

Galilee Bulletin

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Dates & Information

**Dates and Times may change.

Parent Calendar

http://www.gsmelbournesth. catholic.edu.au/page/179/Ca lendar

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 <u>collect at either</u> <u>10.50am or 1.40pm.</u> 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 December 14 - End of Term for

P-5 students 1.30pm



Term 1 2022

Jan 31 - Students begin Feb 2 - Preps not at School Feb 2 - Angahook Year 4 Parent Information Session (Online) 2.30pm Feb 7 - Prep Meet the Teacher

Conferences 3.30pm-5.30pm Feb 9 - Prep Meet the Teacher Conferences 2.00pm-5.30pm Feb 9 - 11 - Year 4 camp Feb 16 - Preps not at school Feb 16 - Canberra Year 6 Parent Information Session (Online) 2.30pm Feb 25 - Preps not at school Feb 28 - Year 6 camp Feb 28 Preps being full time Feb 28 - Sibling Prep 2023 Interviews March 2 - Merricks Year 5 Parent Information Session (Online) 2.30pm March 8 - 11 - Year 5 camp March 15 - School Closure Day March 14 - 25 - Non sibling Prep 2023 Interviews April 4 - School Finishes at 12pm April 4 - Year 1-6 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 12.30pm-7.00pm April 6 - Year 1-6 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3.45pm-5.00pm April 8 - Term 1 Ends 1.30

Camp Dates 2022

Year 4 Angahook Camp 9-11 February Year 6 Canberra Camp 28 Feb-3 March Year 5 Merricks Camp 8-11 March

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 <u>or</u> 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/scho ols/galilee-regional-catholicprimary-school.html?p=1

Galilee New Uniform:

GALILEE REGIONAL CATHOLIC PS.pdf

Second Hand Uniform

Wednesday 1st December 0900-0930 Shop open. Older style uniform available only at this time.

*There is no access to the uniform shop out of hours listed above. Also no pram access.

*If you are not double vaccinated, please email **Tegan and Wendy your mobile** number and Carla will contact you to arrange a collection time.

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

Lunch Order List 2021.pdf **N**I

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/

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.



Lunch Orders





Messages

Live Love Learn

Dear Families,

On Wednesday 8th December, our Parents Association organised a wonderful Parent Christmas gathering at West Beach Pavilion in St Kilda. It was wonderful to be able to spend time together as a community and the parents certainly had fun. We look forward to many more of these occasions in 2022.





Year 6 Graduating Class of 2021

Our Year 6 students have enjoyed a few days of different celebrations. They have been to Funfields, Taco Bill South Melbourne, Graduation Mass and Dinner, a scavenger hunt around South Melbourne area and a game of dodgeball versing teachers. I congratulate each of our Year 6 students on completing their final year of primary school and wish you the very best for your next schooling chapter.



Thank you to the Year 1 and 4 parents who organised a food hamper and drinks for admin and support staff at Galilee for their work this year. The staff thoroughly enjoyed it all.

Start of School in 2022

We look forward to welcoming all of our students on Monday 31st January, 2022.

Introducing your 2022 School Captains!



Mr Martello talks about the recent completion of his Master of Edicational Leadership at Australian Catholic University.

School Captain Speech by Sammy T

School Captain Speech Sammy.pdf

School Captain Speech by Annabelle

School Captain Speech Annabelle.pdf

Wellbeing

Respectful Relationships

By understanding that nearly everything you achieve in life will come from working well with others, you will be more able to build respectful relationships. When you feel others think you matter, and they think the same way about Friday

you, good brain chemicals, serotonin and oxytocin, are released into your bloodstream, making you feel a natural high. When you enjoy respectful relationships you feel connected, protected and respected. Aim to enjoy happy times with others in person.



Specialist Classes in 2022

In 2022, all students will be involved in four Specialist Lessons each week. Each Specialist Class will run for an hour. This is an increased time allotment from 2021. We are very excited to offer the students Physical Education, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and L.O.T.E. - Italian on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in 2022.

P.E. Uniform in 2022

Prep P (with Annmaree Pinner)
Tuesday and Friday
Prep M (with Sheridan
McAuliffe) - Tuesday and Friday
Prep EF (with Holly Evans and
Brighid Fahy) - Thursday and

Year 1B (with Sammy Bamford) - Wednesday and Friday Year 1T (with Sarah Terrill) -Wednesday and Friday Year 2J (with Karen Jones) -Thursday and Friday Year 2F (with Julie Ferguson)-Thursday and Friday Year 3L (with Bianca Latto)-Wednesday and Friday Year 3B (with Daniel Booth)-Wednesday and Friday Year 3G (with Cassandra Gleeson)- Wednesday and Friday Year 4R (with Helen Rochecouste) - Tuesday and Friday Year 4G (with Mikaila Greenan) - Tuesday and Friday Year 5M (with Laura Mason) -**Thursday and Friday** Year 5R (with Amanda Readon) - Thursday and Friday Year 6M (with Dave McLeish) -**Tuesday and Friday**

School Assemblies in 2022

In 2022, School Assemblies will take place on Friday from 2.20pm - 3pm in the Hall. The first School Assembly that parents will be invited to attend will be on Friday 11th February, 2022. The Assembly will also be live streamed on Google Meet and the link will be published on the Parent Calendar.

Parent/Teacher/Stu dent Conferences in 2022

After much consultation with staff we have decided to revise our reporting structure in 2022.

For students in Year 1-6, we have decided to offer two Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences. The first Parent/Teacher/Student Conference will take place at *the end of Term 1* and the second

Parent/Teacher/Student Conference will take place at *the end of Term 3*. A written Student Report will continue to be sent home at the end of Term 2 and the end of Term 4.

For students in Prep, we have decided to offer a Meet the Teacher Conference at the beginning of Term 1, a Parent/Teacher/Student Conference at the end of Term 3 and we will continue to send home two written Student Reports per year, one at the end of Term 2 and one at the end of Term 4.

We hope that this new structure allows for more productive conferences with a stronger focus on student growth and achievement.

Prep Meet the Teacher Conferences will take place on Monday 7th February from 3.30-5.30pm and Wednesday 9th February from 2 - 5.30pm. You will be able to allocate your preferred appointment time closer to the date. Meet the Teacher Conferences will be available onsite or via Zoom.

Year 1-6

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will take place on Monday 4th April from 12.30-7pm and Wednesday 6th April from 3.45-5pm. You will be able to allocate your preferred appointment time closer to the date.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be available onsite or via Zoom.

Fees 2022

On December 7, families should have received an email regarding the schedule of fees for 2022. Fee payers will receive a fee statement next year when the year is rolled over on our system. Before paying your fees in full, please check the rebate on the Final 2022 School Fees Letter and subtract that amount plus the \$250 discount for paying before the March due date.



Father Bob's Christmas Show

On Wed 15 December at 1pm, Fed Square opens to a free lunchtime Christmas variety show presented by Father Bob!

Appearing on the Main Stage, *Father Bob's We Need a Little Christmas Variety Show* promises a non-stop, fast-paced overload of Christmas spirit and entertainment. The show will feature a set of Melbourne's best comedians, acrobats, singers and dancers, opened by Melbourne's very own Santa incarnate, Father Bob Maguire.

'My philosophy has always been about bringing the community of Melbourne together and what better time to do this than now as Melbourne re-opens. Having been through the world's longest

lockdown, Melbournians need encouragement, joy and some time to share and celebrate with one another this Christmas.' Father Bob says.

Children, teenagers, families, parents and grandparents, everyone is welcome! Strap in for a performance of sound, colour and excitement. Each show will conclude with Santa handing out toys and gifts to children in the audience.

'Families can add this to their list of destinations for the day. City workers and passers-by are all welcome! It's proudly supported by the City of Melbourne and Fed Square, as part of the Melbourne's Christmas Festival 2021. It's an event not to be missed this Christmas, come along and join in,' says Father Bob.



Parents Battle of the Bands



THIS THURSDAY!!

Parent's Battle of The Bands #3 - Thursday, 16th Dec - The Prince Bandroom, St Kilda. Tickets are now on sale at the following link: https://princebandroom.oztix.c om.au/outlet/event/211e3233a675-4064-b779-49baf40474c2? utm_source=PrinceBandroom &utm_medium=Website If booking, make sure you obtain the tickets through the The P.O.G.S (Galilee PS) band, as all proceeds will be redistributed back to the school pro-rata of parents' attendance / number of tickets sold by each school.

Funds raised are used to expand the musical education programs and improve facilities for participating schools & help further our children's musical education.

Our Parents Band **The P.O.G.S.** is participating with 6 other local primary schools including St. Kilda Primary, Elwood Primary, Port Melbourne Primary, Gardenvale Primary, St Kilda Park Primary & Ripponlea Primary. Great way to finish the year, with the wider local school communities. See you there!

Seeds and Sprouts 2022

Expressions of interest are now open for the 2022 Sprouts program. The Sprouts program is for those children beginning school in 2023.

Please email your child's name and the year they will begin school

to <u>seedsandsprouts@gsm.vic.e</u> <u>du.au</u>. You will be contacted in early Term 1 with the relevant information for the 2022 program. This program will be run on a Friday throughout Term 1-4. here will be two sessions available with limited places. Please note, this is an expression of interest **only**. Emailing an expression of interest does not guarantee your child's place in the program.

Places in the program are limited. All further relevant information and application forms will be sent out in Term 1 and places in the program are based on the date these applications are returned.



Therapy Dog

In 2022, we will welcome a new staff member to the school community: Artemis (Arte), a beautiful, gentle labrador retriever dog. Arte belongs to Sharon Cameron, our School Counselor. Sharon and Arte have spent much time training for the Therapy Dog and Handler Certification. Arte needed to master high expectations and training requirements before she could become certified to be within the school environment. In December, after intensive training with Sharon, Arte underwent three days of assessments in varied settings. She graduated after displaying a high level of competence and now will accompany Sharon to school each day.

Therapy dogs can help students by offering comfort and non-judgmental support. While Arte will mostly stay with Sharon in the Counseling room, she won't have to stay there all of the time and is expected to make appearances throughout the school. Next year we will send out further information regarding Arte working with your children, including an 'opt out' if there is a reason you would not like your child to have contact with the dog. Due to her certification, Arte is exempt from the school policy that 'dogs are not allowed beyond the school gates'.



Year 6 Graduation Mass

Last Monday our Year 6's sixes celebrated their Graduation Mass at Saint Peter and Paul's with Fr Gary. This was a lovely service where the students reminisced their 2021 year and all years at Galilee. Many thanks to the teachers, Mrs. Julie Ferguson and Mr. David McLeish for preparing such a special service for the students and their families.



Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and holiday period.

Best wishes, Simon Millar (Principal)



Community Links

TheirCare





Art Club



Albert Park Girl Guides

Albert Park Girl Guides . Reopening Term 1.2022. Meets Tuesday 6-7.30 pm. Aquatic Drive, Albert Park. Sea Scouts Hall.

Girls 7-9 years. Older girls have Units in the local area. Make new friends, learn new skills in a non competitive way. For further information contact District Manager Patricia

Brincat.

patricia.brincat@guidesvic.org.

au or mobile 0438941601.

Basketball Victoria





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 between 8.35am and 8.20am. Students will wait on the playground until 8.50am when teachers will taken them up to their classrooms.

We respectfully request that parents remain outside the school grounds in the mornings. This is due to current COVID -19 protocols.

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 3.30pm
 - All other students riding or walking independently 3.25pm

Our reasons for the extended pick-up window is to be compliant with COVID-19 restrictions that aim to reduce the congregation of adults around the school and reduce congestion.

Please ensure you wear a mask and maintain a distance of 1.5m. from others while collecting students at the end of the day. We ask that you move as quicky as you can on the school yard and refrain from talking to others during this time.

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 the 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 <u>must not congregate</u> 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.