



Dear Parents and Carers,

So much happens in a school over the course of one week. On the weekend I took part in the City to Bay fun run along with Middle School students who as part of their enrichment subject, 'Steps to Success', have been raising funds for the Marist Solidarity Foundation. This foundation advocates for young people ensuring all have access to educational outcomes. Thank you for your support of their fundraising efforts. Special thanks to Nathan Evans for his coordination of this event and for all staff who came along to support the students running or walking the 6/12 kms.

Last week our butterfly garden area was reestablished. Thanks to Carmen Moyse, Year 6 students and volunteer Andy Coleman and Jeremy Gramp from Greening Adelaide for help and support. We also had a second pergola constructed thanks to Shannon Cox and the Marcellin students. We are very fortunate that our grounds are a rich source of learning and connection with our community and local area.

Ecology of the Heart Retreat

In week 7 I took part in a Marist spiritual retreat. The focus of the experience was on ecology and connection with creation. I am very grateful and feel blessed for attending the Ecology of the Heart program. It was an enriching experience involving a guided indigenous walk in the Daintree rainforest, snorkelling in Fitzroy Island and spending time on beautiful coral beaches. The retreat started in St Augustine's Marist College, and we then spent time in St Monica's Catholic Cathedral viewing the stunning glass stain windows which depict the creation story, as told in the Bible. The experience reminds me of the importance of the beauty and wonder of nature and to be truly present. I am very thankful to the campus leadership team for continuing to support the campus during my absence.

Wellbeing week

Last week we celebrated wellbeing week. Our wellbeing team set up a range of activities to promote peer connection, relaxation, mindfulness, positive relationships, creativity and physical activity. Students were invited to participate at lunch time outside learning. Staff were also treated during the week and the whole school community invited to participate in a special shared lunch on Thursday.

R U Okay Day

Thursday 12th September was R U Okay Day. R U Okay Day is a National Day of Action dedicated to inspiring all people of all backgrounds to regularly ask each other 'R U Okay?' The aim of this day is to encourage Australians to connect with someone and help stop little problems turning into big ones. We know staying connected with others is crucial for our general health and wellbeing. Regular meaningful conversations can protect those we know and love and help access help for those in need.

We encourage you to reach out and ask, 'R U Okay?' and inspire and empower a meaningful connection with the people around you and start a conversation. You don't need to be an expert to start a conversation, just reach out and be a good friend and a great listener is all some people may need. The theme for R U Okay Day this year is: Ask R U Okay? no qualifications needed.

Four helpful tips to starting a conversation:

1. Ask R U Okay
2. Listen
3. Encourage action
4. Check in

Remember if the conversations become too big for family or friends or if you are worried about someone, seek support from a professional. At Galilee we have a great wellbeing team who are there to support you. Just speak to your homeroom teacher for details on how to make a referral.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bec Little who has been appointed campus Director of Teaching and Learning. Bec has been acting in this role this year and we look forward to seeing her continuing work to support our growth in learning outcomes.

I also thank Nathan Evans for his support and leadership in the Acting Deputy Head of Campus position. We are fortunate to have such strength in our staff to achieve such roles.

Car Park and Kiss and Drop

A reminder to all who use our car park and kiss and drop to be respectful and mindful of one another to keep this area as safe as possible for our children and one another. Please exercise caution and please use common sense when parking, being careful not to block entrances and exit routes to other cars.

Uniform

Great news the new uniform has started to arrive, and you can find the new trackpants, shorts and skirt now for sale online and in the Lowes store. Please note there is a two-year turn over to the new uniform and great discounts apply for the current uniform.

Please refer to the links below for the correct uniform guidelines for both Primary and Middle school students. Being mindful that these requirements extend to hair, jewelry and accessories. We thank you for your support, as we know the wearing of the uniform creates pride and school identity.

[Reception - Year 6 Expectations](#)

[Reception to Year 6 new uniform](#)

[Middle School expectations](#)

[Middle school guidelines](#)

Homeroom placements

In term 4 we will begin plans for 2025 which includes making decisions on student's class placements. Teachers give much time and thought to this process and while no requests for teachers can be made if you have anything in regards to your child's needs you would like to be taken into consideration please email these requests to njwalters@cardijn.catholic.edu.au by Friday week 1 term 4.

Wishing you well for the end of term and an enjoyable holiday break!

Kerri Gould
Head of Campus

The Season of Creation, celebrated annually from the 1st September to the 4th October, is a time for Christians around the world to renew their relationship with God and all of creation. This year, in 2024, the theme is "To hope and Act with Creation", encouraging us to nurture both hope and tangible action in caring for our planet. As stewards of God's creation, we are called to reflect on how our choices impact the Earth and take meaningful steps to protect and preserve it for future generations. Let us come together as a school community, embracing hope and committing to sustainable actions that support the flourishing of all life.



In response to Pope Francis' call to care for our common home, as outlined in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, our school is actively working on an action plan to integrate sustainable practices and environmental education into daily life. *Laudato Si'* challenges us to reflect on how we can better care for the environment and support the most vulnerable, and we are committed to answering that call. After a thorough self-assessment, using the *Laudato Si'* 7 goals, we identified WASTE as our main area of need. This links with the goals of 'Response to the Cry of the Earth', 'Response to the Cry of the Poor' and 'Environmental Education'. From this, each building created their own action plan, focussing on aspects that impact the students and staff the most. Our key *Laudato Si'* goals for 2024 are:

Nazareth & Jordan- Wiping out waste through developing better waste systems and encouraging 'Nude Food'.

Cana- Reducing waste by learning more about reducing, recycling and reusing.

Bethsaida- Improving waste systems by introducing additional recycling bins for stationary supplies and introducing 10c recycling to raise money for a local charity.

Emmaus- Educating students about waste through conducting a bin audit, improving waste systems learning to use them correctly.

By taking these tangible steps, we aim to embody the principles of *Laudato Si'* and instil in our students a deep sense of responsibility for the Earth, ensuring that future generations can thrive.

Year 7 Reflection Day

On Tuesday 17th September our Year 7's went to the Maslin's Community Hall for their Reflection Day. The day focussed on our Marist characteristics of Presence, Love of Work and In the Way of Mary. The students looked at things that distract them from being truly present with their loved ones and wrote letters to these distractions, to be more present in their daily lives. They looked at the qualities of Mary and how they can embrace these qualities in their own lives, and they listened to some guest speakers from the YCW (Young Christian Workers) movement about following your passions. They also engaged in some fun activities and participated in some service actions, making seed packets, and felt hearts for our school community.

The following scriptures were an important part of the day:

1 Psalm 119:37- Turn my eyes away from worthless things, preserve my life according to Your Word.

Galatians 5:13- You my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge, rather serve one another humbly in love.



Family Mass

On Saturday 7th September we celebrated a Family Mass with the parish community. Students and family members were involved with the mass by reading, saying the prayers and taking part in the processions. Family masses are a great way to get involved in the community, meet new people and build the relationship with the parish community. **We invite you to join us for our next Family Mass which will be on Saturday 2nd of November.**

Our Mini-Vinnies Social Justice group ran a craft stall to raise money for St Vincent de Paul, raising a total of \$127.50. Thankyou to those who donated crafts for the stall, your donations were much appreciated.



Sacramental Program 2025

Are you considering enrolling your child to celebrate the Sacraments of the Church for 2025? We will be holding an information session in Term 4 on Tuesday 12th November at 5pm in Mary of Galilee Church. If you are interested in attending or finding out more about the Sacramental Program, please contact Kim Calderbank at kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au.



Special Community Prayer

This week you should have received an invitation for a special Community Prayer next Wednesday the 25th of September, to celebrate our new building names and signage.

We have invited some special guests to be there, such as Sharon Doyle, who has been instrumental in the naming of these buildings. We hope that you will be able to join us at 9am for coffee, followed by Community Prayer at 9.30am.

Kim Calderbank
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RSVP

Monday 23 September

info@galilee.catholic.edu.au



This term, the Year 6 classrooms came together to talk about the butterfly garden. This was a very exciting project and we couldn't wait to take part in it. We drew designs of what the space could look like. Everyone's design was different and unique, but everyone had a say in what should be in the garden. We really wanted to add lots of vibrant coloured flowers and native plants to attract butterflies. Some students even wanted to add a little pond and a birdbath! How cool!

During every Science lesson, we all came together to discuss more about the garden. It was really exciting when we went on an excursion to the Botanical Gardens and the South Australia Museum. The Botanical Gardens was fun because we met specialists and saw some endangered species of plants.

The South Australia Museum was fun because we saw different species of butterflies and insects we might see in our garden. We came back to school with lots of knowledge about plants and how to take care of them.

It was really fun planting plants and watching it all come together. The first day we started working, we saw our first butterfly! It was super exciting and we were all very proud of the positive impact we've had on the school.



Hello fellow Gardeners,

At Galilee the Year 6's are taking action in the Butterfly Garden!

We have been a part of the Bringing Back the Butterfly Project and designing, digging, planting, watering, creating artwork and working really hard to take action in our brand-new Butterfly Garden!

This has been the work of the 2023 and 2024 Year 6's Science project-Bring Back the Butterflies run by Ms Moyse, Ms Balacco, Ms Hogg, Jeremy and Andy.

We have had support from Jeremy from Green Adelaide and the Australian Association for Environmental Education.

During the term the Year 6 students visited the Adelaide Museum and the Adelaide Botanic Gardens as part of the project.

At the Botanic Garden we explored what plants butterflies are attracted to in our area, went into the really big plant enclosure/dome and met some important people working really hard to keep plants that are almost extinct safe and alive!

The Butterfly Garden will stay beautiful with our help so everybody can enjoy and learn from this space!

Ruby, Year 6

We all had a role; the planters, the plant waterers, the art group, the diggers, the photographers, and us, the newsletter people! If we didn't all play our part, we wouldn't have made such a beautiful garden.

We really appreciate the support given to us from Jeremy at Green Adelaide and Deidre and Steve from AAEE (or A squared E squared).

And big thanks to Ms Moyse, Ms Balacoo, Miss Hogg, Michael and Harry Galilee's Grounds Team, Andy, who has been volunteering at the school for 10 years and Tess and Margaret for joining us on our excursion day.

Ivy - Year 6





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

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Galilee OSHC

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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 3

Campus Calendar

Week 10

MITIOG

Tue 24 Sept

Mass - Yr 6 Hogg

Wed 25 Sept

Community Prayer - Yr 5 Westover

Thu 26 Sept

CSMF Choir Rehearsal Day & Performance evening

Fri 27 Sept

Last Day Term 3 - 3.10pm Dismissal

Term 4

Week 1

Mon 14 Oct

First Day of Term 4

Cuppa & Chat with Kerri 9am

Tue 15 Oct

Yr 3/4 Robotics & Coding Club

Wed 16 Oct

Community Prayer Yr 3 Janssan

Week 2

Mon 21-Wed 23 Oct

Yr 8 Camp

Tue 22 Oct

Mass - Year 5 Mountford

Yr 3/4 Robotics & Coding Club

Wed 23 Oct

Community Prayer Yr1 Oxenham

Fri 25 Oct

Galilee Gathers

Week 3

Tue 29 Oct

Feast of All Saints - Middle School

SAPSASA Volleyball - Yr7/8

Indonesian Cooking Lessons

Yr 3/4 Robotics & Coding Club

Wed 30 Oct

Community Prayer - Yr4 McLaren

Thu 31 Oct

Become Showcase - Yr 5 & Yr8

Fri 1 Nov

2025 Reception Transition Visits