



Dear Parents/ carers,

It is hard to believe but we have come to the end of another year! This year we have many achievements to be proud of and celebrate. I would like to thank all families for the contributions you have made to support your children and the campus this year. I would also like to recognize and thank our incredible staff. They make such significant contributions throughout the year. I am proud to lead such a committed, hardworking, and enthusiastic team.

To the students, it is a pleasure to greet them enthusiastically each morning in the car park. Their growth and development are a delight to witness, and their achievements were recognized at our academic assembly this morning.

Also, at the academic assembly today we introduced two new awards. These awards reflect the heart of who we are as a campus, emphasizing kindness, service, leadership, and a deep commitment to caring for others and our world.

For our Reception to Year 6 students, we introduced the Galilee Spirit Award. This award is presented to one student in each year level who truly embodies the spirit of Galilee. These students go above and beyond to show care for others and for the environment. They work to build a positive and inclusive community through acts of welcome, acceptance, belonging, and respect. Inspired by the Marist charism of Family Spirit, these students remind us of what it means to create a school environment where everyone feels at home.

For our Middle School students, we introduce the Laudato Si Award. This award celebrates students who lead by example, demonstrating a deep commitment to service, both within our campus and in the wider community. Named after Pope Francis' call to care for our common home, the Laudato Si Award honours those who embrace the Marist charism of In the Way of Mary. These students show compassion and faith in action, championing social justice, advocating for positive change, and inspiring others to care for the environment and those in need.

These awards will be presented annually at the end of the year, recognizing the achievements of our students.

I congratulate all recipients:

Galilee Spirit Award

Reception - Charlize
Year 1 - Teagan
Year 2 - Soul

Year 3 - Max
Year 4 - Scarlett

Year 5 - Skylar
Year 6 - Max

Laudato Si Award

Year 7 - Lara

Year 8 - Lucy

Year 9 - Layla

Christmas Carols

This year we were blessed with such great weather, helping to create a great celebration of community festive spirit. Congratulations to our students and staff on such enthusiastic performances!

Farewells

This time of the year is a tricky one in the life of a school as we celebrate achievements of the year whilst we prepare for 2025. On Tuesday night, we celebrated the primary learning journey of our year 6 students and last week we blessed our year 9 students as we sent them forth. We wish these students well as they journey into their Middle and Senior schooling years. This week at community prayer we blessed staff who will be moving on. We wish everyone, well with their future endeavors and thank them for their contributions to our community. Remember that you are held, like the hills that hug us, in God's love, and you are always a welcome part of our community.

In saying goodbye, we also say hello and welcome some new home teachers Daniel Foureur (year 6), and Taylor Jonas (year 2), Emma McKinnon (year 3) and Jasmin Munro (Diverse Learning teacher and Year 2). We look forward to getting to know these new teaching staff next year.

Student leadership

Congratulations to our 2025 student leaders:

- Galilee ambassadors – Cleo Davenport, and Ari Tietgen Knott
- Vice ambassadors – Abel Leask and Olive Dobson

We look forward to their growth as leaders of our community and thank our 2024 student leaders for their contributions to our campus. Mission captains, sports captains and environmental leaders will be announced at the start of 2025.

In closing I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable and peaceful holiday break in which you can find the time to stop, relax and spend time with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing you all on day one 2025, Tuesday 28 January.

*May the blessing of joy abide within you;
May the blessing of peace rest upon you;
May the blessing of love flow out through you;
May all the blessings of the Lord be yours
at Christmas and in the new year.
~ Author Unknown.*

As we bring the school year to a close, it is with hearts full of gratitude that we reflect on the many blessings we have shared as a school community. This week we experienced a special moment with our Reception students' portrayal of the Nativity story during Community Prayer. Their heartfelt retelling reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas: the humble birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who came to bring light and love into the world.

The children reminded us that the story of Jesus' birth is one of hope, faith and joy. Just as the shepherds and the Wise men journeyed to see the newborn King, we too are called to seek Jesus in our lives and recognise Him in the ordinary moments of our everyday lives.

As we prepare for Christmas, let us be inspired by the wonder of the Nativity. May we open our hearts to the message of love and peace that Jesus brings, and share that love with those around us, especially those in need.

May the joy of Christ's birth fill our homes and hearts this Christmas season. May you find time to rest, reflect and celebrate the gift of family and faith.

Kim Calderbank
APRIM



Vinnies Christmas Hampers

A heartfelt thankyou to all our families for your incredible generosity in supporting Mini Vinnies and contributing to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers. Your donations of food, Christmas items and gifts embody the true spirit of giving and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who are struggling this season. Through your kindness, we can help to bring joy, hope and comfort to many families in our community. Thankyou for your ongoing love and support.

thank you

I would like to give a HUGE thank you to the wonderful Environment Leaders of 2024 – **Ava, Evie, Ruby, Sofia, Essie and Ethan.**

These leaders have done a lot of environment jobs around the school throughout the year including planning engaging lunchtime activities, attending important environment Forums with Green Adelaide, supporting composting, recycling and worm farms, and much more!

We are lucky to have these passionate Environmentalists in the Galilee community and look forward to new projects with them and others to help care for our environment.

Last week Ava planned and organised a delightful and imaginative "Potion Play" activity in the Secret Garden during lunchtime. The activity was a huge success, attracting many students who enthusiastically participated by mixing their own magical potions using found natural materials in the garden. It was wonderful to see so many Middle School students engage in this fun and creative experience, connecting with nature in a unique way.

We thank Ava for planning this fun lunch time activity and look forward to more potion play in the future!

Carmen Moyse
Eco Literacy Coordinator





*"Connect with your community...
in the age old ritual of sharing a meal"*

1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. 4:30PM

ALDINGA INSTITUTE HALL

all welcome for a free meal!

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FRONT OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLIDAYS

9 December	Open 8.30am - 4:00pm
10 December	Open 8.30am - 4:00pm
11 December	Open 8.30am - 12:00pm
12 - 13 December	CLOSED
16 - 18 December	Open 9.00am - 12:00pm
19 December - 19 January	CLOSED
20 January	Open 8.30am - 4.30pm
21 - 24 January	Open 1pm - 4:30pm
27 January	CLOSED (Public Holiday)
28 January	Normal hours resume (8.00am - 4.30pm)





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- 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

2025 TERM 1 Campus Calendar

Week 1

Tue 28 Jan Term 1 Starts

Thu 30 Jan Middle School ID Photos

Week 2

Tue 4 Feb Parent Welcome Evening
(Further details to follow)

Fri 7 Feb School Song Workshops

Week 3

Tue 11 Feb Whole Campus Welcome Mass

Fri 14 Feb Middle School Sports Day

