



**Dear Parents/ carers,**

It was lovely last week to gather with some of our volunteers before community prayer for breakfast and a coffee. We thank everyone for your support and service to our community. As we move towards the end of the year preparations are in full swing for 2025. I am pleased to let you know that we look forward to many more opportunities to grow volunteer input and community atmosphere on our campus. Next year we are planning to celebrate a grandparent's morning, Together We Grow Day and at the start of the year instead of the meet the teacher pupil free day we are introducing a Welcoming evening for parents with homerooms open and teachers available to drop by and introduce yourself and meet other families and gather information about your child's year of learning. More details about these activities will be given out at the beginning of next year.

Next year we also look forward to sharing details about the future planning for the Galilee campus. In 2024 we have been busy working with architects, along with Catholic Education planning and development team and look forward to sharing details at a Town Hall in the new year.

**Staffing Information**

This time is also a time of movement for some staff and also a time to welcome new staff. In 2025 we are introducing a new teaching position – Diverse Learning Teacher. This teacher will work closely with our inclusion team to support the learning needs of our students. Next year we welcome Jasmin Munro as our Diverse Learning teacher. Jasmin will also work part time as a class teacher, and we also look forward to welcoming new teaching staff Daniel Foureur, Emma McKinnon and Taylor Jonas and a new inclusive education assistant Sonja Stephenson. Along with welcoming staff sadly the end of year also involves farewelling, and we wish Tina Shen and Sophie Way all the best on their continued teaching journey and will thank them for their contribution to our community at our final community prayer.

Please note, student's R-9 reports will be sent home via email, there will also be access to a letter confirming your child's homeroom placement and further information regarding staffing appointments at the end of term.

## Transitions

This time of the year is a good time to reflect on our achievements and growth in this past year. It is also a time to begin transitions in readiness for the following year. This may mean transition from kindergarten to school or primary to secondary school or from one year level to the next. We know for some children at the end of the year they can be anxious or nervous about moving into a new class the following year.

For any transition, good communication and understanding the needs of everyone involved is very important. Parents and caregivers can support teachers by reinforcing positive messages to children about their school experience. Listening to their children, giving them opportunities to discuss what they are looking forward to as well as what they might be concerned about. This can also be an ongoing conversation after the school year has started so that if any issues arise during the first days and weeks, they can be discussed.

If you have a child anxious when considering transitions:

- Discuss and normalise common worries/concerns.
- Take time to prepare – find out what your child needs to be prepared (uniform, food, books etc)
- Review and rehearse strategies for making friends.
- Let them know they can talk with someone about it.
- Take time to discuss what children want to improve and what they would like to learn next year and celebrate their achievements this year.

Please reach out if you have any questions or need support.

## Preparing for Christmas

The Christmas pageant often marks as a reminder that Christmas time is near. In the Catholic church the time before Christmas is called Advent. The Advent Season is the four weeks before Christmas day. It's 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!

The story of Jesus' birth is about God's love being found in difficult circumstances. This was not a wealthy family and life for them wasn't easy and yet something remarkable happened! The story can give us cause to reflect on where and how God's love is 'born'. It might be in the big events but it's also in the ordinary, the surprising and the really difficult times as well. During Advent we try to look carefully and notice signs of God's love 'born'. It is a time of reflection, hope and deep joy.

I ask families to be mindful of this special time and the giving of Christmas cards and candy canes to classmates, is not needed nor is it encouraged. It can create added stress on others who may not do this or if someone misses out. As a campus, we support healthy eating. Staff will work with students to recognise and celebrate Advent and Christmas and there will be events to say thank you and reflect on the year. One such event will be our Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday 26 November at 9.15am which we will reflect on all we have learnt this past year, and we will also send forth our year 9 students. All families are welcome to join us for this celebration.

*May the season remind you of the hope, joy, love, and peace found in Christ.  
Romans 15:13*

I look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you next week at our Christmas carol evening (fingers crossed for great weather)!

Wishing you well for the week,  
Kerri Gould



## Advent- A time of waiting and hope

As we enter this special time of year, with shops bustling and people hurrying in all directions, it's easy to forget to pause—to be present, grateful, and kind. Amid the rush, Advent calls us to slow down, to be awake and open to the signs of God in our everyday lives.

Sunday, the 1st of December, marks the beginning of Advent, a season of waiting with anticipation and hope. It is a time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas—a surprising and transformative event where God became one of us through Jesus. This season invites us to notice the sacred in the ordinary and to make room for God's presence in our lives.

Our Year 4 class recently reminded us of this hope during their Community Prayer, where they reflected on the theme of hope through their own experiences and the words of Scripture. They explored Isaiah 9:2-7, which speaks of a great light shining in the darkness and the promise of a child who will bring peace and justice. The students shared how they see this light in their own lives—in acts of kindness, caring for one another, and trusting that even in challenging times, God's love is always present. Their reflections remind us that hope is not just a feeling but a response to God's promise of peace and renewal, calling us to be bearers of this hope in our own lives and communities.

Throughout Advent, our school community embraces this season by exploring the Christian symbols of Christmas and reflecting on the journey of Mary and Joseph as they prepared to welcome Jesus into the world. We read scriptures that encourage us to remain awake to the signs of God in the ordinary and to bring hope to those in need through our words and actions.

This Advent, we invite you to reflect on the hope that sustains us, to pause and recognize God's presence in the world around us, and to share the true meaning of Christmas with your families. May this season be one of peace, love, and renewed hope for all.

### A Prayer for Hope

Loving God,  
In this season of Advent,  
fill our hearts with hope.  
Help us to see Your light in the darkness,  
and to share Your peace and love  
with those around us.  
May we trust in Your promises  
and be bearers of hope in our world.

Amen.

1st Week of Advent

# HOPE





## Volunteers Breakfast

Last week our school community came together to honour the many volunteers who have generously given their time and talents throughout the year.

From assisting in classrooms to organising events, coaching sporting teams, covering library books and supporting in the garden, our volunteers have played an invaluable role in enriching the life of our school.

To show our appreciation, we held a special Volunteers breakfast with coffee and delicious food.

Following this, the Year 5's led Community Prayer, with a focus of gratitude for the selfless service of our volunteers and asked for God's blessings on their lives.

We also thank all the volunteers who were unable to make it to this event, thank you for your kindness, generosity and for the difference you make in the lives of our students and families. May God bless you all and we hope to see you back in 2025!



## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal has officially started! Each year at Christmas, we collect non-perishable food items and Christmas goodies and gifts for the local St Vincent de Paul Christmas hamper collection. These hampers are given to families in our local area who are doing it tough this Christmas.

Everyone deserves to have some joy at Christmastime, and this is just one of the ways that we can help spread some joy into someone else's Christmas.

The Mini-Vinnies social justice group have places a Christmas basket in each classroom with a list of things that can go in it. If you are able to give anything, please send in with your child and they can place these in the baskets. The Mini-Vinnies will gather later this term to sort these items and make up some hampers for local families. We thank you for your generosity and support!



## YCS Christmas Party

On Tuesday afternoon, the 19th of November, our YCS students across both the Marian and Gallilee campus met to celebrate this year's achievements and to enjoy each others' company. We enjoyed a Christmas lunch, put on by the Marian YCS'ers, and desert, put on by the Galilee YCS'ers. It was a fun evening of community across our campuses.





## Prayer and Liturgy

Week	Mass Tues 9:15	Community Prayer Wed 9:00
<b>7</b> Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> November 34 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	<b>Thanksgiving Mass &amp; Year 9 Sending Forth</b> Whole School 9 Anderson lead	n/a
<b>8</b> Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent  <b>3/12 Year 6</b> <b>Celebration of Learning 6pm</b>	n/a	<b>Rec</b> Turner Nativity Play



# Mini Vinnies



**CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

**BRING JOY TO A FAMILY**

**IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS**

**PLEASE BRING IN NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**

**SUCH AS...**



**CANNED FOOD**

**CEREAL**

**BISCUITS AND CHOCOLATE**

**LONG LIFE MILK**

**TEA**

**SOUP**

**BOTTLED WATER**

**RICE**

**PASTA**

**CONFECTIONARY**

**CANNED HAM**

**UHT CUSTARD**

**CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS**

**MINCE PIES**

**CHRISTMAS CRACKERS**

**TOYS AND GIFTS**





**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO KIM CALDERBANK**







## Southern Environment Forum: A Fun and Inspiring Day for Our Environment Leaders!

Our Environment Leaders recently attended the final Southern Environment Forum of the year, held at Southern Vale Christian College, Morphett Vales Campus. The event was a fantastic opportunity for the students to reconnect with the other schools and learn more about the environmental initiatives across the region.

One of the highlights of the day was presenting Galilee's Butterfly Garden project, where our students shared the progress they've made in creating a vibrant, pollinator-friendly space on our school grounds. It was inspiring to hear about the exciting sustainability projects from other schools, which sparked new ideas for the future.

The students were taken on a tour of Southern Vales Christian College, where we saw their impressive environmental initiatives, including eco-friendly gardens, composting systems and their plans for an Indigenous Garden. After the tour, everyone enjoyed a delicious shared pizza lunch, followed by a fun chasey game of 'Herbivores and Carnivores' using water pistols!

It was a fantastic day full of learning, collaboration, and fun. The students are excited about the positive impact they can continue to make on our environment, and eager to take part in more sustainability projects in the future. A big thank you to Southern Vale Christian College for hosting such a great Forum!

Carmen Moyse  
Eco Literacy Coordinator







## Year 8 Homegroups Visit Aldinga Washpool: Exploring Nature and First Nations Perspectives

Recently, our Year 8 Homegroups had the opportunity to visit the Aldinga Washpool, a unique wetland area that is rich in both natural beauty and cultural significance. This excursion provided students with a hands-on experience of one of our local ecosystems while deepening their understanding of First Nations perspectives on land, water, and conservation.

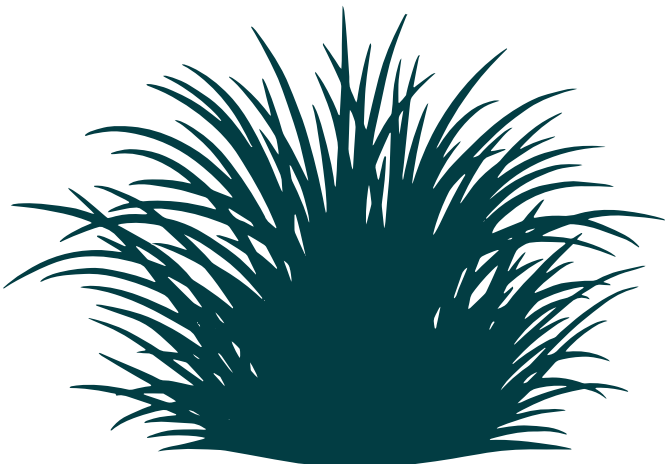
John, a representative from Friends of Aldinga Scrub, guided the students through the area, sharing his extensive knowledge of the Washpool's history and ecological importance. During the visit, he also gave a powerful insight into the deep connection that First Nations People have to this land.

John explained that the Aldinga Washpool has been and continues to be an important place for Kurna People. He discussed how the Washpool has been used for thousands of years as a source of fresh water and food and how the Kurna people's understanding of the landscape and its seasonal changes allowed them to live in harmony with the environment.

The excursion also provided students with an opportunity to see firsthand the challenges faced by the Washpool, including the impact of invasive species. John, as well as other local people, are caring for the land through activities such as removing weeds, planting native species and improving water quality.

The excursion to the Aldinga Washpool gave students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the importance of this special, local place and was a reminder to us all that we have a responsibility to care for the land that we live on.

We would like to thank John for sharing his knowledge with the Year 8 students!





# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Artist in Residence

This term, our Year 8 students have been immersing themselves in the Artist in Residence enrichment subject. Guided by a talented team of artists and art teachers, they have been honing their visual art skills through hands-on workshops and creative exploration. This program has provided students with the opportunity to learn new techniques, experiment with different mediums, and bring their artistic visions to life. We are proud of their dedication and look forward to seeing their creativity continue to flourish!







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](mailto: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

#### School

info@galilee.catholic.edu.au  
p 8550 2200

#### Church

Fr. Josy Sebastian p 83821717

#### Centacare

p 82156311

#### Galilee OSHC

M 0411382054

#### 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 4

### Campus Calendar

#### Week 7

Mon 25 Nov

Tennis Hotshots State Final  
Yr 9 Science Excursion

Tue 26 Nov

Whole school Thanks Giving Mass  
Marcellin Transition Visits

Wed 27 Nov

Mid Year Reception Excursion

Fri 29 Nov

2025 Reception Transition & Liturgy  
Carols Night 6.00pm

#### Week 8

Mon 2 Dec

Reports Emailed  
RE - Yr 9 Transitions

Tue 3 Dec

Year 6 Celebration of Learning 6.00pm

Wed 4 Dec

Middle School Swimming Carnival  
Community Prayer -Reception Turner

Thu 5 Dec

Middle School End of Year Excursion  
Year 9 Dinner 6.00pm

Fri 6 Dec

Academic Award Ceremony  
Last day of School - 3.10pm Dismissal



Photo: Water Play