worm farms around the school. They have now set up two, and taught some Year 1 and 2 students how to do it. The worms are thriving!

Essie: I learnt what an urban forest is, and how to make little compost bins.

Hudson: I learnt a lot about different edible plants and how to make the paper boxes.

Jack: I learnt that bat boxes that are hanging off trees are supposed to be facing North. I also learnt how to make paper compost boxes. I found it useful to know that nasturtiums can be eaten and are quite peppery.

Lara: I enjoyed being friendly with other people and enjoyed learning some facts about new people.

Ethan: I was surprised that I was able to make one of the compost bins and was able to make new friends. I enjoyed learning about a lot of trees and plants.

Mya: I was surprised that the wetlands were covered in so many plants that looked like it was the ground instead of water. I was also surprised that I saw a potoroo.

Oliver: I liked the scavenger hunt but was surprised when we couldn't find any berries.

Isabel: I learnt other people's names and how to make a compost bin.

I am sure we will be busy as bees over the next few months, with the new spring growth! If you are interested in sharing your environmental knowledge and skills with students, we would love you to join us!

Thank you,
Kerry Janssan

Eco-Literacy News



CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Friday 16 September

For a gold coin donation students are invited to wear casual clothes in support of our Year 8s City-to-Bay fundraiser for the AMS foundation



As part of their 'Steps to Success' elective Year 8 students will be running up to 12km in the City-Bay Fun Run on the 18th September.

They are aiming to raise \$1000 to help the Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS), a foundation that works to ensure that all young people have access to educational opportunities.

AMS believes education has the power to eradicate poverty. Their projects focus on providing access to education for vulnerable young people and building facilities for the future to ensure safe spaces for learning.

You can show your support by making a donation here | bit.ly/3bAvgVk

It only takes a minute and any money you can give (no matter how large or small) will go a long way to help reach their target!

STEPS TO SUCCESS



Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

Anxiety and Worry in Children & Teenagers

presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker

**Tuesday September 20 2022
6.30pm - 8pm (in person or online)
St Thomas School & Preschool
10 Rushton St, Goodwood SA**

This Parent Engagement Evening, hosted by Catholic School Parent SA, welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools.

Many children experience some degree of anxiety and worry. This free session will help parents and carers learn to respond in a way that doesn't further inflame the situation and reduce destructive thinking patterns and improve resilience and wellbeing.

Presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker of [Positive Minds Australia](#)

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the [Catholic School Parents SA Website](#)

cspsa.catholic.edu.au

Join us for a screening in the Galilee Staff room with light refreshments. RSVP info@galilee.catholic.edu.au or register [here](#) to join from home



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

Galilee Directory

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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 3

Fri 9 Sept	SCHOOL DISCO REC – YR 2 5.30pm – 6.30pm YR 3 – YR 6 6.45pm – 8pm
Mon 12 Sept	Learning Conversation Week
Fri 16 Sept	Casual Clothes Day GOLD COIN DONATION
Tues 20 Sept	Catholic Schools Parents SA Children and Anxiety Workshop 6.30pm – 8pm
Fri 30 Sept	Last Day Term 3



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR
THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

We pray for Nona, Olivia and Declan following the sudden loss of Olivia and Declan's dad Adam.

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We pray for Merenia, Aria and Nikolai following the sudden loss of their beloved husband and dad Anatoly.

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We pray for the family of Chris Beatty, one of our Pioneer Galilee staff, who passed unexpectedly during the holidays.

We pray for all in our community who are experiencing loss, illness or grief. **We hold you all in our thoughts and prayers and the love of our community surrounds you.**

Matthew 5:4

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU WOULD LIKE US
TO PRAY FOR PLEASE EMAIL
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