



Dear Parents/caregivers,

It is hard to believe it is already end of week 3 of term 1! The weeks seem to be flying past. It has been a great start to the year despite the heat, with students settling well and already preparing for their first excursions and camps.

Thank you to those who attended the welcome evening and for the feedback received about the evening and also to the change to the meet the teacher day. We always review events and look at ways to improve and continue to work in partnership with our families.

Parent Engagement Group

This year we would like to form a Galilee parent engagement group. Come along to a coffee and chat with me after community prayer on Wednesday 19 February to hear more about this group. However, if you would be interested in being part of this group and are unable to make this gathering, please let us know of your interest via email info@galilee.catholic.edu.au. We are also holding a volunteer information session after Galilee Gathers on Friday 21 February, and we will have laptops available to help anyone with initiating the clearance process to become a volunteer.

Language Lessons

Our new language teacher started this week, Joel Crayton-Olsder. Joel is an Italian teacher which means students are now learning Italian. Galilee used to teach Italian, and we look forward to continuing the tradition of Italian being taught on our campus. This week we also have a new Middle School teacher – Anita Roberson who will be teaching some English, Hass and Religious Education lessons to Middle School students. Please help to welcome Joel and Anita to our Galilee community.



Road Safety

We have noticed the growing congestion of traffic on How and Quinliven Rd at drop off and pick up times due to the changes to neighbouring school hours. We have increased staff presence and we ask for your assistance in using the designated crossing areas to cross the road and not to walk through or call your child to your car so you can pick them up when waiting in traffic. Please wait until safely parked. Thank you for your patience, understanding and for helping us to keep all safe.

Please also note our gates shut at 9.05am and open in the afternoon at 2.45pm. If you arrive or need to collect your child between this time you need to enter via the front office and wait in the office and staff will arrange for your child will come to you.

Galilee Expectations

This year we have new Galilee Expectations. Previously students in year R-6 followed the 5 R's and students in year 7-9 the 5 C's. We now have 4 expectations across the campus which are aligned to the Marist Charism and Galilee symbols.

- We are Welcoming
- We are Respectful
- We are Compassionate
- We are Committed

You will see posters in home rooms and the front office which explain more about each expectation, and I look forward to sharing more about these expectations at a future Town Hall gathering.

Pilgrims of Hope

This year's Marist theme 'Pilgrims of Hope' which is also the theme for this year's Jubilee Year in the church. Every 25 years the church celebrates the Jubilee. The Pope declared that this year's focus on hope is for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the pandemic and climate crisis. I am sure you have hopes for your children as they begin a new school year. At the beginning of each year as a campus leadership team we discuss our hopes for the campus and we named things such as keeping a small community feel, balance of curriculum and pastoral care focus, supporting needs of students, focus on the Marist Charism and links to our Galilee campus identity, parent engagement and future planning of the site.

As a Catholic school our faith calls us to be people filled with hope. Throughout the year there will be times when our hopes may change, and we may be faced with challenges, along the way, we are asked to keep focused and strive to work together to follow the example of Jesus, to 'look beyond' and to follow the journey that awaits!

Wishing you well for the week.

Kind Regards,
Kerri Gould
Head of Campus

During Week 0, the Galilee staff completed a 1-day formation program called 'In the Marist Way', led by the formation team from Marist Schools Australia. It was a great opportunity to come together and learn more about the history of the Marists, understand the story of St Marcellin and what inspired him and to think about how we live out his vision and mission as part of being in a school in the Marist tradition.

One of the aspects of this formation that really got staff thinking and talking, was looking at the 5 Marist characteristics that we focus on in school and how we live this out in our own school environment. These characteristics are: Family Spirit, Presence, Simplicity, Love of Work and In the Way of Mary. We are going deeper with these through prayer and formation and by taking photos of where we see these in action in our community.

Family Spirit



Simplicity



Love of Work



This week, we welcomed everyone back to the new school year in our Catholic tradition, by celebrating our Welcome Mass. Father Josy led us in this celebration, focussing on the Jubilee and Marist theme- Pilgrims of Hope: Look Beyond. This year we are all invited to build hope in our community, by taking daily actions to show kindness, compassion, love, empathy and understanding. As St Marcellin showed us during his life, a time of great turmoil, its important that we can 'look beyond' the challenges we face to find practical ways that we can make a difference in the lives of the people we encounter every day.



Social Justice at Galilee

Social justice and working for the Common Good, is an important part of living out our Catholic values here at Galilee. As such, we have two social justice groups that students are invited to be a part of. These groups are already well underway, and new members are always welcome! If your child would like to be a part of one of these groups, or would like to find out more, they meet at the following times:

Mini-Vinnies (Years 3-6)- Tuesdays at 2nd OL in the library

YCS (Young Christian Students-Years 7-9)- Thursdays at 2nd OL in the STEM space

Please contact myself, Kim Calderbank, if you would like any more information about these groups
kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au

PRAYER & LITURGY







As a Catholic School, both prayer and liturgy are important aspects of faith development and formation. Our Wednesday morning Community Prayer, is a beautiful way to come together and pray as a community. The students are introduced to new ways to pray, they are encouraged to reflect on various themes and ideas and are invited into their own relationship with God. Masses and Liturgies, which are on Tuesdays, are more formal prayers as a community, where students are introduced to and engaged in different rituals in the Catholic tradition and are exposed to sharing the Word and the Sacrament of Communion. Families are very welcome to join us for these celebrations and each newsletter will include a list of the upcoming prayers and celebrations and which class/es are leading them.

Week	Mass Tuesday 9:15	EY Liturgy Tuesday 11.30	Community Prayer Wed 9:00
4 Mon 17 th Feb 6 th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr 7 Camp	Year 3 Janssan		Year 1 Forbes/ Little
5 Mon 24 th Feb 7 th Sunday Ordinary Time	n/a		Year 4 King
6 Mon 3rd March 8 th Sunday Ordinary Time Ash Wednesday- Lent	n/a	Ash Wednesday Year 3-9 Mass 9.15 Wed McLaren R-2 Liturgy 11.30 Wed Balacco/ Munro lead	
7 Mon 10 th March 1 st Sunday of Lent International Women's Day	Year 5 Mountford		Year 1 Oxenham
8 Mon 17 th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent St Patrick's Day- 17 th Harmony Day- 21 st	n/a		Year 7 Goode & Guilfoyle
9 Mon 24 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent World Water Day- 22 nd	Middle School Anderson Annunciation of the Lord		Year 5 Mountford
10 Mon 31 st March 4 th Sunday of Lent	n/a		Year 4 McLaren
11 Mon 7 th April 5 th Sunday of Lent	Year 6 Hogg	Reception Last Supper Liturgy	Yr 5 Westover Stations of the Cross (Yr 3-9)



The Power of Reading Together

Dr. Seuss once said, **“The more you read, the more you know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”** Reading is more than just words on a page—it’s a gateway to knowledge, imagination, and connection. One of the best ways to support your child’s development is to read with them. Here’s why:

-  **Language Skills** – Exposure to diverse vocabulary and sentence structures strengthens communication.
-  **Knowledge** – Books introduce children to new ideas, cultures, and concepts.
-  **Empathy** – Stories help children understand emotions and navigate different perspectives.
-  **Connections** – Reading together creates special moments and strengthens bonds.

There’s no right or wrong way to read—whether it’s one book a day or a few pages at a time, in one language or more. The key is making reading a regular part of your child’s routine.

Join the Premier’s Reading Challenge!

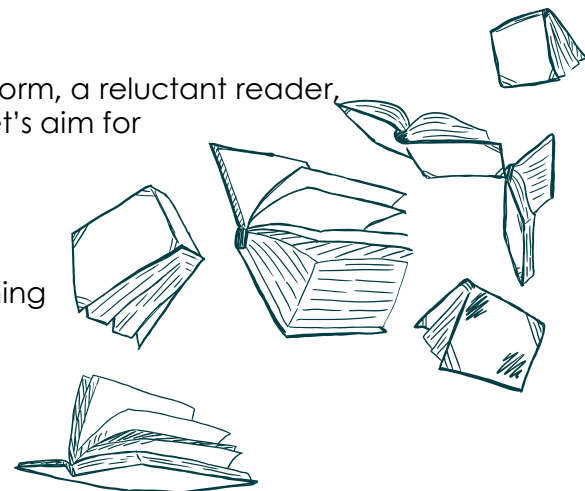
At Cardijn College Galilee, we foster a love of reading through the **Premier’s Reading Challenge**, a fun and engaging literacy program that encourages students to explore quality literature. The goal? **Read 12 books** between the start of the school year and early September!

- ◆ **Reception – Year 6:** 8 books from the Challenge booklist + 4 of their own choice
- ◆ **Year 7 – 8:** 4 books from the booklist + 8 of their choice

Every student who completes the Challenge receives an award from the Premier—a certificate or medal!

No matter your child’s reading habits—whether they’re a bookworm, a reluctant reader, or just discovering what they love—the Challenge is for them. Let’s aim for **100% participation** this year!

Happy reading!
Bec Little
Director of Teaching and Learning





We are excited to introduce Galilee's two Primary School Environment Leaders, Frankie and Sadie as well as Galilee's Middle School Environment Reps, Airlie, Lucy, Essie, Ethan, Chelsea Ava & Ruby who are ready to take action and make a positive impact around our school! These passionate students have been selected for their commitment to the environment and their creative ideas for new projects to help make our school more sustainable.

Our Primary School Environment Leaders will be working closely with the Middle School reps to organise exciting activities and initiatives. They will also attend Green Adelaide's Environment Forums to connect with like-minded students from other local schools and bring fresh ideas back to Galilee.

One of their first projects will be hosting fun and engaging activities during the **Environment Lunch Time Club**, which takes place **every Wednesday during 2nd Outside Learning times**. All students are welcome to join in these lunchtime activities and help make our school a greener place!

Carmen Moyse
Eco Literacy Coordinator

FIRST NATIONS



Last week, as part of Galilee's First Nation Education Program, both First Nation students and their buddies gathered together to have a 'Meet and Greet.' As the group has now increased in numbers, it was a wonderful opportunity for students to play some get to know you games and hear about the work that was done by last years' group.

For Term 1, we are focusing on actioning Galilee's Indigenous Garden Trail. Thanks to the Green Adelaide grant Galilee won last year, we have the opportunity to create this special trail that will highlight Kurna plants and culture. The students will be taking an active role in shaping this project, which will be an inspiring and educational experience for the school community.

We are also excited to be working closely with Susan Roberts, a Kurna Elder, to create signage for the trail. Susan's deep knowledge and connection to the land will bring invaluable insights, ensuring that the trail is meaningful and respectful of the rich history of the Kurna people.

Carmen Moyse
First Nations Education

Call to Action

Galilee is updating our Reconciliation Action Plan – Would you like to be a part of it and have your voice heard?

We are looking for a team of interested people to gather after school during this term to discuss and plan Galilee's R.A.P.

Further details to come regarding dates and times.

Please register your interest at the Front Office or speak with Carmen Moyse if you would like further information.

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SUMMER HOCKEY

Friday Nights

1st Nov – 6th Dec

7th Feb – 14th Mar

7 a side, mixed teams

Prizes for players and umpires

Season playing cost

Under 9 - \$15 per player

Under 13 - \$30 per player

Senior competition - \$40 per player

Family Package. - \$80

Contact Jacqui – 0419 831 549

Team registrations close 18th October

ALDINGA SPORTS COMPLEX,
PORT ROAD, ALDINGA



9&U COME & PLAY DAY!

ALDINGA NETBALL CLUB

Saturday 15 Feb 10am-11am Port Road, Aldinga

9&U = born 2016-2019



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

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Church

Fr. Josy Sebastian 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 – 9.15am
Fri 8.30 – 9.15am
Fri 2.30pm – 3.15pm

KEY DATES

2025 TERM 1 Campus Calendar

Week 4

Tue 18 Feb	Mass - Year 3 Janssan Year 8 Eco Literacy Excursion
Wed 19 - Fri 21 Feb	Year 7 Camp
Wed 19 Feb	Community Prayer - Forbes/Little Coffee & Chat with Kerri
Fri 21 Feb	Galilee Gathers Parent Session - Volunteering & Clearances

Week 5

Tue 25 Feb	Year 5 Water Safety Program Year 6 Aquatics
Wed 26 Feb	Community Prayer - Year 4 King
Thu 27 Feb	Campus Tour 9:30am

Week 6

Tue 4 Mar	Shrove Tuesday Year 8 Eco Literacy Excursion
Wed 5 Mar	Ash Wednesday Year 3 - 9 Mass - Year 5 Mountford Rec - 2 Liturgy - Year 2 Balacco/Munro
Fri 7 Mar	Year 5 Excursion

