



# TOGETHER WE GROW

## Dear Parents/Carers,

### Building work

Finally, after mentioning the build back in Term 1, the initial construction stages of the new building have begun. Horizon Construction Services are our builders and will be working on the construction of the new building, fence along Quinliven Road and the new entrance to the car park over the next 10 months. It is a really exciting time with the builders beginning their work and delivering the design from the architects – Tridente Boyce. As you will have noticed access to our site has changed a little with only vehicular and pedestrian access via a new entrance south of the old car park entrance on How Road. I ask for your patience and cooperation while these works are in place. I also ask that cars are not parked on the nature strip outside the builder's compound or the car park as this causes congestion and is dangerous for pedestrians walking to the How Road crossing, and can also attract a parking fine from council inspectors. Safety, as I am sure you will agree, is paramount to all of us in the community.

## Class Placements

Class placements have begun in earnest. We use a variety of information to place students into classes. Please remember that as we move to single year classes in 2022, we will be splitting students into one of two possible classes from Reception to Year 6.

### Reception 2022 Transition

Over the last few weeks, Cardijn College Galilee have welcomed 34 new Reception 2022 students to the school through our transition programme. The children have been learning about school as they listen to Mrs Gregory read stories, play games and teach songs and take them on walks to familiarise them with the school. We believe that these visits help the students to develop confidence and settle into school successfully in preparation for next year. They will continue to transition into school on Thursdays for the rest of this term. It has been great for me to be involved with this and to see the children's smiling faces as they transition into our community.

Have a great week everyone

Nick Wright

Head of Campus





# Healthy, thriving learners

## Drink Bottles

Recently we have noticed an increase in the number of students coming to school without a drink bottle. As we know our body is made up of approximately 70 percent water and our body loses water throughout the day. For children, the amount of water needed will vary depending on the amount of activity they do, the weather temperature, and their diet and health. As a general guide, children up to 8 years of age should have a minimum of 4-5 cups of water a day. Children above 8 years old require at least 6-8 cups of water a day. Due to COVID restrictions water fountains cannot be used. As the weather gets warmer, it is very important to make sure **your child is bringing a drink bottle filled with water to school each day**. When children are thirsty, they get tired. In fact, studies show that not replenishing the body with water is the number one trigger of daytime fatigue. Children need water to help them to focus and support learning.

## Outdoor Classroom Day 4<sup>th</sup> November

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. On the day, thousands of schools around the world take lessons outdoors and prioritise playtime. Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. Play not only teaches critical life skills such as resilience, teamwork, and creativity, but is central to children's development. At Cardijn College Galilee we are fortunate to have many opportunities to learn in and with our beautiful outdoor environment! As the weather improves take time to spend time in nature with your child and enjoy improved health, well-being, and happiness.

*"We have such a brief opportunity to pass on to our children our love for this earth, and to tell our stories."*  
Richard Louv, Author of *Last Child in the Woods*

Wishing you well for the week,

Kerri Gould  
Deputy Head



# We are all connected



## We are all Connected – All Saints' and All Souls' Day

In the Church's calendar, the month of November is a time to think about our connections: past, present and future.

### All Saints'

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, was All Saints' Day. It's about the huge 'family' of which we are a part – the long line of people through the ages who have tried to live their lives with compassion, justice and love. **We** are part of what the Church calls a 'communion of saints', connected through the hope and message of Jesus.

### All Souls'

Then the following day, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, was All Souls' Day and is a time to remember and pray for those who have died. Mrs McLaren's learning group celebrated Mass with the parish and shared their thoughts and prayers of hope and connection.

In our Mary of Galilee Church there is a 'Book of Remembrance' in which you are welcome to write the name of a friend or family member who has died and whom you wish to remember in this way. When we write the name of someone who has died, we are really asking the **whole community to support us, to pray with us.**

So, this month of November offers us a time to hold all those Saints, to hold our own community that tries to act with compassion, to hold all our loved ones who have died and together remember the huge community to which we all belong.

You are very welcome to visit the church any time you have the chance to add someone's name to the Book of Remembrance or to just be still for a moment. Your child's home group may also visit the church for a quiet time of prayer for anyone who has died and for whom they wish to pray.

*Dear God, please help us to treat everyone like a friend and have faith in one another. We are all connected. Help us to keep connected.  
Loving God, hear us.*





# Secret Garden



Back in June we celebrated World Environment Day. The Early Years children became 'Stewards of the Earth' who worked together to prepare our flower beds for the planting of a new crop of flowers. They pulled out the weeds, aerated and moistened the soil and carefully planted a variety of seeds.

As the seeds began to shoot, the garden provided an opportunity for the children to take responsibility for the care of living things. Watering the garden regularly is essential to growing healthy plants and a task that the children are eager to help with.

Exploration, discovery and wonder have now become part of our day as the children excitedly witness the bloom of a new flower.

Our hopes for the flowers...

That they attract bees- Emmalyn

That people are gentle with them – Lucy

We are careful not to step on them or crush them – Mason

Water them and feed them worm juice from the worm farm to help them give us lots of flowers – Akasha

That if someone picks them it is for a good reason, not just to throw on the ground – Lennox

That we stop and smell them – Anabella

The flower beds have not only created a softness and beauty to our outdoor environment, but also a sense of accomplishment to the children who planted them.





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

### School

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### Sr Margaret Ann Connelly

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### Centacare

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### Galilee OSHC

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### Galilee Playgroup

Mondays 9am - 10.30am  
On hold due to COVID restrictions  
Melanie Wilson p 85579000

### PFCG:

pfcg@galilee.catholic.edu.au

### Second-hand uniform

Shop Wednesdays & Fridays &  
2.45pm - 3.30pm

# KEY DATES

Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Reconciliation Workshop
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
	Yr 6 Reflection of Learning Day
	Reception Transition
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> November	School Tour 4pm
	Yr 7 2022 Parent info session 5.30pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Reconciliation Liturgy 6pm
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Transition
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Early Years Excursion Bounce
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 7 Swimming Carnival
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Last day Year 7 students
	Galilee Carols 6.30pm (Booking info coming soon)
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 6 Celebration of Learning
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day R-6 students

## PLAYGROUP NEWS

We are measuring the demand for an expansion of the current playgroup offering at Cardijn College Galilee.

To help us we need your input. If you have pre-school aged children, can you spare a few minutes to complete a short online survey? Please visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B2MHM7P>

And share your thoughts.

Thank you.