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Live Love Learn

Dear Families,

I hope that you enjoyed the lovely weather we experienced in Melbourne on the weekend and spent some time outside. How quickly the days change with a drop in temperature and rain on Wednesday.

Last Friday we celebrated World Teacher's Day. Thank you to the Parent's Association and the students for the beautiful cards and homemade chocolates which the staff thoroughly enjoyed. They were greatly appreciated by the staff. A reminder to parents that any child who is displaying any form of "sickness symptoms" must stay at home until they are 100%. These symptoms include runny nose, sneezing and coughing. Parents will be notified should a child exhibit any sign of illness, and asked to

pick their child up from school. This advice is from the DHHS and Catholic Education Melbourne. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Wellbeing

Believe in yourself

By accepting that you are one of a kind and that you don't need to try to be like others, you will have a reason to build your best possible self.

Believing in your abilities and strengths will enable you to welcome challenges, and stretch yourself. When you make mistakes, believe by learning more intelligent things, you will grow your brain's ability to fix them. Only doing easy tasks won't cause any growth.

IF YOU *Believe*
IN YOURSELF
Anything
IS POSSIBLE

Buddies

Below are some photos of Year 3 and Year 1 Buddies.



Year 3 Camp Day

On the 6th of November the Year 3s celebrated our Zoo Camp Day. We dressed up as zoo animals, played some games and built our own Galilee Zoo! It was a fun day for all involved. Thank you to our wonderful parents for their help and support!



Building Update

As you would be aware, over the last 5 years, Galilee has sought and funded plans for a building project that will cater for the diverse and inquisitive learning needs of our students. The plans are now finalised and we recently had success with the local council overturning a decision in our favour. The project has a value of \$9 million and will make a lasting contribution to our Galilee students as well as our

local community, for the years ahead.

The new building will comprise of a competition size basketball court, Performing Arts facilities, Visual Arts facilities, contemporary classrooms, additional learning spaces, rooftop learning area, maker space, function space as well as a full kitchen. It will add approximately 50% to outdoor play for the students.

The building project is set to begin in mid-December 2020. The demolition of the building will occur after the commencement of the school holidays, when there are no students or staff onsite to ensure the safety of all.

We understand that many families may be excited or even anxious about the impending building project and what it means for our students in 2021/2022. A letter will be going out to families soon to explain in detail the procedures for 2021.

Building Presentations by Clarke Hopkins Clarke

On Thursday 26th November, Clarke Hopkins Clarke, the architectural firm that has designed our new building and whom we have been working alongside for the past 5 years, will present plans to the school community, students, parents and staff. These separate presentations will give the community further information and insight into this incredible project that we are undertaking.

2.30pm: Student Presentation

3.30pm: Staff Presentation

4.30pm: Parent Presentation (Zoom)

A Zoom link will be sent to parents closer to the date and a recording published on DOJO for parents unable to attend.

Basketball Court 2021

Due to the building works, basketball/netball team training sessions can not be held at Galilee during 2021.

Prep Transition 2020-2021

Last week we sent communication to families regarding awaiting updates on COVID-19 restrictions and the impact on our Prep Transition Program. Metropolitan Melbourne has now moved to the Third Step of the roadmap for reopening.

Attached is the letter that was sent last Friday regarding Prep Transition.



Prep Transition Update
30:10:20.pdf

School Photos

A reminder that school photos will take place on Wednesday 18 November. Students must wear their full Summer Uniform on the day. If your child has PE, they can bring their runners in a separate bag.

If you already ordered a pack back in Term 1, you do not need to do anything. Families who need to order photos can do so on the School Photographer website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au using the code **X3053PC39G**. Please see the attached order form.



Envelopes for sibling photos will be sent home next week. You can also order sibling orders online using the above code. If you have any questions regarding ordering of photos, please contact The School Photographer on 1300 795 850 or enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week officially begins this Sunday and the City of Phillip running a Creative Competition, that students can complete at home. Here is the link if you would like to have a look.

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/naidoc>

Swimming Carnival



There have been recent updates from Catholic Education Melbourne regarding sports and the use of outdoor swimming pools. As we have now moved to Third Step, we are now allowed to have our swimming carnival at MSAC on Friday 20th November 2020. An Operoo form (previously CareMonkey) has been sent out to parents for permission and includes details of the day. Unfortunately, there are still some restrictions on spectators/visitors, therefore **no parent spectators** will be allowed in the stands and we will be operating with a reduced number of selected parent helpers.

Maths Week



Week 7 is our whole-school Maths Week! We will be celebrating our love of Maths with incursions, Maths challenges, maths competitions and more! Your teacher will let you know more information nearer the time.

Assemblies

Assemblies will return next week. Unfortunately, students will participate from in their classrooms and no parents will be able to attend. Awards will be given and our Year 6 leaders will have the opportunity to present. Next week the PE leaders

Morning Routines

Recently many staff have noticed that their students have been much more settled at the beginning of the day due to a differing routine at the start of each day. This has been one of the benefits of COVID. With

less traffic coming into the school, students have been calmer and ready to learn.

Starting next week, students will be able to walk straight to their classrooms when they arrive at school. Their teachers will be waiting for them and all will be ready to start the day at 8.50am.

A reminder that if your child arrives after 8.50am, they will be marked as late.

Congratulations to families for the adaption to the routines and punctuality each day.

Class Groupings for 2021

On October the 15 (till Thursday November 5), parents/guardians were invited through the School Bulletin to send through requests for 2021 class groupings.

Although classes will remain similar, teachers are now reviewing lists and no more requests can be considered.

Scripture of the Week



Sacrament of Reconciliation for the families at Sts PP Parish.

We are very excited that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at Galilee on Tuesday November 10th during school hours for all StsPP families who attend Galilee.

Sacrament of Eucharist for the families at Galilee.

We are also very excited that the Sacrament of Eucharist will take place at Galilee on Monday November 16th during school hours for all StsPP families who attend Galilee. Year 4 families have been sent correspondence from Fr Hugh and their classroom teachers regarding options for First Eucharist. We are very happy that we have been able to collaborate with

Fr. John and Fr. Hugh to
celebrate these Sacraments
with many of our students.

Helen Rochecouste

Simon Millar

Principal of Galilee



COVID Drop Off & Dismissal Process and Protocols

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. No dogs to be in school grounds.

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, they will collect child/ren.
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.



Community Links

TheirCare

HAPPY HALLOWEEN !!!!

Owls were hooting, scary ghosts were screaming as the wicked witches cackled into the week that was... Spooky Halloween.

The children were excited about the art and craft activity where they assembled their vampires and used black markers to draw on the facial expressions, eyes, mouth, and teeth. We had a new Prep child in Gosh and everyone made

him feel welcome, comfortable, and included in all activities.

The children were super enthusiastic making their Halloween cookies with some delicious Halloween coloured icing and used lollies for decorations.

After the Tiger's Grand Final win against the Cats, the children were full of happiness, excitement, and energy. Outside Ishaan, Jacob, Charles and Alexander played a friendly game of footy and each child was very persistent in kicking a goal. Inside with Gemma, the children came in to make their paper mache wooden Halloween decorations that were all different types of shapes, for example ghosts, pumpkins and bats. Hannah, Zoe, Sarah, Lara, Roger and Chloe used coloured see-through cellophane to make a cool shadow effect, and others wanted to display them by hanging them on the windowsill by wool or string.



Oliver and Max worked cooperatively together to make more comic books out of paper, expressing their ideas, creativity and imagination. This comic was called THE SPOOKY LEGEND OF STEVE HEADQUARTERS!! Something incredible that we have never seen before is how the boys created a character named Noob, that you had to try and find inside the comic book.

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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

November 9 - Prep Transition Session 5: -- 9-9.50am

[sibling children of current](#)

[Galilee students](#)

-10-10.50am [new families to Galilee](#)

November 10 - Sacrament of Reconciliation at Galilee (students only)

November 11 - Prep 2021

Parent Information, 5pm Online

November 16 - First Eucharist at Galilee (students only)

November 18 - School Photos

- Prep 2021

Transition Session 6 (surnames A-K), 2-2.50pm

November 20 - Swimming Carnival

November 25 - Prep 2021

Transition Session 6: (surnames L-Z), 2-2.50pm

November 27 - School Closure Day

December 2 - Prep 2021

Transition Session 7: (surnames A-K), 2-2.50pm

December 4 - Year 1-5 Transition

December 7 - Yr. 6 Graduation Mass onsite, Candle Ceremony (Year 5 & 6 staff and students only, parents will be sent a link so they can watch the ceremony remotely)

December 9 - Prep 2021

Transition Session 7: (surnames L-Z), 2-2.50pm

December 11

- Year 1-5 Transition

- Yr. 6

Graduation dinner and disco (A link will be sent to Year Six parents so they can watch the speeches and awards remotely)

December 14 - Guard of honour 1:30pm for Yr. 6 students

December 15 - End of school year, 1.30pm

School Closure Days

2020

November 27

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.

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)

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 Request 2020.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 or

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

 PSW.pdf



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/](http://theircare.com.au/)