



Galilee Bulletin

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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 2021 October 4 - December 14, 1.30pm

Term 1 2022 January 31st - April 8th 1.30pm

Early Pick Up Times



If you are picking up your child before the school day finishes, please collect at either 10.30am or 1.30pm. It is appreciated if you can email

your child's teacher and the office of your collection time.

Term 4

SCHOOL HAT TO BE WORN

IN TERM 4

October 21 - Prep 2022

Transition Session 4

October 25 - Summer uniform to be worn

November 1 - School Closure Day

November 2 - Melbourne cup Public Holiday

November 3 - Prep 2022

Transition Session 5 Group 1

November 10 - Prep 2022

Transition Session 5 Group 2

November 17 - Music Soiree 5-8pm TBC

November 23-25 - Year 3 Camp TBC

November 24 - Prep 2022

Transition Session 6

November 26 - School Closure Day

December 1 - Prep 2022

Transition Session 7

December 3 - School

Transition session 1

December 10 - School

Transition session 2

December 13 - End of Term for **Year 6** 1.30pm

December 14 - End of Term for **P-5 students 1.30pm**



School Closure Days

2021

November 1

November 26

Sacramental Dates 2021



Eucharist

Postponed: StsPP

Postponed: OLMC

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Postponed: OLMC

Confirmation

Postponed: StsPP

Postponed: OLMC

Camp Dates

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

228 Bank St, South Melbourne

Open times TBC once out of lockdown.

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

Danceworld

To book your child into Danceworld lessons during recess/lunch or for more information, visit www.danceworldstudios.com/galilee or feel free to visit the studio next door to Galilee.

FOR MORE INFO:
PHONE: 1616 2143
Email: info@danceworldstudios.com
www.danceworldstudios.com/galilee/



Messages

Live Love Learn


Dear Families,

Dear Families,
 We are very much looking forward to the transition back to onsite learning by students and staff from Monday October 18. Please see below for the timetable that explains when each year level is onsite. The return dates may be different for students and staff who are currently in quarantine and notified as primary contacts. As we prepare to return to school over the next two weeks, we thought we would communicate some important information about the different processes and procedures that will be in place when your child/ren returns to school. Please note that all information in this notice (attachment below and emailed to families) is current but Catholic Schools

in Melbourne are yet to receive updated protocols about returning to school from the Victorian Government.

Students will start to return to school in a staggered way starting next week:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 4, Week 3 Week starts October 18th, 2021	Prep Onsite (Year 1-6 Remote Learning)	Prep Onsite (Year 1-6 Remote Learning)	Prep Onsite (Year 1-6 Remote Learning)	Years 1&2 Onsite (Prep, Year 3-6 Remote Learning)	Years 3&4 Onsite (Prep, Year 3-6 Remote Learning)
Term 4, Week 4 Week starts October 25th, 2021	Prep Onsite (Year 1-6 Remote Learning)	Prep Onsite (Year 1-6 Remote Learning)	Prep Onsite (Year 1-6 Remote Learning)	Years 1&2 Onsite (Prep, Year 3-6 Remote Learning)	Years 3&4 Onsite (Prep, Year 3-6 Remote Learning)
Term 4, Week 5 Week starts November 1st, 2021	School Closure	Public Holiday Melbourne Cup	Prep Onsite (Year 1,2,5,6 Remote Learning)	Years 1&2 Onsite (Prep, Year 3-6 Remote Learning)	Years 3&4 Onsite (Prep, Year 3-6 Remote Learning)
Term 4, Week 6 Week starts November 8th, 2021	Prep - Year 6 Onsite Full-Time				

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Wellbeing

Transitioning Back to School

Covid-19 has had a big impact on families over the past year as we have adapted to the complexities of learning from home, students and parents have had to adapt to significant change over this period of time. The transition back to school will be another big change for students. Many students will be excited to return to school; however, the thought of face-to-face interactions with peers and teachers may lead to some feelings of apprehension or anxiety for some children. Here are some strategies that may help the transition back to school to run smoothly!

Routines

Start to get back into the routines you had prior to homeschooling; you may need to adjust bedtimes and mealtimes. Talk to your children about any school day routines that you will return to: "Soon we will be walking to school in the morning."

Information

Share as much information as you can with your child around the return to school, when the kids are returning, the other Year levels who will be returning at that time, safety precautions that will be taken by the school. Include things like, "Mum or Dad will be dropping you at the gate; this is one of the strategies to help keep you and all the other kids safe."

Listen

Ask your child how they are feeling about returning to school. If they are feeling anxious or have any concerns, acknowledge and normalise those feelings. Children absorb their parents' anxiety, so model optimism and confidence for your child.

Problem-solving strategies

Discuss any concerns your children may have and assist them to problem-solve and come up with some solutions to help manage the concern.

Come up with a variety of solutions together and let your children choose the one/s that will work best for them. It is important that your children are part of the process as this helps them feel like they have some control over the situation.

Reinforce your child/ren's ability to cope! Share a previous positive experience where your child has overcome adversity, and the strategies they used.

Be Positive

Remain calm and positive. Encourage your child to talk about the things they enjoy about school. All children will like different things about school; generally, it will include things like seeing my friends and teachers, playing games, learning and interacting face-to-face with the class.

Playdates

Some children may have had very little contact with their friends over the past couple of months. It would be helpful

where possible to arrange a playdate with friends prior to returning to school; this could be a physical (if restrictions allow) or virtual play.

Friendships give your child a sense of belonging and help to build self-esteem. Therefore, it is important that your child is reassured that the friendships they have established still remain.

What we might observe during the transition

Children often communicate their feelings through behaviour. Anxiety is often misread as anger and opposition. Children can find it difficult to articulate their feelings effectively and at times cannot recognise what they are feeling.

Tips

- Get back into the school-day routine at least a week early – waking up, eating, and going to bed at regular times.
- Get your child involved in planning out their lunches and snacks for the first week back.
- For anxious kids, plenty of detail can be calming. Talk through the steps of

getting to their classroom: "And then we hang up our bag on our hook; we say hi to our friends; we find our seat...etc"

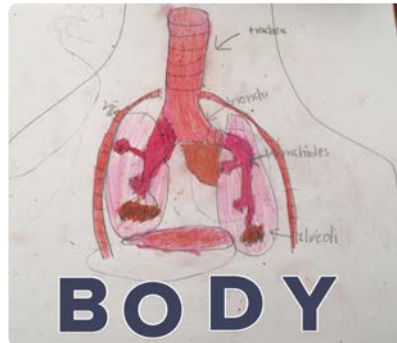
- Stick to familiar routines as much as possible. Try to have a calm evening and allow more time to settle before bedtime if your child is feeling excited or nervous about school.
- Help your child pack their bag the night before. A visual checklist can help them remember what they need to take. Layout their clothes so everything's ready for the morning.
- Allow some extra time to get ready on day one so you're not rushing.

And finally, check your own behaviour

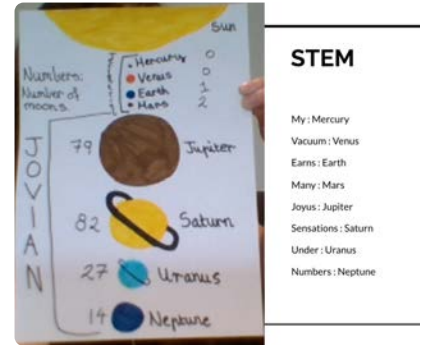
Returning to school will be a nervous time for parents as much as kids, but it's important to try and keep your own anxiety levels under control. The more you can stay calm and present school as a fun, positive experience – rather than a necessary evil – the better.

Student Learning

This week 2E has been exploring nonfiction texts. We learnt about the respiratory system and how the lungs work. We used our scanning skills to find technical vocabulary and created a diagram to help us understand how we breathe.



Year 5 have been learning about the Solar System, identifying the different types of planets and other celestial bodies in our Solar System. We have been writing an information text about a planet, researching the surface of the planet and have even found out that on one planet, astronomers suspect that it rains diamonds! Can you guess what planet it is?!



Prep 2022 Transition

Transition number 4 for Prep 2022 students will be online next Thursday 21st October. The link will be emailed to families next week.

Book Club

Issue 8 of Scholastic Book Club is out now. Browse the catalog [HERE](#) and place your order through the Loop App. Orders will close on Thursday 28th October.



Best wishes,
Simon Millar (Principal)




Community Links

Ride2School Poster Competition

To start the new term off with a bang, our National Ride2School Day poster competition is now open!

Entries close Tuesday 30 November 2021.

 [Term 4 2021 Poster Comp v2.pdf](#)



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.**

- **All students 3.15pm - 3.20pm**
- **All other students riding or walking independently - 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

Galilee Wet Weather Student Collection

In the event of wet weather at the end of a school day, the following procedures will be used to ensure a safe collection of students:

- Parents/Carers to collect students from their classrooms from 3:15-3:25pm
- All Parents/Carers to enter via the school office door
- All Parents/Carers to exit via the nearest side/external stairwell after collecting child/ren
- Parents/Carers with prams or limited mobility can request the office to ring for their child/ren
- Children attending GOSH, walking or riding home by themselves will be dismissed from their classroom at 3:25pm

Year Two information:

- Parents/Carers from 2R to exit via classroom external door
- Parents/Carers from 2E to enter and exit via the same door to the Library
- Parents/Carers from 2J to exit via the new external door

Additional information:

- Staff members will be supervising those entering the building and exiting via the front gate and in the corridors
- Parents/Carers are expected to move safely and efficiently, walking throughout the school
- Parents/Carers are only allowed on site for up to 15 minutes (COVID-19 restrictions) so collection is not an opportunity to converse with teachers, staff or other parents
- In the event of a wet weather collection, parents/carers will be notified when possible via DOJO by 3pm (unless it rains after 3pm)
- Specialist teachers will return children to their classrooms at 3:10pm prior to collection
- Please see below a map of the school for collection of children

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.