



Dear Parents/caregivers,

It has been a great start to the year, with students settling well and getting ready for their first excursions and camps.

Friendly reminder

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 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.

Wellbeing

At Galilee we are fortunate to have a team of people to support the wellbeing needs of students and families. This year Milo our wellbeing dog, has started his work supporting students, and we also welcome a new staff member Sarah Williamson to the team. Sarah works with Gabriele Catania (counsellor) in supporting the wellbeing needs of students and families. This year we have also introduced the position of Coordinator of Students for primary years (R-6), Tania Guilfoyle and Middle Years (7-9) Nathan Evans. Tania and Nathan work closely supporting teachers with wellbeing and behaviour. This team also includes Tom Morris, Learning Enrichment Leader and Rachel Bishop, Learning Enrichment Coordinator, who continue to support the inclusion of students. To seek support from this team, please speak with your child's homeroom teacher or leave a message via the front office.

Lent

This week we as a Catholic community we entered the season of Lent. Lent is the time we prepare for Easter and begins on Ash Wednesday. A tradition at Galilee is to link the church liturgical season to the environment. We help our students to see themselves as God's caretakers on earth. On Ash Wednesday students plant seeds to signify the growth and journey that occurs during Lent is like a seed which is nurtured to new life at Easter. It was lovely to see families joining us for mass and liturgies on this day and, also helping to serve pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. We look forward to many more events for our students this year with the support of our amazing volunteers.

Parent and Friends Community Group (PFCG)

This year we look forward to restarting Galilee parent and friends' group. Would you like to meet other parents and become involved more in our community? You don't have to attend every meeting or be available for every event! Come along on Monday March 25th at 4.30pm to find out more.

At our initial meeting Trish Jarvis executive officer of Catholic School Parents SA will attend and help us navigate our hopes and set up norms for this group. Come along and share your ideas and thoughts. Research demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. This involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance, and behaviour. Family involvement can have a major impact on student learning. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

I look forward to working in partnership with you and catching up with you throughout the year. Wishing you and your family blessings for the year ahead!

Loving God

Be with us as we begin a new year of learning and friendships.

Help us to value our differences, and to remember as members of one body we are individually an integral part of building a community of hope, joy, justice, resilience, and harmony.

Amen

Kind regards,
Kerri Gould





It has been a busy and exciting start to the year, with our beginning of year mass and the beginning of the Season of Lent. In Week 2 we welcomed everyone back with a mass based on the Marist theme First Light- Reveal the Spirit. This theme reminds us to stop and notice the presence of God in the everyday moments of our lives. We can see this presence in the small things, like the beauty of a seed that has sprouted, as well as in the moments that astound us like the brilliance of a sunrise or sunset. Everything reveals the presence of God.

In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus tells us to let our light shine before others, to be the light of the world, just as he showed us. This theme is an invitation to shine our lights with others to share the love and joy of Jesus Christ through our lives.

On Tuesday we celebrated Shrove Tuesday by sharing pancakes as a school community. Shrove Tuesday is the day before the beginning of Lent, when traditionally people made and ate pancakes to use up all of their rich ingredients before they began their Lenten fast. Thank you to the wonderful group of parents who helped prepare and serve the pancakes. The children enjoyed learning about Shrove Tuesday through prayer and eating their pancakes with delicious toppings! On Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday with Year 3-9 Mass and R-2 Liturgies. We were marked with an ash cross, as a symbol of God's love for us and a reminder to grow closer to God during Lent by being kind and loving.



Lent & Project Compassion

With the beginning of the Season of Lent, you should have received some information home about how we prepare our hearts and try to be more like Jesus during Lent. One of the ways we do this at Galilee is by planting seeds to nurture and grow as we journey towards Easter. These seeds help us to grow in love and care for the earth and for each other. Another way we try to become more loving during Lent is by helping others through Project Compassion. Project Compassion is an appeal run each year by Caritas, which raises money to help the poorest communities. Each family should have received a Project Compassion box, which you can use to give what you can to this appeal. Finally, we are invited to grow closer to God through prayer. By talking to Jesus each day, we can be present with him and grow in faith.



Sacramental Program

Next week the parish Sacramental program begins, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation being celebrated in Term 1. If you would like any more information about the Sacramental program, please email Kim Calderbank at kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au.

Kim Calderbank
APRIM

Youth Environment Group - 2024

Interested students gathered in the library for our first Youth Environment Group meeting. The group will meet weekly on Tuesdays during 2nd Outside learning time and participate in a number of school based environmental activities. Please see the timetable below for Term 1 activities and encourage your child to come along!

Trees for life

It was wonderful to have the community involved on the first day of school with the Trees for life program. Thank you to the families, the Middle School students and the Trees for life Lunchtime Club for packing soil, sowing seeds and watering. These trees will be cared for at Galilee and planted in Galilee's Wetlands later in the year.

All students and families are welcome to join the Trees for life Lunchtime Club on Wednesdays during 2nd Outside learning from 1-1:30pm. Family volunteers need to have the correct school clearances. If you would like further information, please see Tania Guilfoyle, Carmen Moyse or the Front Office Staff.

Carmen Moyse
Eco Literacy Coordinator



Youth Environment Group – 2024

Term 1

Week	Activity	Gathering place
Week 2	Welcome to the Youth Environment Group! Gather, meet and discuss ideas and Term 1 activities Discuss Environmental Leaders Applications – (Two Yr 6 students, Two Middle School students – due Wk 3 Tuesday)	Library
Week 3	Youth Environment Groups' very own Veggie beds! Plant seedlings (lettuce, basil, silverbeet, cherry tomatoes) Weed, compost and water	Produce Garden
Week 6	Propagation Take home your very own seedling!	Produce garden
Week 7	Plan for Nude Food day in Week 9 Posters, communications	Library
Week 9	Nude Food day celebration! Harvest fruit and veggies to share with the Galilee community	Produce garden
Week 10	Worm farm management Learn how to take care of worms and how worms can take care of you!	Worm farms (all stages)
Week 11	Celebration Make your own delicious salad wrap!	Canva building/Produce garden

Exploring Tjilbruke

This term, students in Year 8 have begun the 'Exploring Tjilbruke' Enrichment subject. Students will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Tjilbruke Dreaming story and will walk parts of the Tjilbruke Trail.

Students were asked 'What do you know about the Tjilbruke story?'

"The story took place on Karuna Country"

"Tjilbruke wept tears for his nephew"

"There are special places that Tjilbruke walked on that are close to Galilee"

"Tjilbruke turned himself into a bird at the end of the story"

"We can learn about the environment through Dreaming stories"

Indigenous Garden Project – Term 1

This term a group of interested students will be gathering each fortnight to work on Galilee's Indigenous Garden Project. The students will gather ideas, choose a location in school grounds, research Indigenous plants and write a proposal to the Leadership Team. With the support of Jeremy Gramp, Galilee's School Officer from Green Adelaide, our aim is create a space that the school community can learn from. If you would like to be involved in this project, please see Carmen Moyse or the Front Office Staff for further information.

Carmen Moyse
Cultural Leader





One of the statements families hear regularly when their children start school is the importance of reading to them. But why exactly is that? The benefits of reading together go far beyond learning to read. Reading to children is vital as it helps children in multiple ways. Such as;

- Building language skills
 - Reading exposes children to diverse vocabulary and language structures, improving their linguistic skills.
- Building knowledge
 - Through books, children acquire a wealth of general knowledge about the world around them, fostering curiosity and understanding.
- Building empathy
 - Literature provides a platform for children to explore complex emotions and navigate challenging situations, promoting empathy and emotional intelligence.
- Building connections
 - The simple act of reading together promotes bonds between parents and children, fostering closeness and shared experiences.

Remember, there is no prescribed method for reading to your child. Whether it's in one language or multiple languages, at a fixed time each day or whenever a spare moment arises, what truly matters is integrating books into your child's daily routine, ensuring they are continually exposed to the beauty of language and storytelling.

We encourage reading at Galilee by participating in the **Premier's Reading Challenge**. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program encouraging students to read more books and enjoy reading! It is a fantastic way to develop a love of reading for leisure, pleasure, and learning through quality literature.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

All students who participate in the Challenge will receive an award from the Premier, either a certificate or a medal.

Happy Reading,

Bec Little
Acting Director of Teaching and Learning





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

u 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 – 9.15am

Fri 8.30 – 9.15am

Fri 2.30pm – 3.15pm

KEY DATES

2024 TERM 1

Campus Calendar

Week 4

Tue 20 Feb

Year 8 Exploring Tjilbruke

Wed 21 - Fri 23 Feb

Year 7 Camp

Thu 22 Feb

Year 8 Exploring Tjilbruke

Week 5

Tue 27 Feb

Year 5 Water Safety

Year 6 Aquatics

Year 8 Exploring Tjilbruke

Wed 28 Feb

Year 5 Water Safety

Year 6 Aquatics

Thu 29 Feb

Year 8 Exploring Tjilbruke

Week 6

Thu 7 Mar

Year 8 Exploring Tjilbruke

