



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we move towards the end of the year, preparations are in full swing for 2024. I am pleased to let you know that we will be adding swimming lessons to our outdoor education curriculum for next year. Students in years R-4 will participate in a week of swimming lessons at the Noarlunga Aquatics swimming centre. Students in year 5 and 6 will participate in a water safety program plus students in year 5 will participate in an outdoor education extended day excursion and students in year 6-9 will participate in a camp. More details about these activities will be given out at the beginning of next year.

Thank you to families for not parking in the staff car park. For safety of all, I remind you when crossing Quinliven Road to use the designated crossing, setting a good example to the students.

Transitions

This time of the year is a good time to reflect on our achievements and growth in this past year. It is also a time to begin transitions in readiness for the following year. This may mean transition from kindergarten to school or primary to secondary school or from one year level to the next. We know for some children at the end of the year they can be anxious or nervous about moving into a new class the following year. For any transition, good communication and understanding the needs of everyone involved is very important. Parents and caregivers can support teachers by reinforcing positive messages to children about their school experience. Listening to their children, giving them opportunities to discuss what they are looking forward to as well as what they might be concerned about. This can also be an ongoing conversation after the school year has started so that if any issues arise during the first days and weeks, they can be discussed.

If you have a child anxious when considering transitions:

- Discuss and normalise common worries/concerns.
- Take time to prepare – find out what your child needs to be prepared (uniform, food, books etc)
- Review and rehearse strategies for making friends.
- Let them know they can talk with someone about it.
- Take time to discuss what children want to improve and what they would like to learn next year and celebrate their achievements this year.

Please reach out if you have any questions or need support.

Staffing information

I would like to congratulate Bec Little who has been appointed, Acting Director of Teaching and Learning for 2024. Bec will continue to support literacy intervention and programs along with the R-9 curriculum in 2024. At the end of this year, we will be wishing Chelsea Lienert all the best as she prepares for the birth of her first child. Chelsea will be on maternity leave during next year. More information about staffing appointments will be announced at the end of term.

Preparing for Christmas

In the Catholic church the time before Christmas is called Advent. The Advent Season is the four weeks before Christmas day. It's a time to prepare – hearts and minds – for Christmas Day and God's ever-present love. It's a time we try to notice signs of love and hope - this can be hard when this time of the year is also so busy!

The story of Jesus' birth is about God's love being found in difficult circumstances. This was not a wealthy family and life for them wasn't easy and yet something remarkable happened! The story can give us cause to reflect on where and how God's love is 'born'. It might be in the big events but it's also in the ordinary, the surprising and the really difficult times as well. During Advent we try to look carefully and notice signs of God's love 'born'. It is a time of reflection, hope and deep joy.

I ask families to be mindful of this special time and the giving of Christmas cards and candy canes to classmates, is not needed nor is it encouraged. It can create added stress on others who may not do this or if someone misses out. As a campus, we support healthy eating. Staff will work with students to recognise and celebrate Advent and Christmas and there will be events to say thank you and reflect on the year. One such event will be our Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday 28th November at 9.15am where we will reflect on all we have learnt this past year, and we will send forth our inaugural year 9 students. All families are welcome to join us for this celebration.

May the season remind you of the hope, joy, love, and peace found in Christ.
Romans 15:13

Wishing you well for the week,
Kerri Gould



DEPUTY HEAD OF CAMPUS

Semester 2 Reports

Cardijn College Galilee works in partnership with families to develop and celebrate the capabilities of children. This is achieved through families sharing and receiving information about their child and families working with the school to develop an ongoing conversation about learning and the progress and achievements of their child.

Student reports form one part of the information to families regarding the progress and achievements of their child and provide a further opportunity for families, teachers and students to build and maintain quality learning conversations and partnerships.

Formalised reports are provided twice a year and are one of a number of ways that the school communicates your child's achievement and commitment to learning.

The end-of-year report summarises student achievement in the second semester and may also indicate student progress across the year.

For R-6 students at the Semester 2 report will be provided in a hard copy and will be distributed on Tuesday 12th December. For 7-9 students, their Semester 2 report will be released once again electronically via SEQTA on Tuesday 12th December.

Christmas Eve Mass at St Luke's Church Noarlunga Downs

There will be an enactment of 'The Nativity story' at the Christmas Eve Family Mass at 7:30pm on the 24th December at St Luke's Church Noarlunga Downs.

School aged students who would like to participate in enacting the Gospel are invited to a practice at St Luke's Church on Thursday 21st December at 10:30am. During this rehearsal roles will be distributed and I am hoping to supply most of the costumes required for the enactment.

Students will also be involved in leading the carol singing and reading the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass.

If you would like to participate or would like more details can you please contact Ms Byrne as soon as possible.

AMC – Australian Maths Competition

There were 172791 students from 2156 schools who entered the AMC competition earlier in the year. There were 80 students from Galilee who participated and were awarded the following certificates:

17 Credit
34 Proficiency
29 Participation

Special mention to Baxter, Kyrsten and Macy who achieved their credits in the Intermediate level which is a Year 9 and 10 competition.





Waiting in Hope

As we enter that time of the year, when the shops begin to fill and people are rushing in all different directions, it is easy to forget to stop and be present, to be grateful and kind and to be ready and awake to the signs of God around us.

Sunday the 3rd of December is the first Sunday of Advent, a time in the liturgical year when we wait with anticipation and hope, ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas time. During Advent we prepare for this surprising event, an event that can often be lost in a commercialised Christmas, but that reminds us that God was not only made known to us, but actually become one of us through Jesus. This time invites us to stop, notice and be present to this in our everyday lives.

Our Year 1 class recently reminded us of this presence during Community Prayer. They reflected on the ways they notice God's presence in the ordinary moments of their lives, like spending time with family, being in the garden and caring for their pets. The season of Advent is like this, an invitation to take moments in our day to notice the sacred in the ordinary, the extra-ordinary in the every day.

As a school we invite the children into this season of Advent, by focussing on the Christian symbols of Christmas and sharing the story of the difficult journey to Bethlehem for Mary and Joseph, as they prepared to welcome Jesus into the world. We recall the scriptures that remind us to be awake to these signs of God in the ordinary of our everyday lives and we focus on how we can be present to the people around us in times of need.

This Advent, we invite you to take some moments for yourself, to be present to God, who is love, around us and remember and share the true meaning of Christmas with your families.

Kim Calderbank
APRIM



An Advent Prayer- Author at Sisters of Providence,

December 2016

Dear God,

I sit in quiet,

My mind races ahead of me.

I let those thoughts pass,

Waiting.

Listening in quiet

For that gentle voice of God,

Wondering when will I hear the whisper.

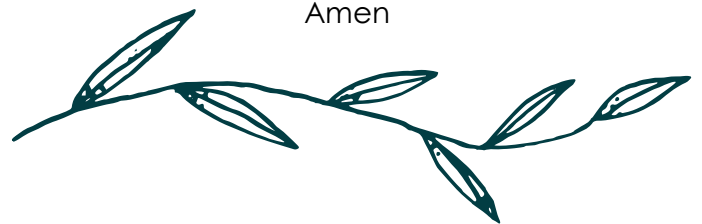
Waiting. Waiting.

Emmanuel, God with us

Come be with me as I sit, waiting.

Wonderous waiting.

Amen



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

By now you would have received a letter about our Vinnies Christmas Appeal. At this time, we recognise that some of us are in a position to help those around us who are most in need. If you are able to, you are invited to bring along a donation of non-perishable food items, to donate to the Vinnies Christmas hampers. These hampers will be distributed to people in our community who are doing it tough this Christmas. Thankyou for your kindness and generosity.

An invitation to join us for upcoming events

A reminder that we have our Thanksgiving Mass and Sending Forth next Tuesday at 9:15am. This is a celebration for the whole school, to give thanks for a year of learning and growth. Families and friends are invited to stay afterwards for morning tea and coffee.

In Week 8, we will have a special Community Prayer to celebrate the Christmas Nativity story, led by Mrs Gregory's Reception students. This will be followed by a volunteer breakfast for our volunteers who have helped us this year. Please join us if you are able to.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



CHRISTMAS EVE

(Sunday, December 24)

4.00pm - St Peter's, Normanville

6.30pm - Mary of Galilee, Aldinga

7.00pm - St Joseph's, Willunga

12midnight - St Joseph's, Willunga

CHRISTMAS DAY

(Monday, December 25)

9.00am - St Joseph's, Willunga

9.00am - St Peter's, Normanville

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

HELP BRING JOY TO PEOPLE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS BY DONATING ITEMS, SUCH AS THESE, IN YOUR COLLECTION BASKETS

- CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS
- UHT CUSTARD
- CONFECTIONARY
- CORDIAL/ SOFT DRINK
- CANNED FRUIT
- BISCUITS
- BON BONS
- JELLY CRYSTALS
- CANNED HAM
- GRAVOX
- PASTA & PASTA SAUCE
- FRUIT CAKE
- MINCE PIES
- TIN VEGETABLES
- TOYS AND GIFTS

Family Breakfast

Please join us for our new Family Breakfast, each Wednesday after Community Prayer in the piazza.

We will be serving complimentary tea and coffee and small snacks made in Home Economics lessons.

Family Breakfast is a great way to meet new people and build community.

We hope to see you there!

	<u>Tuesday</u> School/ Parish Mass 9.15am	<u>Wednesday</u> Community Prayer 9.00am
Week 7 Mon 27th Nov Our Lord Jesus Christ Feast	Whole School Thanksgiving Mass & Year 9 Sending Forth	No Community Prayer
Week 8 Mon 4th Dec 1st Sunday of Advnet Advent	No class mass	Reception Gregory
Week 9 Mon 11th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	Year 6 Celebration of Learning 6pm	No Community Prayer

Olivia's Christmas Compassion

This week as we began our Vinnies Christmas Appeal, we were all inspired by the actions of one of our Year 1 students, Olivia, who brought in a whole Christmas hamper to donate. Olivia had been going about her day in the city when she noticed something that she felt called to do something about, enacting the Cardijn methodology, our school motto, of 'See, Judge, Act', by noticing a problem, thinking about what could be done and taking action on the issue. She shared this with her classmates, which motivated them to get involved and pretty quickly the Year 1 Vinnies baskets have filled up to the brim! The actions of Olivia are an example of compassion, love and faith in action. Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' By taking the time to notice something that shows injustice, we are reminded of the call to love others and to uphold the dignity of each and every human person. Please take the time to read Olivia's story in her own words

"When I was in the city, there was a man sleeping on the side of a carpark so I had the idea to buy some things because he did not have enough money to buy food or have a house. He could only sleep on an old blanket, which made me feel sad. Then I decided that I wanted to buy things for people who don't have homes. I have a spend/ give/ save money box and I used the give money to make a special box with food and things they might use for Christmas. I decorated the box because I thought that they might want to have a box that looked beautiful for Christmas and because when I went to school we were collecting for Vinnies. On Wednesday 22nd November I brought in the Vinnies box."

- Olivia, Year 1



Youth Environment Forum

Last week our Youth Environment group hosted the Southern Vales Environment Forum with Jeremy Gramp from Green Adelaide. 4 other local schools joined us for the day and we participated in a number of environmental activities, including taking the visitors to our wonderful Galilee Wetlands for water bug collecting and identifying.



"The Youth Environment Forum is an amazing way to create a wonderful and welcoming atmosphere to learn about the environmental interests of young people alike. Over the past two years of being in the Youth Environment Group, my knowledge of the environment and our earth has grown dramatically. I am so grateful for all the people and students who make this incredible group happen. I truly cannot explain in words how grateful I am for this experience. I love how different and diverse the activities and games are, you never do the same thing twice. I love going around to new schools and seeing what they have in their area and implementing that into our schooling environment. The Youth Environment Group is truly unforgettable'.

- Esther

'The one thing that is great about the Youth Environment Forum is there are always different activities and tasks and it's never the same old stuff. Another thing that is great about the forum is that you are able to go to all different schools around the Southern area and see what different things they have at their school'.

- Ethan



'I enjoyed the Youth Environment Forum because it is a great way to connect with students from other schools and explore different schools. I particularly enjoyed the Web of life game where I got drenched with water! I found that many of the visiting students liked Galilee's Outdoor Learning spaces in our school and want similar in their schools'.

- Mya



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Year 8 Camp

Next week our Year 8 Students will be attending a three-day camp.

They will be participating in a range of activities such as kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding at Encounter Lakes, bike riding, hiking and team building tasks.

We wish them all the best and are looking forward to hearing all about their camp adventures.



A NEW SKATEPARK FOR ALDINGA!

As part of the Aldinga Sports Park Masterplan which is well underway, we now need your help to design the new skatepark.

In June 2022, the City of Onkaparinga received a grant of \$1.3 million from the State Government to design and construct a satellite skate park and related facilities at the Aldinga Sports Park. A regional play space, which is currently unfunded, is proposed to be developed in the youth precinct, immediately to the north of the skate park. View the Aldinga Sport Park Master Plan layout [here](#).

We are excited to inform you we have recently appointed a consultant firm, [CONVIC](#) to design and construct a new skate facility in the Aldinga Sports Park. CONVIC is an award-winning firm with a wealth of experience in delivering skate parks across the country.

The project will include a skate park (capable of hosting events and competitions), lights, irrigated turf for seating and viewing, shelter with picnic setting, trees, unsealed footpaths and an unsealed car park.

How can I get involved?

Come along to one of our design workshops to help shape the future of the new skatepark on 5 December 2023.

Workshop 1
When: 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Where: Aldinga Payinthi College, 150 Quinliven Road Aldinga

Workshop 2
When: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Where: Aldinga Payinthi College, 150 Quinliven Road Aldinga

If you can't make it to a workshop, you can provide feedback online via our survey that will be open from 5 December to 20 December 2023.





Galilee Community Carols

Come and sing along at the Galilee Community Christmas carols!

Families are welcome to picnic on the oval from 5.00-6.00pm,
concert will commence at 6:00pm sharp.

All students will be seated in pre-arranged seats inside the coned off
area. Teachers will be directly supervising students in this area.

Bethsaida toilets are for families, Cana toilets for Galilee students only.

At the conclusion, choose one family member to sign your student out
from their teacher.

Dont forget to dress in your best festive ware!

8 December 2023

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Cardijn College Galilee Oval





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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Sr Margaret Ann Connelly
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Centacare
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Galilee OSHC
M 0411382054

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 4

Campus Calendar

Week 7

Tue 28 Nov End of year whole school mass

Wed 29 Nov - Fri 1 Dec Year 8 camp

Fri 1 Dec Year 5 Excursion

Week 8

Mon 4 Dec Middle School Swimming Carnival

Tue 5 Dec Year 9 Dinner

Thu 7 Dec Middle School Excursion

Fri 8 Dec Year 7-9 Final Day

Carols Concert 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Week 9

Mon 11 Dec 2024 Year 7 Transition Day

2024 Reception - 6 Transition Day

Tue 12 Dec Last Day Term 4 - 3:10pm Dismissal

Year 6 Celebration of Learning
6:00pm

Wed 13 - Fri 15 Dec Pupil Free Days

