



Dear families and carers,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather. On the weekend I took part in the City to Bay fun run along with some of the Middle School students who as part of their elective subject, 'Steps to Success', have been raising funds for the Marist Solidarity Foundation. This foundation advocates for young people ensuring all have access to educational outcomes. Thank you for your support of their fundraising efforts. Special thanks to Nathan Evans for his coordination of this elective and for all staff who came along to support the students running or walking the 6/12 kms.

Family Spirit

It is lovely on 'Together We Grow Day' to see volunteers helping. Volunteering in our community enhances our Family Spirit. We currently have volunteers helping in the library, excursions, and environmental projects. We also had 30 parents attend our recent parent workshop listening to Mark Le Messurier discuss the 'amazing adolescent brain'. If you are interested in volunteering, or if you have a topic or idea for a parent workshop, please let your child's teacher know or leave your details with the front office. Also look out for the community café in the piazza area before school on Wednesday morning or stay for a coffee after community prayer, another great way to build up community spirit and connection!

Cross Campus Connection

Have you seen the new wooden pergola in the grounds? The pergola was built and created by Marcellin students. It was great to see the students assembling the construction onsite last week. We look forward to using the pergola and bringing this area back to life as we replant and establish our butterfly garden.

Uniform

The wearing of a school uniform can create a sense of belonging and is a visual symbol to the community, of who we are and where we come from. There is research on the importance of being active has on improving wellbeing. At Galilee we value the importance of physical activity and nature play in contributing towards children's emotional and physical wellbeing. We are also mindful of the needs of primary school children are different to those in Middle Years. As we move forward as a campus of Cardijn it is time to review our current R-6 uniform. In doing this we are mindful of the growing financial costs on families.

I am interested in gathering your input on moving forward with one active wear R-6 uniform. Having one active wear uniform would be cost efficient as families would only need to purchase one set of shoes and one style of uniform. It would enable students to be more comfortable and active all week at school. If you would like to contribute to the uniform consultation process, please complete the survey to share your thoughts.

Thoughts from staff and students will also be gathered as we work together to create a uniform that can be inclusive, while upholding high standards and meeting practical and wellbeing needs of primary students.

To access the survey [CLICK HERE](#).

Homeroom placements

In term 4 we will begin plans for 2024 which includes making decisions on student's class placements. Teachers give much time and thought to this process and while no requests for teachers can be made if you have anything in regards to your child's needs you would like to be taken into consideration please email these requests to njwalters@cardijn.catholic.edu.au by Friday week 1 term 4.

Thank you to those families who also attended the recent learning conversations. We value working in partnership with you to provide the best educational outcomes for the students. If you have not been able to come in this week and have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher to discuss a suitable time to discuss your child's learning. Wishing you well for the end of term 3 and an enjoyable holiday break!

Kerri Gould
Head of Campus



Together We Grow

Galilee has been a buzz over these last few weeks, as we prepared for 'Together We Grow Day' which is a day focussed on celebrating our identity as a Catholic school. It is a day where we connect with our faith, mission and journey as a school community and deepen our relationships with one another and the wider community. This year the focus was around our new building names, which come from the life and ministry of Jesus.



The day began with Community Prayer, which was led by our Year 9 and Year 1 students. It was a vibrant prayer, filled with song, prayers, reflections and stories of Jesus. The families, parishioners and friends enjoyed the new barista coffee, made by our Middle School students afterwards and purchased baked goods to raise money for Marist Solidarity to support the City to Bay running team. It was a lovely community atmosphere in the piazza, with lots of people staying around to enjoy their treats and have a chat.



In classes, students learnt more about the stories of Jesus' life through engaging in activities around their new building names.

- The Reception students planted flowers and decorated people for the garden around the Nazareth building.
- The Year 1 and 2 team created a foyer display of the River Jordan.
- The Year 3 and 4 team created and decorated a tree in their entrance for the Cana building.
- The Year 5 and 6 team baked unleavened bread, connecting to the Feeding of the 5000 story and Bethsaida building.
- The Middle School created footsteps to represent the journey to Emmaus, and baked scones to represent the bread of the Passover.

Many of the classes also visited the Labyrinth, which is a special place for prayer and mindfulness behind the church. The mosaic tiles will be placed there when they are completed.

Kim Calderbank
APRIM





Coffee for sale!

Join us every Wednesday morning from 8:15am, coffee will be sold from the piazza area before school. This will only be available to adults in the community. Our Middle School students are practising their barista skills and look forward to serving you your morning coffee! All profits will go towards a charity at the end of the year.



Sacramental Program 2024

A note went out earlier this term about the Sacramental Program for 2024.

If you are interested in your child being initiated into the Catholic Church, through the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist, please see the front office for more information.

There will be a **Parent Information Session** held next term on **Wednesday 15th November at 5pm** in the church.

If you would like to attend, please put your name down at the front office or fill out the reply slip on the note.



Family Breakfast is back!

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

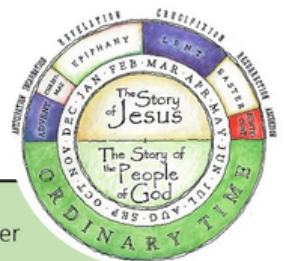
We will be serving complimentary tea and coffee and small snacks made in Home Economics lessons.

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

We hope to see you there!

Prayer and Liturgical Celebrations

Week	<u>Tuesday</u> School/ Parish Mass 9.15am	<u>Wednesday</u> Community Prayer 9.00am
9 Mon 18 th Sept 24th Week Ordinary Time	No class mass	Year 6 Guilfoyle
10 Mon 25 th Sept 25th Week Ordinary Time	No class mass	Year 2 Littlefield





Galilee's new garden beds

It was wonderful for our Year 9 Passionate Permaculture students to connect with families and younger siblings during our planting session on Together We Grow Day.

Thank you to all these families for their time, support and great advice, as well as Galilee Parishioner Tony Harding for his donation of cuttings for our new raised garden beds.

What's growing in the beds now?

- Herbs (parsley, rocket, thyme, mint, coriander, Lebanese Cress)
- Spinach
- Indigenous Bushtucker (Sea celery, Old Man Saltbush, Native Lemongrass)
- Gotu Kola (great for frying in batter or in a salad)
- Turmeric

All families and Parishioners are welcome to 'cut and take' the produce on their way to and from school. We hope to have a more permanent place for storing scissors and paper bags, so in the meantime, feel free to bring your own or hold in your hand!

If you would like to help with watering during the school holidays, please let the Front Office know.



Clean up Galilee!

Students from Miss Balacco and Miss Little's Homegroups took it upon themselves to collect rubbish from various outside learning areas during their outside learning time.

These wonderful environmentalists have a reminder for us all to try (where possible) to limit the amount of single use packaging and to remember to place our rubbish in the correct bins – Landfill (Red), Recycling (Yellow) or Organics (Green).

Thank you to Angus, Lucy, Lincoln, Frankie, Emily and Eddie for their wonderful clean up efforts!

Carmen Moyse
Eco Literacy Coordinator



Angus

"It's not a lot of rubbish thank goodness BUT, we can still try to improve."



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



Miss Currie's Year 5 Homegroup ended our Book Week celebrations by participating in a live, online event hosted at the Sydney Opera House by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

This event celebrated Indigenous Literacy Day with stories and songs from remote Communities.

The students listened to the stories being read from the Aboriginal communities that they were created in and also learnt some Indigenous words and songs.

Last week our First Nations students and buddies gathered at our Outside Lounge to start learning about how yarning sticks have been used and are still used today by some Aboriginal groups as a conversational process that involves the telling of stories and as a way of passing on cultural knowledge.

Students found a 'perfect' yarning stick in our outside environment and as they wrapped wool in various colours around their stick, they each had a yarn, telling a story about themselves and something that was important to them.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

City to Bay

This Term the Middle School have been raising money for Australian Marist Solidarity. Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) works to ensure that all young people have access to educational opportunities.

Working across Asia and the Pacific, AMS projects provide access to education for vulnerable young people.

The year 8's have been raising awareness of the power of education, and the funds that make it possible. Our Year 8 'Steps to Success' elective challenges us to work together, to bring hope.

Over the past weeks the year 8's have been raising money by selling raffle tickets, second-hand books, baked goods and popcorn and last Sunday they participated in the City To Bay run.

The City to Bay was a HUGE success with all the Middle School students who participated having an awesome day and feeling very accomplished at the finish line. In an amazing effort, Baxter, Jett and Mr Evans ran the 12km in under an hour!

Our students placed incredibly well, especially Seb who finished 9th in his age group, Jett who finished 7th in his age group, and Christian and Baxter who finished 3rd in their respective age groups. And congratulations to Laila who finished 6th in her 6km run.

We would like to thank all our raffle sponsors for their generous raffle donations. Students have raised well over their target of \$1000 and are continuing their fundraising efforts until the end of this week with winners of the raffle to be drawn next week.

Our final tally will be shared next week, stay tuned!



Baxter

"Camp was really good. I got to sit around and just 'hang' with my friends and we made some new friends too. I really like Mountain Biking through the forest, wetland boardwalk and dirt road. I like kayaking too, Ollie and I got wet but it was fun."

YEAR 9 CAMP

The Year 9's took part in a three-day camp at Mount Crawford and took part in a variety of Outdoor Education experiences.

The Camp is aimed to improve the relationship students have with the outdoors through a variety of recreational and education activities.

Our year 9's were outstanding in the way they actively participated, showed enthusiasm and determination in every activity.

The students made new friends and fully embraced the Marist Charism of Family Spirit in the way they supported each other, checked in on one another and shone in their comradery and joy filled energy.

Congratulations Year 9's and a HUGE thank you to Mr Evans and Miss Anderson for their time, energy, support and dedication.



Seb

"Kayaking was so much fun, I was on my own and could power along through the water. I liked the mountain biking and enjoyed cooking my own meals on the Trangia. On the 1st night we made pasta and on the 2nd night we had noodles and cuppa soup. For breakfast we had cereal and oats. The tents were warm enough and were easy to set up."



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

School

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Fr. Josy Sebastian p 83821717

Sr Margaret Ann Connelly
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Centacare
p 82156311

Galilee OSHC
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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 10

Mon 25 September	Year 5 & 9 Become Showcase 2:00pm until 3:30pm
Wed 27 September	Year 6 Carnival Day
Fri 29 September	Last Day Term 3 3:10pm Dismissal

TERM 4

Week 1

Mon 16 October	Term 4 Begins
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Campus Calendar

RED BALL RUMBLE

Want to try a new sport? This newly created Red Ball Matchplay program provides students with the opportunity to learn tennis in a fun and inclusive environment.

LETS RUMBLE!

Scan the code to sign up!



Cost: \$5 per session
Date: Friday evenings beginning 17 November
for five consecutive weeks
Time: 4:15 pm
Venue: McLaren Vale Tennis Club
Contact: Adam Fonfe | adamfonfe@hotmail.com



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