Dear Families,

We finished today with an assembly hosted by Year 40 who showed us many inspirational ideas for improving our environment. The students are seeking to bring about action to make a difference to others. I congratulate Year 40 and Miss Otte for their work. Today our Mixed Netball Team, with Miss Hart as coach, finished second among 400 schools and we congratulate them on an outstanding performance. These are two examples of times when we have been proud of the performances of our students.

Our major fundraising event in 2016 is a Trivia Night, held on Saturday August 27th and tickets are still available. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community and we hope to see as many families represented as possible.

The Feast of Assumption was on August 15th and it was a time to remember the importance of Mary in Jesus’s life and that of our own mothers/female guardians.

**NAPLAN**

Our 2016 NAPLAN results can now be accessed and individual student results (Years 3 & 5) will be sent home this coming Monday. Please read the information that accompanies the test results. The results are one assessment and may or may not be indicative of your child’s progress. Our students have scored above the state average and collectively the growth (from Year 3-5) was impressive.

**Curriculum**

Finland’s education sector is recognised as a world leader in utilising teaching methods that enhance the lives of their students. They have introduced a new method for students called phenomenon-based learning which is inter-disciplinary. The approach focusses on the inquiry of the students resulting in a project (also known as project-based learning). Despite Finland’s high academic results they do not place the same emphasis upon standardised testing.

**Pyjama Day tomorrow**

**Remember to book your Galilee Trivia Night tickets**
Principal’s Letter

(such as NAPLAN). In some cases standardised testing can dictate what is taught to the students (teach to the test) rather than address their interests. At Galilee we recognise that NAPLAN is only one type of assessment to report upon student progress. To read more about changes to Finland’s education system, type in the link below.


Year Six Social Justice

This week the Year Six students have been holding a ‘silent-auction’ to raise funds for The Alannah and Madeline Foundation. They have been inspired to follow their inquiry to take affirmative action (not unlike the project-based learning in Finland). On April 28 1996 at the historical Port Arthur site in Tasmania, 35 people tragically passed away. Two small children, Alannah and Madeline Mikac, aged six and three, along with their mother, were victims that day. Because of this terrible act of violence, Alannah and Madeline’s father, Walter Mikac, Phil West and a small group of volunteers, including Gaye and John Fidler who survived Port Arthur, worked hard to set up the Foundation, a national charity with the belief that all children should have a safe and happy childhood without being subjected to any form of violence. It was launched on April 30 1997 by the Prime Minister of Australia. More information can be found at: https://www.amf.org.au/

Musical

Our musical Under the Big Top is a sell-out and tickets can be collected from Monday August 22nd. A reminder that we have our dress-rehearsal on Monday August 29 followed by the performance at PCW on the evening of Tuesday August 30 at 7pm. The students have been practising with their teachers and the staff from Dance World.

Sport

Congratulations to our Mixed Netball Team who competed in the regional championships today. They travelled all the way to Pakenham with their coach Miss Hart and Tegan. They played extremely well and made it to the grand final, mostly against ‘all boys’ teams. They came second and are ranked the second best team out of 400, an amazing feat.

Book Week

Last week we had great success with our annual Book Week Fair and activities. The children and staff looked amazing in their costumes and sales at the book fair were extraordinary, raising over $2000 in profit for the school library. Well done to everyone especially Mr. Martello who did a brilliant job organising all the events for the week.

Parent Community

Today we have sent home our Parents, Visitors and Volunteers Policy that has been referred to in previous newsletters. It has been worked on by the staff and members of the School Education Board. It is designed to establish clear guidelines for communication and behaviour for the Parents, Visitors and Volunteers of Galilee. Please read it carefully before signing it on Caremonkey. Our newly established Code of Conduct (Child Safety) has also been sent home via Caremonkey for you to read. Parent Helpers are also required to sign a hard copy of the Code of Conduct at the school office to be kept on file (same procedure as Working With Children Check).
School Community: Bunnings by Paul Mapley

May I congratulate all those who offered their time and unique culinary skills to contribute and get involved with the Bunnings Barbecue on Saturday August 13th, it was an amazing success. With the 8 o’clock boys getting us off to a flying start, it was then between the hours of 10 and 2 a few of the Mums stepped up and we really hit our straps. As the 2-4 gents, continued the hum to close out a very successful day. Thanks to Simon Greiner, Steve Brooks, Kristian Smythe, Mark Leonard, Maureen O’Reilly, Marco Mirana, Kellie De Burgh, Nic Lamela, Brian Morris, Shane Keating, Angus Smythe, Andy McMahon, Nick Gallinas (on Greek time). A big thanks also to Store 6 for the emergency onions and those who ran errands on the day. It may all feel like hard work sometimes, but the camaraderie on display amongst those on the barbie and those who paid us a visit in support was fantastic. These funds raised will go towards valuable resources within the school, that will create greater opportunity for all our children.

Save the DATE

Next is the Trivia Night Saturday August 27th, so I hope you all have your tables sorted, as it is set to be a great night. I’ve heard there are some amazing auction items. Who will be this years Galilee Trivia Champs? Just remember NO Googling, just out and out skill and teamwork!

Dads Barbecue Thursday September 1st, Sally Callan is the main contact to offer your services and expertise. If you are able to contribute or are able to bring ideas to the table contact Sally asap.

Let’s build a stronger team and create teamwork of great proportions.

Also, the Father/Child Camp to the Wyuna YMCA on November 19/20 is fully booked with approximately seventy people in attendance. It promises to be an wonderful weekend of activities such as: bike riding, archery and boogie-board riding.

DOG’s (Dads of Galilee), “Doing it for the Kids” by Paul Mapley

Simon Millar – 2016 Principal of Galilee Regional Catholic P.S.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Please see the following list of event dates for the remainder of the year.

**Term 3**
- 27th August - Trivia Night St Kilda Town Hall
- 30th August - School Concert PCW Hall
- 1st September - Father's Day Celebration School Yard

**Term 4**
- 10th November - Galilee Art Show
- 25th November - Galilee Foundation Day and Lunch provided for all children
- 12th December - Grade 6 Graduation Mass
- 14th December - Galilee Christmas Picnic and Carols
- 15th December - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

**Galilee Trivia Night and Donations**

We are really excited to hold the 2nd Galilee Trivia Night at St Kilda Town Hall on August 27.

**Bookings are now open for tickets - simply use this link tinyurl.com/GalileeTrivia2016 to secure your seat or get a table together with friends.**

This is the major fundraiser for 2016 and the funds raised will go towards a new sand pit cover and sand, 14 new chrome books to be used in specialist ICT classes, equipment/toys for Learning Street and funds for other school resources/events.

Families are invited to support this event by contributing to a Year Level Hamper.

**PREP - ARTS & CRAFT**
- **GRADE 1** - HOMESWARES, CANDLE, PICTURES FRAMES ETC
- **GRADE 2** - OUTDOORS & GARDENING, POTS, SECATEURS, GARDENING GLOVES
- **GRADE 3** - HOMESWARES - VASES, FRUIT BOWLS, CANDLES ETC
- **GRADE 4** - SPORTS ITEMS - FITNESS TRACKERS, TENNIS BALLS, SPORTSWEAR ETC
- **GRADE 5** - PAMPERING, PERFUME, SKINCARE, MASSAGES, FACIAL ETC
- **GRADE 6** - GOURMET FOOD & WINE

We would also encourage families to donate a good or service based on any or all of the above categories or from your business. Babysitting, Tax returns and Holiday homes gladly accepted!

Michelle – michelle@westgateplumbing.com.au

Sally – sally.callan@gmail.com
Well there’s Hot Pies, but Galilee has HOT DOGS!!

This photo depicts that there is no end that a Galilee parent won’t go, to contribute for their kids and our school. Could this be YOU?

This fine parent, (aka Onion DOG) has done what others before him have only attempted, the Galilee Onion cutting record, of 10 kgs. And for a bloke he has definitely batted well above his weight!

We wish to thank all those parents, DADS and MUMs alike, who contributed their time and enabled our Bunnings barbie to make a sizeable contribution to our school community.

There was definitely some fantastic bonding around the hotplate, that sizzled all day long until we sold out. Thanks also to all those Galileans who came and taste tested and supported the effort.

There were amazing contributions and unsung heroes, so we would like to sincerely thank Shane Jenkins (Fruit Addicts), who provided over 50kgs of sausages/10kgs of onions and to Bakers Delight, South Melbourne contributing to the bread, This gave us the perfect springboard for success.

On the day we raised an awesome $1869 which will no doubt be able to provide resources within the school.

Clearly our DOGs group has gained serious traction in the past months, and we urge any DADS of the school, to join us and be part of making a difference.

Email: paul@beachtennis.com.au so as we can keep you in the loop.

Imagine, Believe, Achieve

Paul
EDUCATION IN FAITH

Week 6, Term 3

Thank-you Grandparents and Special Friends
Thank-you to the Year One students and teachers for preparing a great Mass. A special thank-you to all the Grandparents and Special Friends of Galilee, who attended our Mass, open classes and morning tea.
Thank you to all those Grandparents and Special Friends who bought a book at the Book Fair. We appreciate that you have supported our school and the students education.

Whole School Mass – Father’s Day Mass: Friday 1st September
Our next whole school mass will be at Sts. Peter and Paul’s Church on Friday 1st Sept. 9:30am to celebrate our Father’s Day. The school mass will be prepared by the Prep students and teachers.

WHOLE SCHOOL MEDITATION - Every Friday Morning
At Galilee, we incorporate Prayful Meditation as a regular practice at our school. The whole school participates in prayerful meditation every Friday morning between 8:55a.m. – 9:10a.m. We extend this opportunity to our whole school community. The hall will be set up for parents and those who drop off the students at school, to take a moment from their busy lives to stop and reflect.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Parent only information session for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at:
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middle Park – Thursday 1st September, 7.30pm
St Peter and Paul’s, South Melbourne – Wednesday 12th October, 7pm
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at:
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middle Park – Saturday 5th November, 6.00pm
St Peter and Paul’s, South Melbourne – Friday 18th November, 7.00pm
Please note enrolment for the Confirmation are available in the school office foyer.

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Family Life Victoria (FLV) believe parents and carers are and always will be the primary sexuality educators of their children. The Family Programs emphasise this and assist families to be part of a positive experience of talking about reproduction, pregnancy and birth, including the physical, social and emotional aspects of puberty.

The program is attended by parents/carers and their children and is conducted by trained, experienced educators. It provides a platform to start the conversation in a safe, supportive and non-threatening setting. 40,000 young people and their families participate in Family Life Victoria sexuality education programs every year.

**Session 1: Where Did I Come From? Year 3-4**

*Wednesday 12th October 6pm – 7:15pm (Galilee School Hall)*

*Year 3 & Year 4 Families – Admission Fee $20 per family (+30c booking fee)*

This session supports and acknowledges the many different kinds of families and family relationships. The session will encourage naming of body parts and their functions, building on and extending children’s understanding of conception and fertilisation. Foetal development and the birth process is also discussed.

**Session 2 – Preparing for Puberty Year 5-6**

*Wednesday 19th October 6pm – 7:15pm (Galilee School Hall)*

*Year 5 & Year 6 Families – Admission Fee $20 per family (+30c booking fee)*

This session helps prepare young people and their families for the changes they may expect during puberty. The physical changes of puberty are discussed, emphasising that puberty can be different for everyone. Periods and sperm production is also explained. Some common social and emotional experiences during puberty are discussed as well.

Follow this link to register and pay:

[www.trybooking.com/LZBW](http://www.trybooking.com/LZBW)
The last two weeks has showed how important world events are. The buzz word at Galilee at the moment is ‘Olympics’, wherever you go, whatever you do, you will hear a student or staff member talking about a race, a highlight or a country that is outshining America – Wishful thinking!

Students have been lucky enough to view various races or events throughout the school day, thanks to the amazing technology we have on offer. Students have linked their Maths and English learning to the Olympics through analysing data, drawing graphs, viewing the Medal Tally, looking at Longitude and Latitude coordinates, mapping, reading about countries, looking at the differences in the countries and even chatting about what makes a good sport or leader.

The Olympics have provided an amazing educational opportunity for students and we are lucky enough to be able to link our learning to our Geography unit this term. Students have been investigating the following questions:

**Prep**
- What are places like?
- What makes a place special?
- How can we look after the places we live in?

**Year 1**
- What are the different features of places?
- How can we care for places?
- How can spaces within a place be rearranged to suit different purposes?

**Year 2**
- What is a place?
- How are people connected to their place and other places?
- What factors affect my connections to places?

**Year 3**
- How and why are places similar and different?
- What would it be like to live in a neighbouring country?
- How do people’s feelings about places influence their views about the protection of places?

**Year 4**
- How does the environment support the lives of people and other living things?
- How do different views about the environment influence approaches to sustainability?
- How can people use places and environments more sustainably?

**Year 5**
- How do people and environments influence one another?
- How do people influence the human characteristics of places and the management of spaces within them?
- How can the impact of bushfires or floods on people and places be reduced?

**Year 6**
- How do places, people and cultures differ across the world?
- What are Australia’s global connections between people and places?
- How do people’s connections to places affect their perception of them?

I cannot wait to find out more about what our students have been learning about throughout this busy term!!

Kayla Hart: khart@gsmelbourne.catholic.edu.au
Walk in Their Shoes – Yr 6 Project

A friendly reminder that the Walk in Their Shoes Shoe Auction is open until tomorrow – Friday 19th August, for bidding. Thank-you to those who have already placed bids! Please ensure that if you have yet to have a chance, you take a moment to view the amazing pieces of artwork, available for purchase, that our Year 6 students have worked so hard on. All proceeds made will be donated to the Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

On Friday 19th August, students are encouraged to wear their pyjamas to school. Alternatively, students can wear their school uniform. Lunch will also be available tomorrow for students who have ordered a sausage, hamburger or veggie burger. After lunch there will be a Friendship Group activity with a focus on being unique and always being yourself. At 3:10 we will be showcasing our Friendship Group activity, parents are more than welcome to come and take a look.

The Year 6 students are very excited to share this experience with the school community and they are very thankful for the donations, contributions, assistance and encouragement that you have offered them.

Concert Update

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank a parent who has spent so much time designing and making our Galilee Under the Big Top poster. You would have seen the school. Helen DiNatale you have done an amazing job and we are ever so grateful for the hard work that went into designing it. It looks amazing and we love seeing it around the school, so thank-you again!

Please remember that ticket request forms for the concert must be returned to ensure that you secure your tickets to our wonderful show. Further ticket information will go home shortly.

Costumes are in full swing now, if you are able to assist in sourcing or making costumes please see your child’s classroom teacher. More hands make for lighter work!!

We are getting very excited, but still have lots more to do. We had full school rehearsal on Tuesday 16th August which was very successful and allowed some staff to see the concert in the entirety. We cannot wait to share with you this experience.

If you are able assist in making props needed for our concert (especially for our Year 2 students), please email myself on khart@gbournesth.catholic.edu.au or contact Wendy, Jessica Casey or Kristina Reid.

We look forward to working with you more to make our concert a roaring success. The students are working hard preparing and are excited to perform in front of their nearest and dearest!
GRANDPARENTS'/SPECIAL FRIEND Day was a huge success with 200+grandparents & special friends attending to take part in our mass & open classrooms.

It was a wonderful day & both our children & grandparents/ special friends enjoyed themselves – as you can see by our photos!

A big thank you to Store 6 for supplying the delicious Morning Tea & to our school staff, who worked tirelessly ensuring all received a hot drink and a delicious bite to eat.

A special thanks to the Yr. 1 teachers (with the support of Mr. Maltese), the Yr. 1 children & their grandparents for preparing & reading at mass. It was a very moving mass & we had many, many wonderful positive comments from the grandparents. Well done to all involved. The grandparents also purchased $2000+ worth of books at the Book Fair for their grandchildren & our library.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY – THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2016

A ‘BIG’ thank you to the school community for raising $485 for Jeans for Genes Day!

WELL DONE EVERYONE!
Congratulations to the 50+ families, including several families who will be joining us in 2017, for attending our Parent Forum on Wednesday evening. We had a wonderful representation from all levels of the school and learnt so much from our presenter Georgina Manning – lots of information and strategies to use with our children.

Please find the attached information to read and use with your children.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me here at school.

Julianne Price

**Bright Sparks STEM project 2016**

On the 29th of July six students from year 4 went to Presentation College Windsor (PCW) to take part in the Bright Sparks Science Technology Engineering Maths (STEM) program over three days.

The program involved the year 4/5 students working with two year nine students from PCW. We learnt about some environmental problems and the affect they have on the Earth. The main challenge of the program was building a sustainable house that had to survive some tests such as;

- Holding 250g of weight
- Capturing a certain amount of water
- Having a hair dryer blown on it (to test its strength in high winds)
- Being a certain size and height

On the last day the model houses were tested and ready for the exhibition.

By Lucy 4O
Classroom Helpers

The Classroom Helpers Roster for Weeks Seven to Ten of this term will be distributed tomorrow. As there will be a new Specialist Timetable operating during this time, some Classroom Helpers’ days/times have been affected. Those who are affected have been notified and changes have been made to the last four weeks (until the end of Term 3) of the Roster. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to email or call me at the school. The Classroom Helpers Roster for Term 4 will be issued at the conclusion of Term 3.

ENGLISH NEWS

Literacy and Numeracy Week is taking place in Week 8 of this term (August 29th - September 2nd). As we have already had a very busy term thus far and the students were given the wonderful opportunity of being involved in many exciting maths activities (Numeracy) on July 22nd to celebrate “100 Days of School”, it has been decided that a very low-key, whole school Literacy activity will take place on Friday 2nd of September.

On this day, whilst the Galilee students are eating their lunch, they will listen to a reading (over the P.A. System) of the 2015 Picture Book of the Year, My Two Blankets by Irena Kobald and Freya Blackwood.

My Two Blankets explores a variety of concepts and themes related to friendship, loneliness and belonging. It tells the story of a young girl who leaves her home to settle in a new land (Australia) where she has no understanding of the language. The young girl metaphorically wraps herself in an old “blanket of my own words and sounds”, which provides feelings of safety. She makes a friend in the park who teaches her new words to weave into a new blanket.

I look forward to sharing this story with the students and anticipate that they will derive just as much enjoyment as I have whilst reading this book!

Regards,
Linda Florenca-Grillo
Reading Recovery Teacher/Literacy Leader
lflorenca-grillo@gsmelbourneesth.catholic.edu.au
2016 VISUAL ARTS AND WRITING

SHARED STORIES

CONNECTION & RENEWAL

Final Entry Date: 23rd Sept. 2016

Shared Stories is an annual anthology of creative works by primary and secondary students from Catholic schools across the Archdioceses of Melbourne, Sale and Sandhurst. The anthology forms part of the permanent collection of the State Library of Victoria which is up-dated yearly as an on-going process.

The anthology commenced in 2006 with funding from the Felton Bequest. The concept was imagined in response to the Cronulla riots in Sydney, which challenged us as educators to explore positive and affirming ways of sharing experiences and ideas across cultural and social groups throughout Victoria.

Artworks and written pieces selected will be showcased in the prestigious ‘Shared Stories Anthology Book.’ It is a fantastic opportunity to have a piece of your artwork or writing as part of a book for all to see.

Opportunities may already have or will be given to you to complete work in class or you may wish to complete a piece of writing (e.g. journal, poem, letter, first person narrative, fiction, etc.) or an artwork (e.g. photography, painting, drawing, printing, stenciling and mixed-media) in your own time, linked to the title of this year’s themes:

Connection which has links to family, friendships, community and country, as well as the opportunity to write on technology and social media;

Renewal which can include related themes such as: seasons, hope, spirituality and strength (these can apply to both mental and physical things, humans, flora and fauna).

This is open to all students from Prep – Yr 6.

Please Note:

- Any written pieces emailed to me must be in Times New Roman 12 point Word doc and must not exceed 800 words
- Please do not send any written documents using Pages (Mac)
- Please ensure that each piece includes a title, with your name, year level and name of the school under the title of the piece, at the top of the page
- For each visual piece, you will need the file saved in JPEG or PDF
- Please also supply a Word doc containing the title of the visual piece, your name, year level and name of the school. This could also include a comment on what inspired your piece.

Thank you to those students who have already emailed me their wonderfully detailed and creative stories! I look forward to receiving many more pieces of excellence over this term.

Miss Anastasia Romios
Mathematics Leader P-6/Year 6 HR Teacher
(aromios@gsmelbournesth.catholic.edu.au).
On Wednesday 10th August, Galilee welcomed the 2017 Preps and their families.

The children came into the Prep classrooms to meet each other and the Prep teachers. The children said goodbye to their families and listened to the story *Caps for Sale.* They made their own special hat and learnt about the letter *Mm.*

We would like to thank the children and their families for coming along and we can’t wait to see them at the next transition day.

Miss Fahy and Miss Evans

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**APP WARNING**

As part of our cyber safety program, we endeavor to keep you informed about changes and any concerns we have. It has come to my attention that many students have downloaded the app Musical.ly on personal devices at home. You must be over 12 years old to have this app. This application invites students to record themselves singing a song, and then uploads the video onto their websites. Like Facebook, people can like and share the video. This app also has location services activated so the location of the creator of the video can be easily traced. We strongly believe this app is NOT appropriate for children.

The Galilee email address MUST NOT be used to sign up to any app or website without the school's permission. More information regarding this app, including parent reviews will be emailed to you.

Carlo Martello
Year 2 News

Last week we celebrated Book Week. We got to dress up as our favourite book character. Every class paraded around the basketball court to show our costume. It was so much fun.

Last week the Year Two’s went on an Olympic incursion in the hall. We learnt about Brazilian dancing. We had a lady teaching and talking about the Olympics called Babushka. Babushka was French. She talked about the sports played in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. Here are some of the facts we learnt:

- When the Olympics first started only the Greeks took part
- Girls did not compete in the Olympics in the olden days
- We learnt that the people who competed and won in the Ancient Olympics got an olive reef around their heads.

We did some Brazilian dancing. The girls had to wave their arms around like snakes and take big steps. The boys had to clap and stomp their feet until we heard the word ‘samba.’
GALILEE MINI OLYMPICS

Wow, another fun-filled Friday at Galilee. This time we showcased our Olympic talents to score as many points, runs and goals as possible by working together. The day started off with making masks and a group flag for the Opening Ceremony. The ceremony had a carnival feel with Brazilian music and the amazing masks each student created.

The games began with a quick challenge… Each group had 10 minutes, 1 newspaper and 1 roll of tape to make the tallest tower they could. The time went fast and groups were working chaotically together to make their tower. There were some brilliant ideas, even wrapping students in newspaper to make their tower the tallest. In the end the winning team was Group 15.

After recess the games continued. Each group competed in the Egyptian Egg & Spoon Relay, the Bulgarian Bean Bag Toss, the Swiss Shuttle Run, the Spanish Soccer Drill, the Oman Obstacle Course, the Singapore Sack Race and the Belarus Basketball Throw. All teams worked hard and showed off some great skills, I think we definitely have some aspiring Olympians at Galilee!

Well done to all the students and staff for a fantastic day, I think the teachers were more competitive than the students. Everyone put in an amazing effort. A special thank you to Mr Coaley, Miss Smith & Mrs Ford for your help in organising the day.
A very big thank you to all the parents who helped on the day, without your continued help and support it’s days like this that would not be able to go ahead.

See you in Tokyo in 2020!

Miss Tarren Otte
Dendy District Athletics Carnival!

On Friday the 12th of August students from Years Three to Six that were selected, competed in the Dendy District Athletics Carnival. Ten schools competed against one another to earn points for their school. Once we had arrived and we had got ready to compete, the announcement for the marshalling for the first event got called (800m). First was the 9/10 age group, the boys went first. In a short time the race had finished. Galilee did an amazing job by coming first and sixth in the race. About half way through the 800m races the first field event was called, it was the 12/13 girls High Jump.

Once the 800m races had finished it was time for the Hurdles. Once again we did a great job with a few first, second and third placings throughout the day. As the day went by Galilee kept on trying to achieve our goals. Before we knew it, the end of the day had come. But before the day was over the Dendy Athletics Committee had to announce the results for the most points and the highest percentage. Tension was building all through out the schools, and then finally the results had been finalised. First was the percentage, Galilee had come........ SIXTH!! Which was an amazing effort but we also had a feeling about the points. The head of the Committee looked down at the scores sheet and announced the results. We came..... FOURTH!!! Which was the best Galilee's ever achieved. Overall everyone had an awesome time and we were filled with joy. Thank you to Mr Tobin for his hard work selecting the team!

By Hugh, Camila and Raymond