



# Galilee Bulletin

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# Messages

## Live Love Learn

### Dear Families,

The Leadership Team of Galilee are happy to announce that in 2021, Galilee will be trialing an increase to three Prep classes. This is a change from our current model of two Prep classes. The three Prep classes will be capped at a maximum of 19 students, and in 2022 will transition into two regular size Year One classes. We will consider this model recurring in future years if deemed successful and affordable, ensuring our youngest students are provided with a solid foundation to their education. Some of the reasons behind this change are:

#### **Prep Transition 2020-2021**

As with many changes this year due to COVID-19, the Transition for 2021 Preps has

been greatly affected. Onsite transitions have not been possible due to Government and Catholic Education Melbourne restrictions. Sessions were moved to online, which made transition to Prep very different for our youngest students. We are hopeful that our new approach will ease the children into the school environment with additional teacher support in their first year of schooling.

#### **Greater support**

In their first year of formal schooling, children require additional support in many areas - personal, social, emotional and academic. Skills in these areas are usually developed in a kindergarten environment to increase children's school-readiness. This year, many children have

not had regular access to a kinder year. Having three smaller class sizes allows us to address these needs more effectively to ensure that our Prep children are well-prepared for the following years of their primary education.

#### **Classroom support**

Reducing our Prep class sizes with lower student to teacher ratios means that additional support can be allocated to children in other year levels. This is essential as a result of the COVID impact in 2020. Classroom support through our Learning Support Officers, Therapists and formal intervention programmes will be much more available to other year levels of the school in 2021.

On Monday we welcomed our 2021 Preps onsite. We will continue onsite weekly transition sessions with our new Preps from next Wednesday.

## Camps

On Tuesday, we received some exciting news that school camps could proceed for the remainder of 2020.

The updated CEM School Operations Guide (10/11/2020) now states that: *School camps, including to attend remote campuses, can resume across Victoria for all schools. There are no restrictions on travel between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. Camp facilities can only be used by a single school at any one time until the Last Step of the Roadmap is reached, at which time multiple schools will be able to attend a facility if there is no mixing between school groups.*

Our original booking for the Year 5 camp was from November 17- 20. Although it's short notice, we have decided

in the interests of the students to proceed with the camp. We have updated the camp schedule considering these guidelines and venue availability:

- Year 2 Sleepover unable to be scheduled
- Year 3 Zoo Snooze Camp not open for bookings in 2020 but alternative celebration was held onsite
- Year 5 Merricks Lodge Camp modified to 3 full days from November Tuesday 17- Thursday 19

Thank you to the staff (Helen Rochecouste, Dorothy Hall, Jack Sandow, Simon Millar splitting time with Carlo Martello) for their enthusiasm in wanting to provide this opportunity for our students, despite the enormous amount of work and preparation required with limited time.

## Wellbeing

### Resilient Attitudes

By being positive about and hopeful for the future, you will give yourself opportunities to think flexibly, show empathy for

others and build respectful relationships. Resilient attitudes are when you look life in the eye, not give into yourself when things get hard, control your emotions and impulses yourself and show that you want to continue to build your best possible self. There are no easy ways to any place worth going.



## Building Presentations by Clarke Hopkins Clarke

On Thursday 26th November, Clarke Hopkins Clarke, the architectural firm that has designed our new building, will present plans to the school community, students, parents and staff.

**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.

## School Photos

A reminder that school photos will take place next 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](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) using the code **X3053PC39G**.

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](mailto:enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au)**

Please note that due to Camp, Year 5 students and their Sibling photos will have their photo taken on Tuesday 24 November.

## Swimming Carnival



**What:** Swimming Carnival

**Where:** MSAC

**When:** Friday 20th of November

**Time:** 10am - 2pm

**Who:** All students

**What to Bring:** Bathers, towel, goggles, swimming cap, plenty of snacks and water, plastic bag, hat, sunscreen and a small bag for all items. Please ensure everything is named.

We are very excited to be able to have our swimming carnival at MSAC next Friday 20th November 2020.

An Operoo form (previously CareMonkey) has been sent out to parents for permission and includes details of the day.

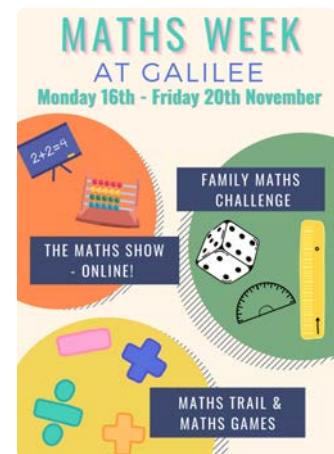
Unfortunately, there are still some restrictions on spectators/visitors, therefore **no parent spectators** will be allowed in the stands and we will be operating with a reduced number of selected parent helpers.

**Years 3-6** will bus to MSAC leaving school by 9.15am ready for a 10am start to the races.

**Prep, Year 1 and Year 2** students will be bussed to MSAC from 10.15am for a staggered race start.

The carnival will finish at approximately 2pm and students will return to school before 2:30pm.

## Maths Week



Next week is Maths Week at Galilee. A fun week has been planned by Miss Coome and the Maths Team.

**Monday:** The Maths Show  
online incursion

**Tuesday:** Maths Writing Day  
(winners receive a prize)

**Wednesday:** Teacher choice  
Maths tasks

**Thursday:** Maths stations led  
by Year 6 students

There will also be a Family  
Maths Challenge set with  
prizes to be won.

Due to activities planned for  
Maths Week, there are  
changes to the PE timetable  
next week.

**Tuesday - Year 6, 3M, 1B, 1C**

**Wednesday - Year 2, Year 5,  
Prep M, 4F**

**Thursday - Prep S, 1S, 3L, 4M**

## Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation

The remainder of the Year  
Three's made their First  
Reconciliation at school last  
Tuesday. It was a beautiful day

and the students were really  
well prepared by their teachers  
and families. We are very  
grateful to Father John and  
Father Hugh who celebrated  
this sacrament with the  
students.



## The Sacrament of Eucharist

Hello Parents and Caregivers,  
Please be advised that First  
Eucharist will need to be  
postponed to Tuesday

November 24th as Father Hugh  
is unavailable due to a medical  
appointment.

The First Eucharist will take  
place in Learning Street at  
9:45am so any students  
wearing their special clothes

can wear them to school and  
then change into their school  
uniforms at recess. Other than  
this, we ask the students to  
please wear their full school  
uniforms for this occasion.  
A group photo will be posted  
on Dojo.

Please contact your child's  
teacher or Helen Rochecouste  
if you have any questions.

## Scripture of the Week



**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 go straight to their class.

- 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

### WINE DRIVE!

A message from our Galilee Parent Committee:

As you know we didn't get much of a chance to raise funds for our school this year with our Gala Event being cancelled along with the various other activities.

So we thought we needed something REALLY enticing to

finish off the year and raise some funds for our beloved Galilee.

What better than a Wine Drive Fundraiser with Pizzini Wines!!

Yes you heard right - you can buy WINE, support a Galilee family business AND our school at the same time :)

Please see the poster attached and don't hold back (but be responsible)!

It's a great time to stock up on a variety of wines for Christmas.

Make sure you share with your family and friends too!!

This offer ends 30th November so please take a moment to



take a look at the huge variety of quality wines that PIZZINI have to offer. Cheers!



**GALILEE PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER WINE DRIVE**

Purchase some great wine from Pizzini and support Galilee Primary School.

Pizzini have kindly opened their entire wine list to the Galilee School Community at a 20% discount.

Simply visit [pizzini.com.au](http://pizzini.com.au) and use promo code GALILEE at checkout

Please share this offer with family and friends as percentage of sales will go to Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School.

Offer Ends 30th November 2020



# 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 16 - Year 5 camp parent meeting online 2.30-2.50pm
- November 17-19 Year 5 Camp
- November 18 - School photos (Prep-Yr 4 & Yr 6)
- November 20 - Swimming Carnival
- November 23 - Prep-Year 4 Bike Education Program begins (if replied yes on Operoo)
- November 24 - Year 5 photos

- November 25 - Prep 2021 Transition Session 6: (surnames L-Z), 2-2.50pm
- November 26 - CHC Architects Presentations to Parents 4.30pm
- November 27 - School Closure Day
- November 30 - Bike education
- 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)

- Bike education

December 9 - Prep 2021

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

December 11

- End of Year Mass 9.15am  
- Year 1-5 Transition day 2

- 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.

**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)

## 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](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)**

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link:

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

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