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Live Love Learn

Dear Families,

As another year draws to a close, and given the uniqueness of this past twelve months, spending time to reflect on our experiences and achievements should be of high priority. At the beginning of the year, our students were challenged to accept new opportunities and to push boundaries into new and unexplored areas, which they certainly did throughout Remote Learning.

We also say farewell to our Year 6 students who graduate from Galilee next Monday. Thank you for the contribution you have made to our school, we hope you flourish in your new surroundings.

Oh, the Places You'll Go! By Dr. Seuss

I would like to express my congratulations to all staff, students and parents for successfully navigating a year like no other.

Graduation with our Year 6 students reminded me of the Dr Seuss poem, Oh, the Places You,ll Go!

In 2020, our students have dealt with many unusual and at times lonely events. It has not been a usual year. Never before has school been sent to home for such extended periods of disconnect from their teachers and peers.

From this experience, many have developed greater levels of empowerment, independence and passion for

learning. A greater level of appreciation for what we normally 'take for granted' has occurred for many.

Maybe parents are concerned about a lack of formal transition days for secondary education. I think the opposite and that our students will have grown and learnt better to cope with change...I am confident they will thrive next year and beyond and that together they are prepared for the challenges that await them next year and beyond.

*You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any
direction you choose.
So be sure when you step. Step
with care and great tact and
remember that Life's Great*

*Balancing Act. Just never forget
to be dexterous and deft. And
never mix up your right foot
with your left.*

*And will you succeed? Yes! You
will, indeed! (98 and 3/4
percent guaranteed.)*

*KID, YOU'LL MOVE
MOUNTAINS!*



Dr Seuss.pdf

The CoPP Mayor

Our new CoPP Mayor, Louise Crawford visited our school last Tuesday. We toured the school and thanked her for supporting us in our building project. Our new Mayor loves the arts and was treated to a song by a cast member from our musical. Our Mayor also visited Year 6 students and wished them well for secondary education. Louise is genuinely interested in our school and I'm sure she will be a regular visitor.



Year 6 Celebrations

Yr 6 Graduation Mass

On Monday the 7th of December, the Year 6 students celebrated their Graduation Mass at OLMC. Mass was celebrated by Father Hugh and Father John (STSP) and was a joyful and reflective celebration attended by families. The School Captains reminisced on their time at Galilee, thanking their parents and families and present and past teachers. Each student was presented with a certificate of Graduation from their teachers. We wish all our Year Six students our very best as they leave Galilee next week.



Year 6 Dinner and Disco

On Monday afternoon the students returned to school at 4pm all dressed up for their graduation dinner and disco. They had a ball playing games from One Big Day Event Hire,

socialising with each other and of course dancing! Thanks to Store 6 for the delicious individual food boxes, Sally Sheehy for supplies and helping to setup and the Year 6 teachers so their preparation to make the students' night one to remember.

Yr 6 Italian Lunch

Thank you to Mrs Petrarca for organising pizza and gelato that was delivered to the Year 6 students for lunch yesterday. It was thoroughly enjoyed and a fantastic conclusion to their primary education learning Italian!

Wellbeing

Bright and Positive

By making the choice to look for what is good in what you look at, no matter how small it may be, you will feel the wonderful feelings of joy and gratitude. People who choose to look for what is wrong with what they look at, miss out on these feelings and always feel as though nothing is ever good enough for them. Your wellbeing will grow when you make a positive choice.



Congratulations to Sophie R who recently had her hair cut to raise money for an organisation who provide wigs to kids with both alopecia or cancer.



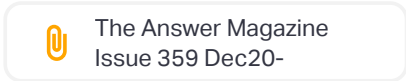
Galilee and Danceworld

Next year, Galilee is teaming up with Danceworld for lunchtime fun. Different styles and age groups will be available.



The Answer Magazine

You can find Galilee mentioned on Page 13 of the latest edition of The Answer Magazine. This publication is sent to Legacy members and this issue is about Remembrance Day.



Building Update

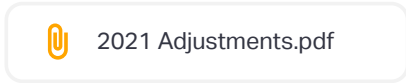
Please see the DOJO for a recording of the session held with CHC Architects. You can also access plans of the new building design on our school website.



As you are aware, Galilee has developed plans and secured funding for a building project that will cater for the diverse and inquisitive learning needs of our students, now and into the future. Our project has received the **greatest ever amount of funding for a Victorian Catholic Primary School**. The plans are now finalised and the project, with a value of \$9M, will be of enormous benefit to our Galilee students as well as our local community.

The appointment of a builder is imminent and then definite plans can be set for site management throughout construction in 2021.

However, in the attachment below you can read details about: classrooms, funding and design.



Wine Drive Fundraiser

Extended

Great news! The wine drive has been extended until Monday 14th December.

Don't forget to use the GALILEE code for 20% off!



End of Term

A reminder students will finish at **1.30pm** on the last day of Term 4, **Tuesday 15th December**. If you need GOSH for from 1.30 onward, please book with TheirCare - <https://theircare.com.au/>.

Please note **dates for 2021**, including term dates, closure days, camps and other key events are on the Dates and Information page of this and future bulletins. Spread the word to those who don't regularly read the newsletter.

KEY DATES

Jan 28 & 29 - Student testing days Years 1-6

Jan 29 - Prep Orientation 9-11am

Feb 1 - All students begin Term 1

- Meet the Teacher 2-

7pm (students finish 1.30pm)

Feb 3 - Meet the teacher 2-5pm

- Welcome Evening 5-

7pm

Feb 16 to 19 - Year 6 Camp

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March 8 - Public holiday

March 11 & 12 - School closure days

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April 1 - End of Term, 1.30pm

Meet the Teacher, Assessments & Reports

Early next week an invitation will be sent to parents to book in for assessments and Meet the Teacher (February 1st & 3rd).

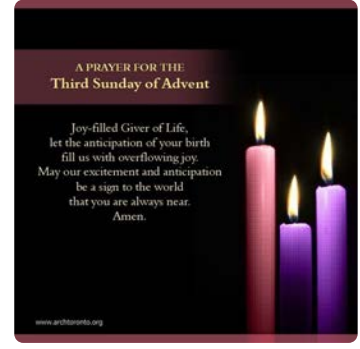
This afternoon, Semester Two Reports were being sent via email from nForma. Earlier Bulletins contained information about the content and

structure of the reporting

reflecting the progress made throughout home and onsite learning. You are encouraged to be positive with your child/ren when discussing the reports.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Year Six students received the Sacrament of Confirmation at their respective parish churches this week. These were reverent and happy services as the students received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations to all! Special thanks to: Fathers Hugh and John for agreeing to celebrate these sacraments so beautifully; the wonderful parents, grandparents and caregivers for all their love and support. Also for their amazing teachers including Mrs Rochecouste, who also assisted tirelessly in the preparation of their students! We appreciate everyone's time, input and care.



Scripture of the Week

3rd Week of Advent

This will be our last Bulletin for 2021.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

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 go straight to class.
- 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

Bring on the Summer

Feelings!!

On the arts and craft table

Roger, Willow, Max, Maya, Lara,

Sarah and Zoe had fun

illustrating their summer

feeling paintings by

transforming their paintings

using salt to raise their

landscapes to the next level.

Lily said she already knows

what the trick is with Raised

Salt Paintings. Indoors Isabella

got creative by decorating and

drawing pictures on the front cover of our new reflection journal. She used a lot of detail which made it stand out.

Matilda stapled together some paper to make her friend a birthday storybook.

Summer is coming and it's time for some celebratory fireworks! With a baking soda and vinegar experiment, we brought the excitement of the fireworks into our Gosh program with a chemical reaction that the

children enjoyed. Vivienne, Zoe, Lily and so many other children had a blast as they watched the chemical reaction as the children also added in some blue and red glitter to watch it shimmer. Gemma was there to supervise, guide them and asked them open-ended questions as to why the reactions happened and saw the children laughing and having the best time. The children's feedback was extremely positive and asked

for this activity to put into the program again.

The loom band trend is back, and the children are more obsessed than ever which is phenomenal. Charles, Sofia, Ishaan, Annabelle, Ethan, Maya and Leonardo got straight into making bracelets and necklaces.



The highlights of the week were:

- Oliver really loved the tasty afternoon tea which was pancakes.
- Sofia & Lian really enjoyed taking on leadership by assisting other children making the paper strip rainbows.
- Darcie, Vivienne, Lily and many other children had the best time taking part in the Summer Fireworks Science Experiment.

Attention to all Parents and Families who are wanting or thinking to book their child/children in for our Globe Trotting Summer Holiday Program. If you have a child commencing Prep in 2021, they must be 5 years old to be able to go on our excursions. TheirCare holiday program now open for bookings <https://theircare.com.au/>



Seeds and Sprouts 2021

If you have already emailed through your Expression of Interest, you do not need to resend it. Application forms will be available from 2021 and will be emailed out to those who are on the Expression of Interest List. Application forms

will also be given out in the 2021 Open Morning Packs.

 SEEDS Program 2021.pdf

 SPROUTS PROGRAM 2021.pdf

Confidence Workshops



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 1 2021 Feb 1 - April 1, 1.30pm

Term 2 2021 April 19 - June 25, 1.30pm

Term 3 2021 July 12 - Sept. 17, 1.30pm

Term 4 2021 October 4 - December 14, 1.30pm

Term 4

December 11 - Year 1-5 Transition day 2

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

December 15 - End of school year, 1.30pm

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- Welcome Evening 5-7pm

Feb 5 - Beginning Of School Year Mass 9.15am

- Canberra Camp Parent Information Session 3.00pm

Feb 10 - Preps not at school

Feb 16 to 19 - Year 6 Camp

Feb 17 - Preps not at school

Feb 19 - Angahook Camp

Parent Information Session

3.00pm

Feb 24 - Preps not at school

March 1 - Preps at school full time

March 3 to 5 - Year 4 Camp

March 5 - Merricks Camp

Parent Information Session

3.00pm

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School Closure Days

2021

March 11 & 12

June 11

November 1

November 26

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 2nd December:

Carols

Saturday 12th December:

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

Camp Dates 2021

Year 6 Canberra - Feb 16 to 19

Year 4 Angahook - March 3 to 5

Year 5 Merricks Lodge - March 16 to 19

Year 3 Zoo Snooze - November 23 to 25 (class day to attend TBC)

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/m

[edia/1517278888uniform_policy.pdf](http://www.gsmelbournesth.catholic.edu.au/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/>