CARDIJN COLLEGE
GALILEE CAMPUS

Week 3 Term 4 2026



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I cannot believe how fast this year is going, we are certainly well on the way of planning for 2027.

**World Teacher's Day**

Today we celebrated World Teacher's Day. I am very thankful to lead such a dedicated and hard-working staff. The relationships they form, the high expectations, the strong pedagogical teaching based on research, the quality resources they use and the environments they create are high quality. We know being a teacher is not easy and is certainly a profession with great demands. Today is about shining a light on teachers who inspire, support and empower students every single day!

**Building Project**

I am very pleased to let you know the new building and facilities are near completion. You may notice the builder's compound being removed. Very soon the furniture will arrive. We look forward to using this space in 2027!

Along with the building project, our campus enrolments are increasing. Please make sure you keep us informed of any changes to your child's enrolment. If you have a sibling starting in Reception in 2028, please make sure you complete enrolment paperwork by term 1 2027. I look forward to sharing more details about 2027 classes and teaching staff later in the term.



**We remember**

This week as a Catholic community we celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day. On All Saints Day we thank God for all those who said yes to God and followed the call in a special way.

On All Soul's Day we pray for and remember all the people who have died. We remember their life, we thank God for them, we remember the hope of new life.

During the month of November, the Catholic church remembers the lives of those who have died, and we place a book of remembrance in the church foyer where families are welcome to add names of those they would like the community to prayer for during this month, as we remember God's love and hope is everywhere, it never ends.



**Willunga Charter Bus Service**

We're excited to announce plans for a new bus service from 2027 to support Years 5 to 9 Galilee families, with two proposed routes designed to make the journey to and from school easier. Route 1 will run from Willunga through Whites Valley, Sellicks Beach, Aldinga Beach and Aldinga. Route 2 will travel from Willunga via McLaren Flat, McLaren Vale, Seaford, Seaford Rise, Moana, Maslin Beach and Port Willunga, before arriving at Aldinga. For more information on bus routes, including the timetable, please visit the following link **Willunga Charter**.

**PE Week**

Galilee is supporting an initiative by ACHPER SA (the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation) to celebrate Physical Education Week on 9-13 November (Week 5). Throughout this week, students will have the opportunity to be involved in activities that highlight the importance of being physically active, with additional movement opportunities offered during Outside Learning.

On Friday 13 November, students are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite sport top. Students may choose to wear their club T-shirt or the guernsey of their favourite sporting team. Students are to wear their usual school sports shorts or skort as part of their uniform as normal on this day.

Wishing you well for the week.

Kerri Gould
Head of Campus

# APRIM

As we move into a busy season of end-of-year celebrations, Advent, Christmas preparations and holidays, we are reminded of the Marist characteristics of Simplicity and Presence. It is easy to become caught up in the busyness of the season and lose sight of why we celebrate and who matters most.



Simplicity invites us to appreciate the small gifts that fill our days: sharing a coffee with a friend, watching a sunset, hearing a kind word, or spending time with those we love. These moments remind us that God is present not only in the significant milestones of life, but also in the ordinary, everyday experiences that often go unnoticed. At its heart, Christmas is not about how many gifts we can buy, but about showing others that they are valued, loved and remembered.



Presence calls us to be attentive to ourselves, to one another and to God. Just as God is always present to us, we are invited to slow down enough to notice that presence. In a world that often encourages us to rush from one thing to the next, taking time for silence, reflection, listening and gratitude can help us reconnect with what truly matters.

This year our school focus has been on GRACE; a gift freely given by God and one that we are called to share with others. During the busy and sometimes stressful moments of the Christmas season, grace can be found in simple acts: offering a helping hand, speaking a kind word, extending forgiveness, or showing patience when it is needed most. These small actions have the power to brighten someone's day and remind them that they are not alone. Just as Mary responded to God's invitation with her courageous "Yes", we too are invited to say "yes" in small and simple ways each day.



As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, may we embrace simplicity, live with presence and share grace generously with those around us. The Christmas story reminds us that God came into the world in the humblest of ways, inviting us to find joy in simple moments and loving relationships. As St Mother Teresa said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." May this Advent and Christmas season be filled with small acts of love that make God's presence known in our homes, our school and our community.

Kim Calderbank
APRIM

**MITIOG Survey**

We would like to thank all families who took the time to share their feedback through the Consent and Respectful Relationships parent survey. Your insights are valued and will help inform the ongoing development of our current MITIOG program, the Human Sexuality program used in Catholic schools.

The student surveys for Years 5-9 have now been completed, and we are grateful to the students and families who participated in this important process. By working together and listening to the voices of our community, we can continue to strengthen our approach to supporting the wellbeing, learning and development of all students.

**Family Mass- Saturday 7th November**

You are invited to join us for our final Family Mass for the year at 5.30pm on Saturday the 7th November in Mary of Galilee Church, Aldinga. Please let Mrs Calderbank know if you are able to help with readings or a job.




**Reach out for support at Christmas**

It can be hard to feel like celebrating when finances are tight. If you are facing financial difficulties, unsure if there's enough food for Christmas, or don't know how you will be able to afford presents for your kids — please reach out for a hand up from St Vincent de Paul. You can register via the link below for you or someone you know in our community who may be in need this Christmas. All applications are treated with discretion, respect and dignity.

Hampers will be available for collection from the school on Monday 14 December.

Please apply HERE

## Prayer & Liturgy

| Week | Mass Tuesday 9:15 | Community Prayer Wed 9:00 |
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| **4**<br>Mon 2nd November<br>Sunday Ordinary Time<br>National Recycling Week 9-15th | **Year 3**<br>Balacco | **Reception**<br>Gregory |
| **5**<br>Mon 9th November<br>Sunday Ordinary Time<br>World Day of the Poor 15th | | **Year 1**<br>Oxenham &<br>Forbes/ Munro |
| **6**<br>Mon 16th November<br>Sunday Ordinary Time<br>*Begin Galilee Advent<br>World Children's Day 20th | | **Year 5**<br>Janssan |
| **7**<br>Mon 23rd November<br>Sunday Ordinary Time | **Thanksgiving Mass**<br>Whole School<br>8 Evans | n/a |
| **8**<br>Mon 30th November<br>1st Sunday of Advent<br>Christmas Day- 25th | | **Rec**<br>Nativity Play<br>Littlefield |

*Please note the Advent Liturgy has now been combined with Community Prayer in Week 6. This will be lead by both Year 1 Oxenham and Year 1 Forbes/ Munro.

# ECO LITERACY









**Outside learning play**

Students have been making the most of the beautiful weather during outdoor learning times at Galilee! A particularly exciting addition to our school grounds has been the installation of a new water tap in the Jordan sandpit. Students have eagerly embraced this new feature, using the water to enhance their play, build intricate sand structures, and engage in imaginative and cooperative learning activities. The addition of water has encouraged creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork as students experiment with different ways to shape, mould, and transport sand and water. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and joy on students' faces as they make the most of this engaging new resource while enjoying the benefits of outdoor learning.

Carmen Moyse
Eco Literacy Coordinator

**Mission Sprouts**

The Year 6 Homegroups have been selected to participate in the exciting Mission Sprouts Program, a unique national science initiative led by Australian of the Year and Australia's first female astronaut, Katherine Bennell-Pegg. As part of this extraordinary mission, students are investigating seeds that have travelled to the International Space Station and returned safely to Earth. Through hands-on scientific inquiry, students will compare the growth and development of space-flown seeds with seeds that have remained on Earth. This real-world research opportunity allows students to contribute to authentic scientific investigations, deepening their understanding of space science, plant biology, and the impact of space travel on living organisms. The program inspires curiosity, critical thinking, and a sense of connection to Australia's growing role in space exploration.

## Student predictions

Akasha – "I think the space seeds will be negatively impacted and it will stunt their growth."

Georgia – "I predict the space seeds will grow smaller than the earth ones."



Angus – "I think that because of the sudden speed at the start of the flight, the space seeds will be positively impacted and the space seeds will germinate and grow quicker."

Isaac - "My prediction is that the earth seeds will grow quicker. The space seeds will grow slower because they've had different conditions like the impact of microgravity."



Carson – "I believe that the space seeds would have had more pressure on them and so won't grow as tall as the Earth seeds."

# SPORT









Our Year 5 and 6 students recently attended the **Cardijn Academy Cup**, a fantastic day of sport and teamwork. The event featured four different sports, all led and organised by the Academy students from the Marian Campus.

Our students represented the school with great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved.

A huge congratulations to our **Football Team**, who were crowned **Grand Final Champions** after an outstanding performance.

Thank you to all the staff and parents who attended and assisted throughout the day. Your support and encouragement helped make the event such a success.
Well done to all students who participated and represented our school so proudly!

Andrea Pengilly
Sports Coordinator









Congratulations!



Special congratulations also go to:

**Lennox Millar,** who was awarded **Most Valuable Player of the Grand Final.**

**Lui Petrucci,** who was named **Most Valuable Player of the Day.**







**Year 9 Rite Journey Camp**

In Week 1 of Term 4, our Year 9 students from Galilee embarked on an unforgettable adventure through The Rite Journey Camp at Kuitpo Forest. The experience began with a challenging two day trek along sections of the iconic Heysen Trail through Kuitpo Forest. On their very first day, students pushed through an impressive 20-kilometer hike. It was an incredible display of teamwork, resilience, and perseverance, with every student stepping up to support one another through the distance. On the second night, the group traveled to Willow Creek for one of the camp's most impactful milestones: the solo night camp. Stepping outside their comfort zones, students demonstrated true bravery and reflection as they managed their own campsites under the stars. The journey concluded on Day 3 at The Bluff in Encounter Bay, where students tackled their final challenge, abseiling down the coastal cliff faces. All students involved should be immensely proud of their hard work, courage, and positive attitude throughout The Rite Journey Camp. Congratulations to our Year 9s on taking this significant step in their growth and personal journey**!**









# PLAYGROUP







The first three weeks of playgroup has been fun times for all.

We celebrated the start of the term making mini muffin pizzas. A wonderful hands-on experience for the children to develop fine motor skills, exploring flavours and textures, and of course the delight of eating something delicious in community with their playgroup friends.

At playgroup we theme many of our activities around the season. As it is spring we have been exploring colour and flowers. We used flowers from our beautiful grounds to print their form on paper, creating a field of colour.

Playgroup is a wonderful opportunity to explore, play and create with your child/ren and is open to all families with children aged from 0 to 5 years. Feel welcome to come and join us on a Monday or Friday morning from 9 – 10:30am.

Melanie Wilson
Playgroup Coordinator














# Build lifelong, life-changing savings habits **AND** find out how **ANZ will double your savings, up to $500**

**Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits**. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street Yooralla. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services, learn more at **saverplus.org.au**

## Saver Plus Information Sessions

**Would you like to know more about the Saver Plus program?**

**Join us for an information session to hear more about joining or ask any questions you may have.**

**Eligibility criteria apply, to find out more visit https://saverplus.org.au/**

**Register via link Register Here or via QR Code**

**saverplus.org.au**

**1300 610 355**

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5-10 YEAR OLDS



# IMAGINE THE FUN

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

## ALDINGA CRICKET CLUB

TUESDAY | 4.00pm - 5.00pm

10th November - 1st December

**$49** for 4 Weeks of Fun!

+ $10 Blast Shop Voucher

Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

St Vincent de Paul Society SA

*good works*

# Join Vinnies Aldinga

**Be a hand of hope in Aldinga-Sellicks**

## Want to make a real difference close to home?

The St Vincent de Paul Society Aldinga Conference is looking for new members to join our team.

### What you'll do

- Walk alongside people doing it tough
- Meet families and listen with compassion
- Offer practical help: food, financial assistance and referrals

### What you'll need

- No special experience
- A willing heart
- Some of your time, your choice

### What you'll get

- A warm welcome
- Proper training
- The support of a caring team of fellow volunteers

**Newly retired? Working part time? Looking for a meaningful way to live out your faith or philosophy of life?**

There's a place for you here. Come and see what a difference you can make.



### Call Kevin for a friendly, no-pressure chat

I'd love to tell you more about what we do.

**Ph. 0411 197 829**

Em. Kevin.liston1@gmail.com

**We meet in the Aldinga Community Centre**

*Vinnies Aldinga Conference*

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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**
info@galilee.catholic.edu.au
p 8550 2200

Parish Team Contact
Fr. Domenick Okwadha p 83821717

**Centacare**
p 82156311

**Galilee OSHC**
**M** 0411382054

**Galilee Playgroup**
Monday & Friday during term time
9am – 10.30am
Melanie Wilson p 85502200

**Second-hand uniform**
Opening times
Wed 8.30am – 9.00am
Or by appointment

**MOBILE PHONES AT GALILEE**

Please note students who bring mobile phones/smart watches to school are required to hand them in to teaching staff at the beginning of the school day and may collect them again at the end of the school day.
This keeps them safe and ensures that mobile phones are not being used during the day.

This applies to both Primary and Middle School students.

# KEY DATES

**TERM 4** **Campus Calendar**

**Week 4**
Mon 2 Nov Instrumental Music Night 5:30 - 6:30pm

Wed 4 Nov Community Prayer 9:00 - 9:30am

Fri 6 Nov 2027 Reception Transition &
Parent Info Session & Morning Tea 9:00 - 11:30am
Become Showcase Year 8

**Week 5**
Mon 9 Nov Reception Playground Celebration 10:00am

Wed 11 Nov Remembrance Day Prayer 9:00 - 9:30am
Middle School Information Session 5:30 - 7:00pm
(Yr 4-Yr 6 and new Yr 7 2027 families)

Thu 12 Nov Yr 6 Reflection Day

Fri 13 Nov 2027 Reception Transition 9:30 - 11:00am
Galilee Gathers & Sr. Band Performance 9:00am

**Week 6**
Tue 17 Nov Yr 6 EOY Celebration - Italian Lunch 10:45am

Wed 18 Nov Community Prayer 9:00 - 9:30am

Fri 20 Nov 2027 Reception Transition 9:30 - 11:30am

**Week 7**
Tue 24 Nov Whole Campus Thanksgiving Mass 9:15am

Fri 27 Nov 2027 Reception Transition 9:30 - 11:30am
New Family Liturgy 11:30am - 12:00pm
Community Carols 5:00pm

**Week 8**
Mon 30 Nov 2027 Yr 7 Transition Morning 8:30 - 11:30am
2027 Reception-Yr 6 Transition 9:30 - 11:30am

Tue 1 Dec Yr 9 Rite Journey Homecoming 5:30 - 7:00pm

Wed 2 Dec Community Prayer 9:00 - 9:30am

Thu 3 Dec Yr 6 Celebration of Learning 5:30 - 7:00pm

Fri 4 Dec Last Day of Term 4
RE-Yr 4 EOY Academic Awards Ceremony 9:00am
Yr 5-9 EOY Academic Awards Ceremony 10:00am