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Live Love Learn

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see all of our students return to school on Thursday. Thank you for changing your plans, without much notice, to accommodate your children at home and support their learning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The staff were impressed by how quickly students accessed their class Dojo and by their enthusiastic approach to the home learning tasks that were set.

Closure Day, Friday 12th March

In light of the snap lockdown, we have decided to reduce our upcoming school closure days to Friday March 12 **only**. Previously, Thursday March 11 was advertised as a closure

day but can now be attended by students.

Support Available for Students following the Lockdown:

We understand that, for some of our families, the snap lockdown will have been difficult. As you are aware, we have a school counsellor, Sharon Cameron, who is available to work with students. If you believe your child/ren may need extra support following the lockdown, please contact Wendy or Tegan in the school office and we will do everything we can to support you and your family.

Afternoon Pick-up Time and Procedure:

After feedback from parents and staff we have decided to

review our current afternoon pick-up time and procedure but it will remain unchanged for next week. We are reviewing the schedule due to congestion of parking and parents lining up to enter the school grounds. We understand that many are coming at different times to those outlined.

Current practice:

- **Siblings A- K 3.15pm**
- **Siblings L – Z 3.20pm**
- **All other students**

3.25pm

Students sit in their class lines on the grassed area. Parents enter through the large vehicle access gates on Bank Street and leave through the pedestrian gate on Bank Street. Parents follow a one-way path while on the school grounds, marked out by cones. The one-

way path goes around the outside edge of the playground and aims to ease congestion. Parents collect their child/ren from their class lines and the child/ren join their parents for the one-way walk towards the exit gate. We encourage all parents to physically distance and wear a mask during afternoon pick-up as maintaining 1.5m distance from others can be difficult. The morning drop-off procedure and time remains unchanged and will not be reviewed.



New Dates for our Year 6

Canberra Camp

Due to the snap lockdown, we had to postpone our Year 6 Camp to Canberra. Thankfully we have been able to secure some possible dates for our Canberra Camp to go ahead for all Year 6 students later this year in Term 4.

More information will be communicated to our Year 6

families when exact dates are confirmed.

Dendy Swimming

On Monday 22nd February a number of students from Year 3 to Year 6 will attend the Dendy Swimming Carnival. Students were selected based on their swim times at our Swimming Carnival last year. We thank Kingsley Hill for organising the students and Laura Mason, Dave McLeish and Paul Mapley for supervising and supporting the students on the day. We wish our students all the best. We are sure they will proudly represent Galilee as the compete against students from surrounding Catholic Schools. Students who are not attending Dendy Swimming Carnival will attend school as normal. We were unable to secure use of MSAC for squad training beforehand (as we did last year) due to differing communication from the venue.

Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

This week we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Unfortunately it looked a little different this year, as we were not able to gather as a

community for Mass and receive Ashes. Even though Ash Wednesday looked a little different this year, students were still involved in activities at home and school that allowed them to better understand the significance of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Catholics traditionally receive a sign of the Cross made from the burnt ashes of the previous years' Palm Sunday palms. The sign of the Cross is made on the person's forehead to remind us that we need to turn away from our sins and believe in God so that we can share in eternal life with Him. It is a day where Catholics are asked to reflect on the ways they could change to follow Jesus' teachings more closely. Many Catholics will try to change their behaviour during Lent; by doing something extra or giving something up so that when Easter arrives, they have made the change to live a better Christian life. The challenge then is to make the change permanent.



Angahook Camp Parent Information Session

Our Year 4 students and their teachers are preparing to attend the Angahook Camp in two weeks time. An information session has been arranged for parents to find out more about the camp and ask any questions they may have. The Year 4 teachers will be hosting an Angahook Camp Parent Information Session via Google Meet between 2.30pm - 3.00pm tomorrow, Friday 19th February.

PE Changes

These are the days students will need to wear Physical Education uniform next week:

Prep S - Friday only

Prep P - Friday only

Prep M - Tuesday and Friday

Year 1J - Wednesday and Friday

Year 1B - Wednesday and Friday

Year 2E - Friday only

Year 2R - Wednesday and Friday

Year 2J - Friday only

Year 3M - Tuesday and Friday

Year 3B - Tuesday and Friday

Year 4H - Wednesday and Friday

Year 4R - Wednesday and Friday

Year 5C - Tuesday and Friday

Year 6F - Friday

Year 6M - Friday

Wellbeing - Teacher Appreciation

By understanding that your relationship with your teacher is the biggest influence on you being happy and successful at school, you will shine as a student. Everyone has mirror neurons which copy the expressions and moods of those around them, so making your body language welcoming and enthusiastic to spread your wellbeing building feelings with classmates and your teacher. Students learn well and teachers teach well when they are happy.



Allergies

Allergens can include eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat and other grasses, soy, certain insect stings, animal hair and medications. Shared food and food brought from home can unwittingly pose a severe risk.

If your child has an allergy, we do ask that you supply your class teacher with suitable treats for when the class is having a party or it is someone's birthday. This is to ensure they don't miss out on the treat due to their allergies.

At Galilee, we try to reduce risks by asking for your support. Therefore we request that you **contact your child's class teacher if you wish to bring in birthday treats or cakes** for your child's class. All students are asked **not to share food** and to only eat food that their family has prepared for them.

Craft Club

Today in Craft Club we celebrated Chinese New Year by creating lanterns and paper dragons.



Scripture of the Week

Simon Millar
Principal of Galilee

Sunday February 21 | Lent 1

God's Promise

THE WORD
God said to Noah, "I am making a promise with you and your descendants. Never again will the world be destroyed by a flood. As a sign of this promise I am putting my rainbow in the sky. Whenever the rainbow appears, I will remember my promise to you."
(Gen 9:11-15; 17; 24; 28; 12:1-2; 18:1; 1:10-15)

LOOK CLOSER
A Story: At this time last year, you were feeling resentful. When things went wrong, you would look for someone to blame. It felt like every day was gloomy with dark rain clouds. So you gave up blame and resentment for Lent! After a week you began to feel better. Instead of feeling gloomy and irritable like rain clouds, you felt peaceful like a rainbow after a storm.

Read & Reflect or tell the story of Noah's ark. Talk about ways in which you as a family can be more like Noah. (Gen 6-9)

PRAYER SPACE
Symbol: Rainbow
Your ways O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
Teach us to follow your paths and to walk in your truth. Amen.
Faithful Noah, pray for us.

God places a rainbow in the clouds as a sign of His promise to Noah. This promise has a special biblical name. Solve the puzzle to find out what it is. (All the answers can be found in the story of Noah in your Bible).

1. A dove bought an olive _____ back to prove the waters were going down.
2. The boat was built out of _____.
3. The bird that Noah sent out to look for dry land _____.
4. The boat was 300 cubits in _____.
5. What else besides Noah and his family were on the ark?
6. Each animal had a male and a _____.
7. The number of pairs of birds that Noah took _____.
8. The number of days it rained _____.

Sunday Parent / Teacher Communication

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COVID Drop Off & Dismissal Process and Protocols

Drop Off/Dismissal

Drop off and Pick -Ups Times

Mornings:

The Bank Street Gate (Park Street will not be available) will open at 8.35am and all students will go directly to their classrooms.

We respectfully request that parents remain outside the school grounds in the mornings. This is due to current COVID -19 protocols, where any adult onsite for more than 15 mins must sign in for contact tracing purposes.

If you need to speak to someone, we encourage you to call the office so we can arrange an appointment time or email/Dojo you child's teacher.

Afternoons:

Please be reminded of our current times that students are to be **picked up at the end of the school day.**

- **Siblings A- K 3.15pm**
- **Siblings L – Z 3.20pm**
- **All other students 3.25pm**

It is impossible for school staff to monitor this, so we are totally reliant on our parent's cooperation.

Our reasons for the staggered times are

- to assist with parking turnover
- to be compliant with COVID-19 restrictions that aim to reduce the congregation of adults around the school and reduce congestion
- to ensure all our parents and students can leave the school safely

We also recommend that you follow the **Face Mask** restrictions that are currently in effect which strongly recommend a face mask is worn outside whenever you cannot keep 1.5 metres distance from others. School staff will not be enforcing this as it is not mandatory, but we do support this recommendation by the Victorian Government.

Students who are walking home by themselves or riding home will be dismissed at 3.25pm.

This information will also be available on our website and school Bulletin.

We will also be publishing a timetable in the event of wet weather by next week.

We thank everyone for their flexibility and cooperation in ensuring that pick-up is safe and efficient for all in dealing with COVID-19 restrictions.

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.

- **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.



Community Links

TheirCare

Here at G.O.S.H we were spreading the LOVE, connecting with our theme of the week Love, Live & Laugh.

There were lots of love hearts being created and a lot of individual creations. The children designed and decorated their love hearts and attached them to a pop stick, everyone needs a little sparkle in their life, so the children

added gold, red and star glitter to their hearts.

Letitia showed Lily E how to make her love heart 3D, Maya wrote 'I Love You' on her blue pop stick. Lily L added pop sticks onto her love heart. It was most definitely a glittertastic kind of week. Annabelle bought in a notebook from home and was quietly doing some sketching, colouring and drawing to

represent her thinking and ideas.

Roll a Face

Evie, Harriet, Jacob, Oliver, Peter, and many other children enjoyed rolling different numbers to make and draw a funny jumble face. They coloured it in to make the funny face effect stand out. Then we extend the planned activity to show the children's emotions as they participate in

the planned arts and craft activities. Charlotte, Max, Roger, Michelle, Amélie and Alexander illustrated their own paper plate face, opening it up to friends, family, emotions, funny faces. This activity was very child-initiated where they

expressed their inner artists and feelings.

Oliver organised a group game in the hall of what's the time Mr Wolf. This got all the children actively involved and excited to do their best not to get caught.



Dates & Information

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

Parent Calendar

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

Term Dates

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 1 2021

Feb 19 - Angahook Camp
Parent Information Session
3.00pm

Feb 22 - Dendy Swimming
(Oakleigh Recreation Centre)

Feb 24 - Preps not at school

March 1 - Preps at school full time

- Whole School
Athletics Carnival (Lakeside Stadium)

March 3 to 5 - Year 4 Camp

March 5 - Merricks Camp
Parent Information Session
3.00pm

March 8 - Public holiday

March 12 - School closure day

March 16 to 19 - Year 5 Camp

April 1 - End of Term, 1.30pm

School Closure Days

2021

March 12

June 15

November 1

November 26

Camp Dates 2021

Year 6 Canberra - TBC but looking to confirm a date in Term 4

Year 4 Angahook - March 3 to 5

Year 5 Merricks Lodge - March 16 to 19

Year 3 Zoo Snooze - November 23 to 25

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:

 GRCPS Uniform Policy 2021.pdf

Transition of New Uniform

Please see below

correspondence distributed to the school community in 2020 and earlier.

To avoid a uniform change in the middle of a season, the timeline for students from Prep-Year 5 will be the beginning of Term Two, 2022 (change from Summer to Winter uniform). This mandatory change will not be for Year 6 in 2022.

A reminder that:

- the woollen jumper, rugby top and school bag can be worn/used for the duration of its lifetime as it is similar to the new item,
- during the transition period, blending of the current and new uniform **IS** allowed as we are keeping the same colour scheme,
- modifications were made after consultation with

the community over the last two-three years,

- we will continue to assist families financially with uniforms who are experiencing difficulty,
- used uniforms (current design) will be distributed to overseas schools in need by PSW.

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

The new Galilee uniform is available for purchase from PSW. Items of the current uniform are on sale at a discount of 40%. Items of the current uniform can be worn until the end of Term 1 2022. Exception will be made for Year 6 students. **All other students must be in the new uniform by Term 2, 2022.**

Prices can be found on the PSW website:

<https://www.psw.com.au/schools/galilee-regional-catholic-primary-school.html?p=1>

Galilee New Uniform:

 GALILEE REGIONAL CATHOLIC PS.pdf

Second Hand Uniform @ Galilee

Not open at the moment until further notice.

Lunch Orders

Attached is the lunch order list and ordering information from Renatta Catering.



Lunch Order List 2021.pdf

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/>