



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we made it to the end of the year after beginning 2022 in a very disjointed way with some students at school and some at home with Remote Learning. We have come so far over the last 12 months and have made lots of strides forward as a community of Cardijn College Galilee. From January 31 we will be a fully fledged R-9 Campus of Cardijn College and will welcome our inaugural Year 9 class to our Campus. It will be great that the Middle School will have a new space to call home and also a space that all the students can enjoy with the new library and STEM space. We look forward to officially opening the building to the community early next year.

Carol Concert

Friday night is always one of my favourite nights in the calendar. It was great to see the students up on the stage performing their parents and family. Thank you to the community for supporting this event

Year 6 Celebration of Learning

Tuesday night we came together for the Year 6 Celebration of Learning. This was a time for the students and their families to celebrate their Primary schooling over the last seven years. It is also a special milestone for them as they move into their middle years of learning. We began the night with a smoking ceremony from Nasyah and Tobias Turner, members of the Kurna community who also welcomed us to Country.

The students were presented with their memento pack and both Mrs Guilfoyle and Mr Evans spoke about how wonderful the students in their homerooms have been this year. We wish all our Year 6 students every success in Middle School and beyond and look forward to hearing about them in the future.

Farewells

On Tuesday morning we celebrated the vast contributions that both Sharon Doyle and Karen Edwards have had on the Galilee community over the last 16 years in a special liturgy for them and their families. In their various roles over that time, they have seen lots of change and have always gone about their work with positivity and integrity, I cannot, along with the rest of the staff, thank them enough for all they have given to the students, families and staff over the last 16 years. They go with our blessing into the next chapter of their lives.

At the end of this year, we will also say farewell to Michael Goode, Sarah Wolverton, Liz Tate and Hannah O'Hagan. All have worked hard and given their all to the service of this community and we thank them for the time they have given and wish them well in their future endeavours.

In saying goodbye, we also say hello and welcome to Gemma Currie and Courtney Oxenham, who join us as Year 5 and Year 1 teachers respectively. We are still in the process of appointing an APRIM and also a Year 6 teacher. More information on these appointments will be sent when they are finalised.

Pupil Free Days in 2023

From next year the College will be joining a number of our Professional Development days together at the end of term 1. This will mean that during Week 11 from Tuesday 11 April to Friday 14 April will all be Pupil Free Days. Therefore, the students will finish for the Easter holidays on Thursday 6 April.

Meet the Teacher

As is custom here at Cardijn College Galilee, Monday 30 January is a Pupil Free Day and the day set aside for Meet the Teacher Day for Reception to Year 6 students. This is a time to meet with your child's Homeroom teacher to discuss the forthcoming Year. More information about this, including booking information, will come out in the week commencing 23 January.

Starting back in 2023

Please note that Year 7 students will begin the new school year on Monday 30 January and the rest of the school R-6, 8 & 9 will officially begin on Tuesday 31 January.

Before I end, I would like to say a great big thank you to all the amazing staff here at Cardijn College Galilee for their immense work over the last year. It has been a difficult year for everyone and we look forward to coming back next year refreshed after a well-deserved break.

Last but not least thank you to you as the community of Cardijn College Galilee, we could not do what we do as a school without your constant support, so thank you! Wishing you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a great New Year. Enjoy the break and we will see you all back in January

Nick Wright

Head of Campus

Treasures

As we come to the end of another year, it is a time to reflect. Recently at our Thanksgiving mass we were asked to reflect upon what treasures have come our way this year, and as we farewell two founding, staff Sharon Doyle and Karen Edwards this week, I would like to reflect on the treasures they have given to this community. Sharon and Karen's leadership and contribution to the herb and sensory garden, Sheoak forest, development of the community prayer and Galilee symbol are a few legacies they have given this community. It has been a privilege to work alongside them as colleagues but also to call them my friends. Thank you, Sharon, and Karen for all you have done, and I think the words of the students summarize the treasure they have been beautifully.

Milly: These teachers were kind, gentle, considerate, generous, and lovely. They have a pure heart and a pure soul. They welcome everyone to our school, and we are so lucky to have them. Now they can spread more love to the world.

Kody: No matter what, Mrs Doyle and Mrs Edwards cared for everyone, especially the kids. They welcomed us and helped us when we were sad. They included us in activities. They helped when we needed it and they are leaving now, so we are going to be sad, but happy for them.

James: When I had my first day at Galilee, Mrs Doyle welcomed me straight away. When I was hurt, Mrs Edwards was on duty, and she asked me if I was ok.

Jack E: Mrs Doyle and Mrs Edwards listen to what people think. They are very kind people. They are caring and nice. They show respect to you no matter if your big or small. They respect everyone.

Lexie: They have been great leaders. Mrs Doyle is caring and kind and has a kind heart. She's nice and loving.

Halo: Ms Doyle and Ms Edwards value the voice of the children. Ms Edwards is a loving soul and has a caring heart. They always welcome everyone in our loving environment. Ms Doyle has been with us for years and years. She is, and has always been, welcoming in this environment.

Marley: They are both really, really loving and kind. They love kids they always talk to them. They are good at running stuff. Mrs Doyle is really, really, good at running community prayer and mass. They are respectful.

In the season of Christmas is a time to notice signs of God's love 'born'. It is a time of reflection, hope and deep joy. I wonder. what treasures have been given to you this year? What are you thankful for? What treasures will come in 2023?

May the season remind you of the hope, joy, love, and peace found in Christ.

Romans 15:13

Thank you for your support this year we look forward to seeing you in 2023 and I wish you all a very Blessed Christmas and a great holiday!

Kerri Gould
Deputy Head



Advent...preparing for Christmas

The season of Advent can easily get lost in the pre-Christmas rush but it's a beautiful way for us to keep focused on the amazing story of birth, surprise and hope that Christmas celebrates.

Advent is a time to prepare – hearts and minds – for Christmas Day and God's ever-present love. It's a time we try to notice signs of love and hope - this can be hard when this time of the year is also so busy!

But the story of Jesus' birth is about God's love being found in really difficult circumstances. Remember ...

- .. the long journey to Bethlehem
- .. 'no room at the inn'
- .. the baby laid in a manger, an animal's feed box!

This was not a wealthy family and life for them wasn't easy and yet something remarkable happened! The story asks us to reflect on where and how God's love is 'born'. It might be in the big events, but it is also in the ordinary, the surprising and the really difficult times as well.

Some of our Yr 1 students have noticed God's love in the ordinary ...

*Mum who helps me pack ready for school everyday
Dad who got me my favourite teddy when I was in bed and needed it
Just when I feel warm and snugly in bed
In nature*

May your Advent and Christmas bring love and hope to you and your family.

And speaking of signs of God's love – this community! On a personal note, I want to sincerely thank everyone in this community for your love and support over many years as I move on to other ventures at the end of this year. It has been a privilege for me to work and teach here at Galilee. I have learnt so much and I sincerely wish everyone every blessing and happiness this Christmas and into the future. Thank you! Sharon Doyle





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

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Galilee Playgroup
Mondays during term time
9am – 10.30am
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Second-hand uniform
Opening times
Wed 8.30am – 9am and
2.45pm – 3.30pm
and Fri 2.30pm – 3pm

KEY DATES

TERM 4

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 (information and bookings link will be distributed on Monday 23 rd Jan)
	First day for YEAR 7 students only
Tues 31 Jan	First Day Term 1 (all students on campus)



The staff of
Cardijn College Galilee
wish you a very
Merry Christmas
and a restful Summer holidays!
See you in 2023!

