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Live Love Learn

Dear Families,

The staff were thrilled to welcome back all our students on Monday. The excited sounds of laughter and chatter filled the classrooms, hallways and playground, and we could not be happier to hear this again. Thank you to Bernie Mandile for organising the balloons that welcomed the children as they entered the school grounds. We have been delighted with the manner in which the students have returned to school. They have been able to pick up the routines associated with school life without too much difficulty and have thrived being back amongst their peers.



The children have settled back into school routines and it has been wonderful to see them together in their classrooms.

I would like to thank the entire community for the outstanding roles they played during Remote Learning 2.0:

-to the students, for engaging positively in online sessions and completing the set work
-to the parents, for your support and patience throughout Term 3
-to the staff, for their hard work and dedication to ensure Remote Learning ran as smoothly as possible.

A reminder that next Friday 23 October is a Public Holiday.

Drop Off/Dismissal

Morning Drop Off

- 8:35am Siblings (family groups) arrive

Prep siblings are to enter via Learning St gate and go straight to their classroom
Years 1-6 siblings enter via the main gate and line up on the

basketball court with their teacher

- 8:40am - 8:50am All non-siblings arrive. Preps enter via Learning St gate and go straight to their classroom Year 1-6 enter via the main gate and line up on the basketball court with their teacher
- No parents/visitors will be allowed on the school grounds.
- Parents are asked not to gather in groups outside the school gates and to observe social distancing.

Afternoon Dismissal

- 3:00pm all siblings from all year levels (including those in the same year level, ie: twins, triplets) are dismissed.
- 3:10pm Prep and Year 1 students are dismissed.
- 3:15pm Year 2 and Year 3 students are dismissed.
- 3:20pm Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students are dismissed.
- Parents are asked not to gather in groups outside the school gates and to observe social distancing.

Parents/Guardians are asked to please follow the directions of staff for dismissal:

1. Parent/Guardian will enter the school grounds through the school gate when directed by a staff member.
2. Parent/Guardian will maintain social distancing along the brick pathway.
3. When Parent/Guardian get to the front of the line on the brick pathway, their child/children will be called forward.
4. Parent/Guardian and child/ren will exit through the big gate.

Late comers

- If your child is not at school by 8:50am and therefore will be late, there will be no admittance to the school grounds until 11:45am. This is due to the unavailability of staff to supervise late arrivals.
- We ask that you only use the Bank Street Entrance and you ring the doorbell once when you arrive.
- A staff member will meet you at the school gate and students will be escorted to the office.

Early pickups

- We strongly advise against students leaving school early.
- We ask that if at all possible you schedule medical

appointments outside school hours; however, if this is unavoidable you must pick up your children at the following times:
11:45am or 1:40pm.

- We ask that only use the Bank Street Entrance and you ring the doorbell once when you arrive.
- A staff member will meet you at the school gate with the student.

Student On-Site Protocols

- **COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival:** Students presenting any COVID-19 symptoms including fever, cough, sneezing, temperature, runny nose will not be cleared for entry
- **Masks:** As per CEM directives, students will not be required to wear a mask, however, families may choose for their child to wear one.
- **Arrival:** Parents are to arrive at school with their child and remain with their child until they have been cleared to enter the premises.

- **Social distancing:** Parents, students and families must not congregate at the school gate before or after school. They must maintain 1.5 metres distance from other people when waiting for the school to open or close.
- **COVID-19 symptoms throughout the day:** Students who develop any COVID-19 symptoms including fever, cough, sneezing, temperature, runny nose throughout the day will be immediately isolated with visual supervision. Parents will be contacted to collect their child immediately.
- **Playground/shared equipment:** As per CEM directives, students may use the playground and shared classroom equipment.
- **Washing hands:** Students are to wash hands thoroughly with soap, for 20 seconds, after sneezing, coughing, going to the bathroom and before and after eating.

- **Drinking Taps:** Students may not use the drinking taps and must have a drink bottle at school
- **Physical Distancing:** Students should practice physical distancing where possible. Maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 meters will not always be practical in the school environment and this may be particularly challenging in the younger years of primary school.

their primary education at Galilee in the years ahead.

We would like express our sincere gratitude the five Councillors who supported our school and were instrumental in ensuring that the project could proceed as planned. They are;

- **Councillor Bernadene Voss**
- **Councillor Dick Gross**
- **Councillor Louise Crawford**
- **Councillor Marcus Pearl**
- **Councillor Andrew Bond**

Building Update

This letter was sent home last Monday.

As you know, we have finalised the plans for our magnificent new building which will incorporate brand new facilities including a competition size basketball court, new classrooms, a performing arts facility, visual arts room and project space, new administrative areas and a rooftop outdoor learning area for our children. The project has a value of \$9 Million and will make a lasting contribution to this school for the many students who will be complete

Beyond their Council vote, they equally sought to understand the benefit to our community, speak in favour of and promote those benefits with others and be an advocate for our vision here at Galilee. We thank them and wish them all well in the upcoming elections.

With their resolution, we very pleased to announce that the school has, at last, received planning approval from the State Government to proceed.

We would also like to thank our local Federal Member **Josh Burns MP** who was instrumental in helping facilitate discussions with our

local councillors. Josh and his Team took an active interest in the progress of our permit and were unwavering in their support and efforts to ensure that this development could proceed without impediment and we are particularly grateful for their support.

This entire process, spanning almost 5 years, is a truly wonderful outcome for our entire school community and would not have been possible without the hard work of many. However, it is important we acknowledge the magnificent contribution of our GRCPS Development/Building Committee and they are as follows;

Donna McMaster (GRCPS Chair)

Wayne Stephens (CHC)

Kesha Chakhvorostov (CHC)

Gabrielle Lewis (CHC)

William Bromhead (Ratio)

Scott Matheson (Ratio)

Blanche Manuel (Ratio)

Wayne Hay (CEM)

Col Mackin (CEM)

Debra Butcher (GRCPS)

Pauline Semmens (GRCPS)

Simon Millar (GRCPS Principal)



GRCPS School Development Update

Wellbeing Goal

Changing Brain

By practising things you want to improve, your brain will build new, and strengthen existing brain pathways, to make it happen.

By practising tasks that are a little harder than your normal ones, your brain's abilities will be stretched and grow. This is how habits are created. There is a saying which says, practice makes perfect, but because your brain is forever changing, perhaps it should say, practice makes progress. But practising poor behaviour creates bad habits.



Wellbeing Night

A big thank you to all the parents who attended the Wellbeing Night last Thursday. It was a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with each other, share experiences from lockdown 2.0 and prepare students for a return to school.



Medication

Many students have come back this term on new medication for various reasons.

Please ensure you email Wendy or Tegan if your child has medication in their bag to give in as all medications must be kept at the office. You will need to fill in a medical consent form for things like antibiotics, cream or drops. Forms can be found on the dates page of each Bulletin or the website under Wellbeing. Any EpiPens, Ventolin or allergy medication must be sent with a

signed plan from the child's doctor.

No Dogs in School Grounds

A reminder dogs are not permitted to be in the school grounds. They must be left tied up outside the school.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Learning and Teaching in

Term 4

Please take the time to read the Term 4 Overviews. They outline the focus in all subject areas this term. Information about Semester 2 Reports will be available in the coming weeks.

 [Specialists Overview.pdf](#)

 [Prep Overview.pdf](#)

 [Year 1 Overview.pdf](#)

 [Year 2 Overview.pdf](#)

 [Year 3 Overview.pdf](#)

 [Year 4 Overview.pdf](#)

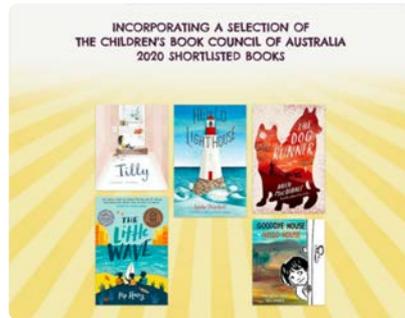
 [Year 5 Overview.pdf](#)

 [Year 6 Overview.pdf](#)

Book Week



We are very excited to be celebrating Book Week at Galilee from 19-23 October.



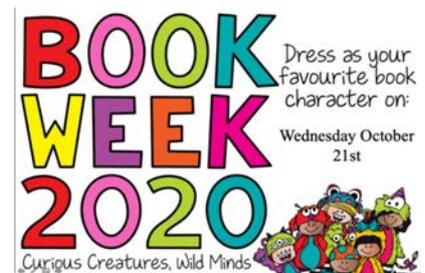
On **Monday 19 October**, the students will participate in a **Perform Education** virtual incursion: **The Greatest Discovery**.

The Greatest Discovery combines a love of reading and books with a celebration of diversity and competition using the CBCA Shortlisted Books of 2020.



On **Tuesday 20 October**, all students will participate in a Virtual incursion with author, illustrator & cartoonist Michael Salmon.

His hour long sessions are humorous, fun, interactive and entertaining, with a focus on students developing their own creativity.



On **Wednesday 21 October**, students can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. They will have a little parade in their own classrooms.

 [2020 Student book-order form ONLINE](#)

Class Groups 2021

Mental Health, Wellbeing and Transitions have been priorities for students and staff for the remainder of the year as recommended by CEM. Our focus is on:

- encouraging and sustaining motivation for learning
- re-engaging students
- supporting the social and emotional learning of children
- preparing students for the transition to the next year level as successfully as possible

Given the disruption to the students' year in 2020, we have decided to keep the majority of class groupings the same in 2021 to allow students to develop friendships that may not have occurred this year. This recommendation has come from Principal Network meetings that many schools will adopt.

If parents have concerns, for social reasons, over classroom placements of their child with another peer, they are asked to

send the request to Mr Millar in a hand-written letter or email to the Office, by no later than Thursday November 5th (including the reason). These requests will be kept confidential but there is no guarantee that all can be accommodated. Classroom placements are based upon student friendships and the needs of each individual. Teachers are yet to be given placements for 2021 and requests for teachers by parents will not be considered.

Uniform

Students may choose to wear the Winter uniform on colder days until Friday, October 23.

All students will need to wear the full Summer Uniform from **Monday 26 October**. A reminder that the school hat must be worn from the start of Term 4. Galilee follows the Sun Smart policy: No hat, no play.

Students below are wearing the new uniform pieces currently available at PSW. Please note that students have until Term 2, 2022 to transition into the new uniform.



PE days next week

Please note the following days your child/ren need to wear their Sport uniform next week. These changes are due to the Book Week online incursions.

Monday-3L

Tuesday-Prep M, Year 2, 6B

Wednesday-Year 1, 4F, Year 5

Thursday-Prep S, 3M, 4M, 6F

Footy Colours Day



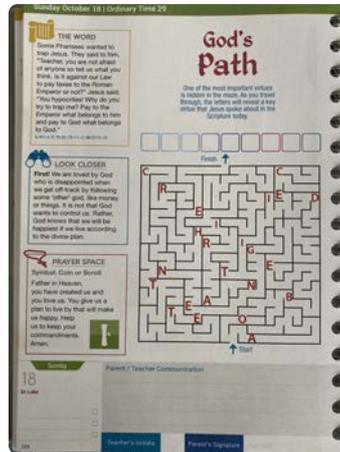
A Footy Colours Day has been planned for **Monday 26 October**. Students can wear the colours of their favourite football team. There will be Prep-2 parade and Year 3-6 parade in the morning. Unfortunately, parents will not

be able to attend. The students will also be participating in various football skills activities which will be led by the Year 6 Sports Leaders. All students must wear their runners.

Scripture of the Week

Simon Millar

Principal of Galilee



Community Links

TheirCare

Welcome back to our children and families. We have missed you all so much and can't believe how much you've all grown!

The children really enjoyed the theme 'Galilee Olympics Week'. Jacob got into the zone to construct his house of cards design, whilst Jai, Charles and Lachlan never gave up when their cards kept falling over.

They had to use their problem solving skills and investigating ideas, as well as, participating in running races and an obstacle course. Gemma (coordinator) was encouraging and supporting the boys throughout the activity. Jacob's highlight of the week was taking part in the running races and playing loads of Uno games. Charles said he would like to see the shot-put activity in future programs since it was

a whole lot of fun and testing other skills.

For art and crafts, the children used a wide variety of resources to design their own Olympic medal which showed off their creativity and design skills.

Gemma introduced a new planned activity called Shot-put, which used small foam balls and paper plates. Each paper plate had different numbers on them where the

children had to throw their foam ball onto the plates without it rolling off. This activity lasted for one hour because the children enjoyed it so much and they improved their gross motor, social and emotional skills. The children commented that this activity was highlight of their week.



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Dates & Information

****Dates and Times may change.**

Parent Calendar

<http://www.gsmelbournesth.catholic.edu.au/page/179/Calendar>

Term Dates

Term 4 - Mon Oct 5 - Tuesday
Dec 15, 1.30pm

Term 4

October 19 - Book Week
October 21 - Prep Transition
Session 2, 2-2.30pm online
October 21 - Book Week dress
up

October 23 - Grand Final Public Holiday

October 26 - Summer uniform to be worn

October 28 - Prep Transition Session 3, 2-2.45pm TBC

November 2 - School Closure Day

November 4 - Prep Transition Session 4, 2-2.45pm TBC

November 9 - Prep Transition Session 5, 9-11am TBC

November 11 - Prep 2021

Information Evening - 7pm

School Hall TBC

November 18 - School Photos TBC

- Prep 2021

Transition Session 6 (A-K), 2-3pm TBC

November 25 - Prep 2021

Transition Session 6: (L-Z), 2-3pm TBC

November 27 - School Closure Day

December 2 - Prep 2021

Transition Session 7: (A-K), 2-3pm TBC

December 9 - Prep 2021

Transition Session 7: (L-Z), 2-3pm TBC

December 14 - Prep - Year 6

Transition 2.30-3.25pm

December 15 - End of school year, 1.30pm

School Closure Days

2020

November 2

November 27

Public Holidays

Friday 23 October - Grand Final Eve

Tuesday 3 November - Melbourne Cup

Cancelled Term 4 Dates

The following events have been **cancelled** due to the ongoing COVID restrictions and based on the Victorian Government's roadmap to reopening and CEM guidelines. We look forward to being able to meet and strengthen our community relationships at the beginning of 2021.

Monday 12th October:

Morning Cuppa

Wednesday 21st October: Art Show

Monday 26th Oct - Friday

30th Oct: P-2 Swimming Lessons

Thursday 29th Oct - Friday

30th Oct: 3L Zoo Snooze

Tuesday 27th Oct - Friday

30th Oct: Yr 5 Merrick's camp

Thursday 5th November:

Mother's Luncheon (formerly Friday 8th May)

Thursday 5th Nov - Friday 6th

Nov: 3M Zoo Snooze

Monday 9th Nov - Friday 13th

Nov: 3-6 Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 2nd December:

Carols

Saturday 12th December:

Parent End of Year / Christmas Celebration (formerly Saturday 22nd August)

Friday 20th November:

Swimming Carnival (TBC - based on restrictions at the times)

Camp Calendar

Unfortunately, all remaining camps for 2020 have been cancelled.

Medical Consent Form

Please use this form if your child needs to take any temporary medication at school (antibiotics, eye drops, Ventolin, creams or lotions etc.). All medication MUST be bought to the office.



Medical Consent Form.pdf

School Uniform

Please read the policy below if you are unsure of the correct wearing of the Uniform.

Students who are in incorrect shoes, with a note, must be for a maximum of one week.

Correct shoes are to be worn till the end of the school year (it is not acceptable to be in incorrect shoes to save purchasing of new shoes towards the end of the school year).

Microfibre jacket can only be worn with the Sport Uniform over the jumper for extra warmth.

Galilee Uniform Policy:

http://www.gsmelbournesth.catholic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/1517278888uniform_policy.pdf

PSW Uniform: 1/128 Bertie Street, Port Melbourne 9768 0385



Second Hand Uniform @

Galilee

Not open at the moment until further notice

Galilee Out of School Hours (GOSH)

To register and book for your child to attend before or after school care, please do so via this link:

<http://theircare.com.au/>