

Week 3 Term 2 2024



Dear parents/ care givers,

I hope you have been making the most of the beautiful Autumn weather! Term 2 has certainly started with much already happening including R-6 disco, learning conversations, Mother's Day coffee, visit from Hon Amanda Rishworth presenting Galilee with new flags, weekend soccer, sporting carnivals and excursions. It has been a great start to term 2!

Catholic Education Week

This week Catholic Education South Australia celebrates Catholic Education Week. This is an annual opportunity to celebrate the excellent teaching and learning that happens in Catholic schools and reflect on what makes our schools so special. This year's theme centres on Raising Hearts and Minds to the wonder and awe of God's creation through the lens of ecology and stewardship. We are fortunate to have many beautiful places at Galilee which encourage our students to appreciate the wonder and awe of God's creation and our wonderful eco-literacy program encompasses this lens in all we do. A very fitting theme for us to celebrate!

Have you heard this year Cardijn College celebrates 40th years! On Sunday 27th October the College will celebrate this historic anniversary with a special event at the Marian campus Noarlunga. Please mark this date in your diaries and watch out for more information about this event to come.

Welcome Karno Martin

Karno Martin is a Cultural Advisor in Residence facilitated through Catholic Education South Australia. He will be working with different homegroups throughout the year. Karno will run a program focused on Aboriginal History, culture, art, music, and dance. We welcome Karno to Galilee.



Uniform

In week one, it was lovely to meet with families and share designs for the new R-6 uniform. Thoughts from staff, students and families were used to create a uniform that can be inclusive, while upholding high standards and meeting practical and wellbeing needs of primary students.

The decision was made to move forward with one sports uniform for student in R-6 and align the colour to the Cardijn uniform. Having one uniform would be cost efficient as families would only need to

purchase one set of shoes and one style of uniform. It would enable students to be more comfortable and active all week at school. I look forward to sharing samples with you all very soon.

Don't forget our next Parent and caregiver engagement group meet on Monday 20th May at 4.30pm in the Emmaus (Middle School) building, all are welcome to join us to build community.

Technology Shed

The new technology shed, located by the oval, is near completion and we look forward to our Middle Year students starting woodwork lessons. The technology shed also has a storage area for maintenance and sports equipment as well as office space for staff to use. It will be a great addition to the opportunities we provide.

Indonesian Goes to School

On Friday 14th June we will be hosting a special day to celebrate Indonesian culture and learning. We will have special guests from the Indonesian embassy coming to Galilee. The day will include signing a memorandum of understanding and an official ceremony with performances and cultural workshops during the day for the students and a special lunch. More information about the details will come home shortly.

I wish you all well for the week. Kind Regards, Kerri Gould



Welcome to Catholic Education Week, a week when we celebrate our Catholic Schools and the great teaching and learning that takes place in Catholic Schools every day. To mark this event, we asked our teachers and students to think about the spaces they love in our schools and how they like to use them. We look forward to sharing these photos in our #LoveMyCatholicSchool social media posts over the









Marist Pilgrimage

At the end of last term, I was fortunate enough to go on a Marist pilgrimage, with other Marists and leaders from around Australia. We visited Greece and Turkey, as we traced some of the footsteps of St Paul in his journeys to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We visited ancient cities, such as Corinth, Phillipi and Ephesus, all places that you will recognise from the New Testament, as Paul wrote many letters to these communities to teach them about how to live how Jesus wanted them to live. We then visited Rome, where we had an audience with Pope Francis, who spoke about how temperance, a moral virtue that helps us moderate our lives and avoid overindulging, can help us to find happiness, rather than rob us of joy. It was quite an experience to hear him speak and visit St Peter's Basillica and the statue of St Marcellin Champagnat in Vatican City. The end of our journey was in France, where we stayed at the home of the Marists, L'Hermitage where St Marcellin Champagnat and some of the other 'Little brothers of Mary', began their mission to educate children, love them all equally and teach them about Jesus and how much God loves them. We climbed the hills of LaValla, where St Marcellin first began his ministry, visited his home in Marlhes where it was snowing and celebrated the 25th anniversary of his canonisation.

Kim Calderbank APRIM

Prayer and Liturgy

The Story of Star Week	Mass Tues 9:15am	Community Prayer Wed 9am
4 Mon 20 th May	Year 4	Pentecost
Pentecost Sunday Laudato Si Week	Currie <u>lead</u>	Class Liturgies
Family Mass- 18 th May Pentecost		
5 Mon 27 th May	n/a	Year 3 Janssan
Trinity Sunday	1, 4	
National Sorry Day Reconciliation Week		Sr Margaret Ann Farewell
6 Mon 3rª June Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Middle School St Marcellin Champagnat Wells lead	Year 5 Mountford
World Environment Day	Woll load	
7 Mon 10 th June 10 th Sunday Ordinary Time	n/a	Year 7 Goode
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Mon 17 th June 11 th Sunday Ordinary Time	Year 1 Oxenham <u>lead</u>	Year 9 Anderson
Refugee Week World Refugee Day		
9 Mon 24 th June 12 th Sunday Ordinary Time	n/a	Rec Turner

Pentecost

This coming weekend, we will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost at our Family Mass, which is at Mary of Galilee Church at 5:30pm on Saturday 18th May. Pentecost is often called the birthday of the church and we recall the Holy Spirit coming to Jesus' disciples and lighting a fire within them, inspiring them to share the good news. On Wednesday 22nd May, instead of Community Prayer, we will be celebrating year level liturgies with a Pentecost fire at the outdoor lounge throughout the day. COME HOLY SPIRIT, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire OF YOUR OVE. SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT and they shall be created. AND YOU SHALL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

Laudato Si' Week

Next week is Laudato Si' Week, a time when we recall the letter that Pope Francis wrote to urge everyone to take actions to care for the earth, to protect it for generations to come. During this week, there will be several lunchtime activities for the students to take part in, the aim being to get children outside and enjoying their natural environment. You will also find a list of family activities attached to the newsletter, that you might like to consider doing at home to mark Laudato Si' Week.

10 family activities to connect with God's creation...

Meander along a beach and search for shells. Splash in the waves and write in the sand.

God bless the beach. Where waves roar and seagulls screech.

"He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names." Psalm 147:4

> Go stargazing and marvel at the beauty of the night sky.

Plant vegetable seeds and watch them grow. Cress, beans and radishes grow quickly.



God bless the seeds we sow, may they thrive and grow.

Take a walk in nature with a camera or device and capture the beauty of the surrounding landscapes, fauna and flora.



Embark on a backyard adventure searching for creepy crawly creatures! Lift rocks, peep under leaves and search amongst flowers. Can you find a snail, slater or caterpillar?

Enjoy a picnic outdoors. Begin with Grace that focuses on the beauty of God's creation.



Dear God Bless this meal and guide us to cherish and protect our wonderful world. Amen

Dear God Thank you for food so yummy, and for family, warm and cuddly. Amen Look up at the sky and count the clouds. Can you find a cloud that looks like an animal?



Embark on a bike ride around your neighbourhood.



Find smooth rocks and paint them with bright colours and designs. Use them to decorate your garden or give as gifts.

"The Lord is my rock" Psalm 18:2



Make a pebble tower. How many rocks can you balance?



How do you balance and make time for God ?



ECO LITERACY

Investigators of the invisible – Yr 3 Play

At the end of Term 1, the Year 3 Homegroups had the opportunity to watch the 'Investigators of the invisible' Play run by Jacqui Hunter from Hunter Gatherings.

The Play compliments the Magic Harvest program and gives students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the importance of soil and of growing your own food.









Volunteers in the Produce garden!

A HUGE thank you goes to the wonderful Produce garden volunteers who have been supporting this outdoor learning space by preparing the beds for a new planting season, adding compost, supporting students with planting and sharing their knowledge while enjoying time in the sun, connecting with others!

If you have some spare time and will like to volunteer in our beautiful garden spaces, please let Carmen or the front office staff know.



Carmen Moyse Eco Literacy Coordinator



World Environment Day

THURSDAY, WEEK 6, TERM 2 PLANTING TREES IN THE WETLANDS

All year levels participating!



Families and Parishoners welcome to join us in the wetlands for some tree-tastic planting!

Contact your child's Homeroom teacher for more information.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



Reconciliation Week – 'Now More Than Ever'

Reconciliation Week is from the 27th May to 3rd June and is a time for all Australians to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This year's theme is 'Now more than ever'.

At Galilee the First Nations' students, buddies and staff have been planning a variety of learning opportunities to acknowledge this special week. All homegroups will be learning about Reconciliation Week in the lead up to week 5. In Reconciliation week all students will have opportunity to participate in lunch time activities, a reconciliation walk around the oval and on the Wednesday 29th May all families are welcome to join us for community prayer and to stay for a coffee afterwards.

At last week's staff meeting staff took part in professional learning provided by Red Dust, an organisation with a mission to 'improve the health and wellbeing of Indigenous youth and families in remote communities' through a variety of programs that they run. The focus of the professional learning was 'Educating ourselves' and we were presented with stories and research to further develop our own understanding of Australia's history.

Thank you to the First Nations' students and buddies for putting together these engaging learning opportunities for the Galilee community.

Carmen Moyse

TEACHING & LEARNING

From May, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities, and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census. To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: <u>www.aedc.gov.au</u>.

Kind regards, Bec Little Acting Director of Teaching and Learning





MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our middle school students have started clubs again for the primary

years students! They're taking charge by running a Sports Club on Mondays at recess and a Cooking Club on Wednesdays at lunch for our eager primary school students. It's a fantastic opportunity for our younger members to learn new skills, stay active, and have fun under the guidance of their older peers.

The middle school students have also been gearing up for the City to Bay fun run with their dedicated Run Club, pounding the pavement and building endurance. Plus, they're not just hitting the track – they're also maximizing their strength and conditioning with our club on a Thursday lunchtime.





Science of Learning Parent information session

Hosted by Bec Little and Tania Guilfoyle

What does a literacy or maths lesson at Galilee look like? What is cognitive load theory and what impact does it have on teaching and learning? What are the key principles of Explicit Instruction?



RSVP info@galilee.catholic.edu.au





If your child is going to be absent, late, or leaving early please notify the office by SMS on 0438 631 312 or email <u>GalileeAbsentee@galilee.catholic.edu.au</u> 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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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

2024 TERM 2	<u>Campus Calendar</u>
Week 4	
Mon 20 May	Parent/Carers engagement meeting 4:30pm
Wed 22 - Fri 24 May	Year 6 Camp
Wed 22 May	Rec-Yr2 National Simultaneous Story Telling Time
Fri 24 May	Mid Year Reception transition and parent information session
Week 5	
Tue 28 May	Parent Engagement session 5:30pm The Science of Learning
Fri 31 May	Mid Year Reception transition
Week 6	
Tue 4 June	Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat - Middle School
Wed 5 June	World Environment Day
Thu 6 June	Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat
Fri 7 June	Mid Year Reception transition



Milo's first day in a classroom