

## Week 3 Term 4 2022



### Dear Parent/Caregivers,

It is fantastic to be back for this final term of 2022, despite the up and down weather we have been experiencing. The next six weeks will fly by and we look forward to all the exciting activities that will take place between now and when we finish on Wednesday 14 December. More information about the end of year events will be communicated over the next couple of weeks.

### Building

The new building has come a long way over the last 6 weeks. Windows going in, gyprock going up, pavers going down; it has been a hive of activity. A few members of staff have had a look through and are impressed. We look forward to the hand over of the building later in the term in preparation for the 2023 academic year and welcoming two Year 7 classes, a Year 8 class and a Year 9 class to this wonderful new space.

### **Class Placements**

Placement of students for 2023 will occur over the coming weeks. This is a complex process and involves careful consideration of many factors. Staff consider academic, social and wellbeing needs of individuals as well as class size and importantly, how the students may work together as a class.

If parents/carers have specific information regarding their child's learning, social and wellbeing needs that may help us, we ask that this is provided in writing or email to your child's homeroom teacher or Natalie Walters <u>njwalters@galilee.catholic.edu.au</u> by Wednesday 9 November. Please remember, information you provide is either a request or information to assist in our decisions and will be considered along with our knowledge and experience of all the children at Cardijn College Galilee. Requests regarding specific staffing will not be considered. Thank you for your support in this.

#### Staffing

It is with sadness, that at the end of this academic year, we will be saying farewell to two of our Foundation staff from 2007 – Sharon Doyle and Karen Edwards. Both have served this community exceptionally well over the last 16 years in a variety of roles, including their current roles of APRIM and Inclusive Education Coordinator respectively. We thank them for the positive contribution they have made here at Cardijn College Galilee and will celebrate them at the end of the year. Recruitment for these positions and others within the school have begun and final staffing for 2023 will be communicated later this term.

Have a great week everyone.

Nick Wright

Head of Campus



## We are our relationships

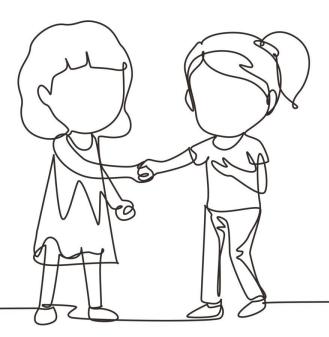
Apart from water, food and shelter, nothing is more important for a person than the feeling that they belong. At the beginning of term four, I had the opportunity to listen to a presentation by David Bott from 'The Wellbeing Distillery'. David is a sought-after speaker and education consultant who works with schools and organizations around the world to help promote the importance of a wellbeing vision and strategy. David spoke about the science of wellbeing and the importance of the five pillars which support human relationships: Forgiveness-Integrity-Trust-Compassion-Hope.

At Cardijn College Galilee our staff are trained to use the Berry Street Practice Education Model. The Berry Street Model is based on four domains, Body, Stamina, Engagement and Character, which are all anchored by the central domain of Relationships. The Relationship domain encourages teachers to reflect upon the importance of setting up learning environments which promote and meet the need for students to feel connected with the school community; emotionally, physically, mentally, and neurologically.

During David Bott's presentation listeners were reminded of the impact our actions can have on a young person's sense of love, acceptance and belonging. Teaching strategies to support wellbeing and to build relationships skills is critical. It is also important to help children navigate difficulties with relationships as well and remembering to celebrate success. Relationships matter, other people matter. Teaching children forgiveness, living with integrity, trust, compassion, and hope is a great way to build and model healthy connections and enhance their wellbeing for the future and act as a good reminder for us all.

Have a good week,

Kerri Gould



Forgiveness Integrity Trust Compassion Hope

# We are all connected Yr 7 & 8 Reflection Day



I liked Reflection Day because we had beautiful scenery and I liked being with my friends. I liked the pizza activity because we got to write about ourselves and the things that we like and when we put it all together it made a pizza of everything we like and is important to us. Jett - Year 7

I like Reflection Day because I got to learn about people in my class that I don't usually speak to. I really liked playing the Parish Priest game because it was inclusive, and you got to work as a team and were allowed to be loud. Louie – Year 7

I really enjoyed spending time with the people who I don't normally spend time with at school, especially during recess and lunch. It was a good way to reflect on everything I have done this term and reflect how I have led this year and on being a leader next year. It was also good to have a break where we can have fun and do activities and not think about schoolwork. **Macy-Year 8** 

It was really fun because we had lots of activities to do, and it made learning about each other fun. I loved vacuuming the sand off the floor to help out. Lots of people wrote that I was funny and I am. I liked playing the Parish Priest game because you had to work with your teammates without letting anyone know your plan. I liked having a break and not doing schoolwork. **Aaron -Year 8** 



# Eco-Literacy

Our environmental spaces at Cardijn College Galilee help children to build strong connections with each other and creation. Whether it be creating chocolate cakes in the mud kitchen, setting up a Mulberry tree shop, creating their own perfumes, or building cubbies in the almond orchard; you will see children making sense of their world and learning through play.

Through engaging in environmental spaces, children develop a sense of belonging to an area, and they weave stories that carry meaning for them many years into the future. This connection to spaces also fosters a sense of wider environmental responsibility and leadership among many students.

In Laudato Si, we are encouraged to care more deeply for our common home. Simple steps can make a difference, like putting food waste into the Green Council Bin instead of the landfill bin.

**Do you have any pots or pans that can be recycled as play items?** Students who play in the mud kitchen would appreciate any old pots and pans that you don't need. Children also use the pots to collect mulberries from the trees. Any donations of pots and pans would be gratefully accepted.

#### Worm Farms

The Youth Environment Group have now supported students from each stage to set up their worm farms. Worm farms are useful for recycling food scraps, and they also help to create rich fertilizer for the garden.

Thank you, Kerry Janssan







If your child is going to be absent, late, or leaving early please notify the office by SMS on 0407761162 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** p 0488287552

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**Galilee Playgroup** Mondays during term time 9am – 10.30am Melanie Wilson p 85579000

Second-hand uniform Opening times Wed 8.30am – 9am and 2.45pm – 3.30pm and Fri 2.30pm – 3pm

## **KEY DATES**

## TERM 4

Mon7 Nov	Final 2022 School Tour 5pm
Fri 11 Nov	Reception Transition Remembrance Day
Tues 15 Nov	Vales Youth Forum
Thurs 17 Nov	Cardijn Term 4 Music Night
Fri 18 Nov	Reception Transition
Mon 21 Nov	Year 7 2023 Parent Info Session 6pm
Thur 24 Nov	Year 6 Reflection Day
Fri 25 Nov	Reception transition
Tues 29 Nov	Thanksgiving M ass
Wed 30 Nov	Primary School TAG Championships Year 8 Camp Mylor (return Fri 2 Dec)
Fri 2 Dec	Reception Transition
Mon5Dec	Year 7-9 Swimming Carnival
Tue 6 Dec	Year 5 Become Presentation
Wed7Dec	Market Day
Fri 9 Dec	Reception 2023 Info session Community Carols 6pm
Mon 12 Dec	Whole School transition
Tue 13 Dec	Yr 6 Celebration of Learning 6pm
Wed 14 Dec	Last day term
Thur 15 Dec	Pupil Free Day
Fri 16 Dec	Pupil Free Day
TERM 1 2023	
Mon 23 Jan	Office Re-opens
Mon 30 Jan	Meet the teacher day (more info to follow)
Tues 31 Jan	First Day Term 1