



Dear parents/ carers,

We have come to the end of another year, and we have many achievements to be proud of and celebrate. I would like to thank all families for the contributions you have made in supporting your children and the campus this year. I would also like to recognize and thank our incredible staff. They make such significant contributions throughout the year. I am proud to lead such a committed, hardworking, and enthusiastic team. And to the students, it is a pleasure to greet them enthusiastically each morning in the car park. Their growth and development are a delight to witness.

Christmas Carols

It was such a shame last week that we had to cancel our carols night. This is not an easy decision to make. Thank you for your understanding as the weather forecast was against us, and much across the state was cancelled on this night! Let's pray next year for improved weather conditions!

Meet the Teacher

As is custom at Galilee, Monday 29 January is a Pupil Free Day as the day is 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 22 January. Please note that Year 7 students will begin the new school year on Monday 29 January and the rest of the school R-6, 8 & 9 will officially begin on Tuesday 30 January.



Farewells

This time of the year is a tricky one in the life of a school as we celebrate achievements of the year whilst we prepare for 2024. On the past two Tuesday nights, we have celebrated and acknowledged the wonderful learning of our year 6 and our year 9 students. We wish them well as they journey into their Middle and Senior schooling years.

At our last community prayer in week 8 we also blessed staff who will be on leave or moving on in 2024. We wish Chelsea Lienert well as she prepares for the birth of her baby and to Sam Kazerani, who joined the Galilee community in semester two this year, we wish him well with his future endeavors.

For anyone leaving our community, remember that you are held, like the hills that hug us, in God's love, and you are always a welcome part of our community.

In saying goodbye, we also say hello and welcome to two new home room teachers Jessica Mountford (year 5) and Tina Huiting Shen (year 2). We look forward to getting to know these new teaching staff next year.

2024 Planning

In 2024 we have much to look forward to including the master planning for the Galilee campus into the future. Architects have been appointed and more land behind the wetlands has been purchased to enable growth of this campus. Please look out for more information about this in the new year.

Student leadership

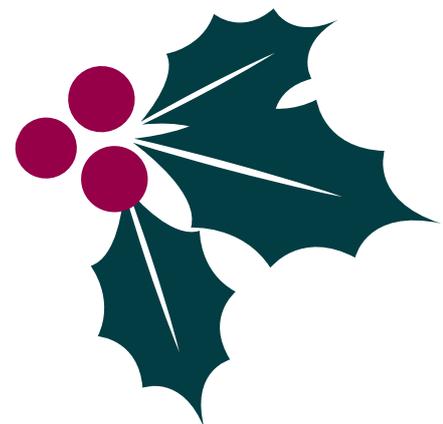
I would like to announce and congratulate our 2024 student leaders:

- Galilee ambassadors – Mackenzie R, Poppy D, and Ari T
- Vice ambassadors - Harriet M and Ivy K
- Mission Captains - Logan T and Sara B

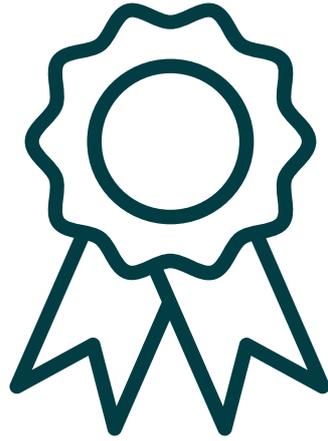
We look forward to their growth as leaders of our community and thank the 2023 student leaders for their contributions to our campus. Sporting captains and environmental leaders will be announced at the start of next year.

In closing I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable and peaceful holiday break in which you can find the time to stop, relax and spend time together with family and friends.

*May the blessing of joy abide within you;
May the blessing of peace rest upon you;
May the blessing of love flow out through you;
May all the blessings of the Lord be yours
at Christmas and in the new year.
~ Author Unknown.*



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Academic Awards

This Semester we had an amazing 77 Academic Award winners from Reception to Year 9.

There were 67 students who received an Academic Endeavour award. These students demonstrated outstanding endeavour in the subjects studied in Semester 2.

There were 10 students who received an Academic Excellence Award. These students achieved A's in both their Academic Endeavour and Academic Grade.

To achieve at the highest level a student must be committed to their studies and strive to achieve to the best of their ability. These students have demonstrated diligence, work ethic and perseverance in their learning and have fully embraced the Marist charism of Love of Work. Congratulations to all our award winners.

Brenda Byrne
Deputy Head of Campus and
Director of Teaching and Learning





Minnie Vinnies

On behalf of the staff, Mini-Vinnies social justice group and the St Vincent de Paul Society I would firstly like to say a huge thankyou to the whole school community for your generosity, compassion and kindness this year with donating to the Christmas Hamper appeal. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of food and Christmas items that have filled the Vinnies baskets and know that they will really help to make a family's Christmas just that little bit more special this year. Thankyou for the time and thought that was given to these donations.

On Friday our Mini-Vinnies group will be meeting at school to sort the donations and create our Christmas hampers, we thank this dedicated and enthusiastic bunch of students who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to raise awareness, raise money and take action on social justice issues they felt passionate about. This year they have organised fundraisers, created care packages for kids in need, had a Vinnies winter sleep-out, cooked for Fred's Van, performed Christmas carols at Eldercare, organised and run the Christmas Hamper Drive and much more. We look forward to seeing what this amazing bunch of students do next year! A reminder that all students from Years 3-6 are welcome to be part of the Mini-Vinnies group, it's a great way to make new friends, take real action in the community and learn new skills.

We thank the staff, families and students who have volunteered to help with the distribution of hampers next week. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas. May you experience the joy of Christmas and remember the true meaning of Christmas with the gift of baby Jesus on that first Christmas. We pray that you all have a very safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing you back in the new year.

God bless
Kim Calderbank
APRIM



Loving God,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen



Invitation to participation Regional Assembly “Our Church”

The Regional Assemblies are a continuation of the 2021 and 2022 Diocesan Assemblies and will involve a greater number of people at the local level in participation, communion and mission. The Regional Assemblies offer parishes, communities and schools an opportunity to engage in mutual listening, developing responses to shared needs, and collaboration for missionary action.

The Regional Assembly for our local area will comprise School and Worshipping Communities located within the Parishes of Willunga, Noarlunga, Morphett Vale, Victor Harbor and Kangaroo Island.

Parish communities are being called to the Regional Assembly to participate in the discussion of ideas to help address local Parish priorities identified from the Diocesan Assembly feedback sessions held in 2022. The Assembly will continue the approach of Synodality – a new way and style of walking together – on display during the Together on the Way themed 2021 and 2022 Diocesan Assemblies. Guest speakers will lead us in discussion of the following themes:

Our Community- What makes a vibrant, contemporary Parish Community and how can we make it attractive enough for youth, children and their families to want to participate?

Our Faith- What do we mean by Faith Formation and what can we do to create opportunities for Faith Formation relevant to all ages and stages of life?

Our Call- How can we work collaboratively to reach out to those most in need in our community? What can we do at a local level to encourage our community to love and care for their environment.

The Assembly is a great initiative of the Adelaide Archdiocese and an exciting step on the road to Parish Renewal.

Date: Saturday 9th March, 2024

Venue: Cardijn College, Marian Campus

Time: Commencing 9.30am and concluding 4.30pm, followed by a Family Mass Willunga Parish

Contact for more info: Garry Triffett: 0402 457 948 or

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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

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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

TERM 4

Campus Calendar

Week 9

Wed 13 - Fri 15 Dec

Pupil Free Days

2024 TERM 1

Week 1

Monday 29 Jan

R - 6 & 8-9 Pupil Free Day

R - 6 - Meet the teacher day
(more info to follow in January)

Year 7's First Day of Term

Tuesday 30 Jan

Term commences for all



Photos: Architects collaborating with students on master plan