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Live Love Learn

Dear Families,

We have had another busy week at Galilee. We hope your child/ren have enjoyed participating in the numerous extra-curricular activities that have been happening through out the week. At Galilee, we believe in educating the whole child; spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally and physically. Educating the whole child has never been more evident than this week. On Monday, we held a very successful Athletics Carnival. All students participated in a range of Athletics Events that allowed them to collect points for their House Team. It was wonderful to watch students with a strong sense of motivation, inner desire to succeed, setting and achieving their own goals as well as

developing a sense of belonging to their house team and school community. Congratulations to Joey's White on their win for the day. On Wednesday, our Year 4 students headed off on a three day, two night camp to Angahook in Aireys Inlet. Our camping program gives students wonderful opportunities to develop a wide range of social skills that strengthen established relationships and develop new ones. Students are challenged to be more independent, work in teams, make decisions and further develop their leadership skills. They are able to take a safe risk and push themselves physically. We look forward to hearing all about the camp when they return on Friday afternoon.

On Wednesday afternoon we heard from our Wellbeing Team and the Wellbeing Leaders at Assembly. They showed us different ways to meditate and keep calm.

On Wednesday, after school, staff participated in a STEM professional development presenting them with ideas in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics that they can take back into their classroom. Teachers were encouraged to link STEM with other subject areas; helping to make student learning real and relevant.

Tomorrow we look forward to welcoming Sue Kidd into the Year 3 classrooms to work with our students on their understandings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Sue has partnered with Galilee

to enhance student preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time later this term.

All of these extra-curricula activities were above and beyond the amazing learning that was happening in each classroom. It is wonderful to watch our students challenge themselves in all areas of their learning and have the chance to flourish.

Staffing and Roles



2021 Staffing.pdf

Public Holiday and School Closure Day

Next Monday, 8th March, is the Labor Day Public Holiday.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful long weekend.

If you are picking students up
early to go home on Friday for
the long weekend, please pick
up at either 10.30am or 1.30
and notify their teacher.

Next Friday, 12th March, is a School Closure Day. Staff will spend the day learning about Writing - Big Write and VCOP. We look forward to staff implementing these writing strategies into their classrooms. GOSH will be open on Friday 12th March, head to their website to book, www.theircare.com.au.

School Photos

School Photos have been scheduled for the 24th of March. More information about how to order school photos will be given out closer to the date.

School Fees

A reminder if you chose to pay your school fees in full, your payment is due this month, 25th March.

The first payment for anyone who chose one of the instalment options was due on 25th February.



PE Uniform

Your class teacher will Dojo you the days students are to wear Sport Uniform.

Wellbeing

Fresh and Active

By making the choice to eat fresh whole foods, and exercise every day for an hour, you will give yourself the best opportunity to be physically and mentally healthy. Use your strengths to be determined not to be fooled by advertising that tells you most packaged and takeaway foods are good for you. They aren't. Also, beware of spending too much time indoors on electronic leisure; it can affect your personal relationships.



Athletics Carnival

On the first of March, Galilee
School had an Athletics Day
Carnival at Lakeside Stadium.
We arrived at school for an 8:15
am early start and were
reminded of everything we
would need to remember when
we got to Lakeside Stadium.

We got on the bus at 8:30 to arrive for 8:45 and grabbed our seats and had a quick snack before the events started.

When all the year levels were ready, the Sports Captains took their house team for a practice lap around the track then it was time for the events to begin. The Preps-Year 2s split off to the opposite side of the stadium whereas the Year 3-6s staved on the main track.

Everyone tried their very best in the first series of events and earned points for their house team. Then it was time for recess for everyone to have a break, a snack to eat and chatting with friends. Then we began our second series of events. All the parents and staff were doing a great job of keeping everyone in line.

Finally, it was time to do the

optional 800 Metres run and all those who took part in the race did an excellent job and the ones who didn't race cheered on their house teams very well. Then we got on the bus back to Galilee.



Overall, it was a great day thanks to staff members and parents, Mr Hill especially for helping to organize the day and good luck to the people who will be going to the District. by

Easter Raffle

Keep an eye out in your child's school bag for your raffle tickets!



Assembly

For assemblies parents will be allowed on site with the following conditions:

- Only those with a child in class performing or receiving an award can attend:
- Will have to sit outside of the hall;
- Sign a health declaration.

Assembly will be live steamed.
Link will be on the parent
calendar. If your child will be
receiving an award or your
child's class is presenting at
assembly the classroom
teacher will notify you via Dojo.



School Education
Board

To those new to the school community, the SEB is an advisory board to the school leadership team consisting of Principal and the Deputy Principals and parent representative members who are appointed by the Principal. The SEB meets formally during the year to review and advise as required on various matters relating to school operations, business and administration which may include governance, building and other projects, marketing, grants, policies and procedures. Board members for the duration of their tenure, provide their time and skills to advise and support the school as and when required. The SEB school members for

The SEB school members for 2021 are:

Darren Catherall (Chair)
Athena Romic (Deputy Chair)

David Cloag
Bernard Mandile
Nicole Loriente
Tim Anderson
Carlo Pizzini

How to Handle Criticism

By Eliza D and Laura S - Year 6

On the Tuesday the second of March, the Year Sixes and the Year Fives got to learn about how to deal with positive and negative criticism. Kasey (Violet and Ivy S's Mum) taught us how to respond to criticism and that criticism is not always bad. She explained how it took her a long time to recognise that if you want to do something you love and put yourself out there, you will get criticised and that there is no way around it but that is ok!

Kasey then walked us through a strategy that she uses to help her handle criticism. She explained that she had a special card that she looks at when someone says bad things about her or her work. On her special card, she has a list of everyone who she trusts and looks at this and talks to them if she is criticised. The basic rule

is that if they are not on your list, their criticism may not matter. Overall we all learnt a lot about tackling criticism and we learnt that the best thing to do was to just be yourself!

Thank you Kasey, it was amazing.

"Criticism is the entry price we pay to live the life that we want"



Library Times

From this week, students will attend library on the following days:

Thursday - Year 2 Friday - Prep, Years 1, 3, 4, 5, 6



Book Club order 2 is out now and due by March 19 via the Loop app.

Craft Club

Today in Craft Club we made fruit bowls using watercolour paint.

Craft Club is on at lunchtime on a Thursday in the Art Room.





Religion

Scripture of the week



St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day.
The students are invited to
wear a 'hint' of green on that
day. This may include a green
hair ribbon, green socks and
the like, but definitely NO green
hair please. Instead of having
an Assembly on March 17th,
the students will participate in
St. Patrick's Day activities.

We look forward to a wonderful day!

Camels, Clutter and Coffee...

'A baby camel asked its mother,
"Mother, why do we have feet
with two toes?" the mother
replied, "So we don't sink into
the sand."

the baby camel said, "Mother, how come we have such long eyelashes?" the mother again answered, "So the sand is not blown into our eyes during sandstorms."

then the baby camel asked,
"Why do we have huge humps,
then?" The mother answered,
"to store fat to survive."
quizzically, the camel looked at
its mother, and puzzled, he
said, "Why then, are we in a
zoo?" ' - (I heard this from a
priest at Mass.)

Like the baby camel, we can become confused about where we should be. When we are in a busy, bustling street full of worldly affairs, we can not hear Jesus speak to us, whereas, when we are in a place of silence, like the desert, we are able to hear Jesus. 'I will lead her into the desert and there, I will speak to her heart.' - Hosea 2:14

Jesus went into the desert to prepare for His mission for forty days in silence. We need to step away from all the commotion and go to Jesus. Jesus is our true home, where we belong. Jesus wants to live in our hearts, but first we need to clear the clutter to make space for Him.

We are currently in the second week of Lent. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three very important ways to make room for Jesus in our minds, hearts and lives during this time.

Project Compassion is a way of almsgiving. Filling a tiny little box with a few coins can make a huge difference in the lives of those who live in poorer countries.

'We often feel like a fancy coffee with foam on the top, but when we are in the desert we only want water.' (- Fr.) It's very true. We may want fancy things, but in the desert we only long for what we need. By giving up a coffee, you could save money and donate for the needs of others.

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2021

Reconciliation:

StsPP - Tuesday, 16

March 7:00pm

OLMC - Wednesday, 24 March

7:00pm

Eucharist

StsPP - Sunday, 6 June 2:00pm

OLMC - Wednesday, 2

June 7:00pm

Confirmation

StsPP- Thursday 19 August

7.00pm

OLMC - Wednesday 18 August

7.00pm

Many of our Year 3 students
will be making their First
Reconciliation in March. Please
keep them in your prayers:

A Prayer for our

Reconciliation Candidates

Loving God, teach your children that you love them totally and unconditionally.

Help us to encourage each other to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive.

Help us to pray for these children and to share our faith with them as we journey together.

We ask this through Christ our

Lord.

Amen

Simon Millar

Principal of Galilee



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**.

- 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

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 $3.25\,\mathrm{pm}$.

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 <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.



Community Links

Healthy Tracks

As you may have noticed in the local area, there are Galilee decals on the footpath, directing students, families and the wider public to Galilee so everyone knows how much further there is to reach the school.

This Healthy Tracks
partnership with the City of
Port Phillip was formed in 2019
and we look forward to
continuing and strengthening
the relationship.

The map below identifies the routes that the City of Port

Phillip encourages our students to walk, ride or scoot to school on. These routes are included on our Local Walks form so our teachers and staff can take students along these routes (parents will be notified via Dojo if and when the students attend a local walk).



Keep an eye out for them! Ms Carnovale:)

TheirCare

Last week GOSH had extended theme "We still want to have fun" due to the previous week lockdown.

Outdoors fun leaders Anthony,
Max, Oliver, Zachery, Marco,
Jacob, and Roger created a lot
of games, which involved
dressing up, running,
imagination and coordination.
The number 1 game of the
week was "Zombies"!
Indoors wasn't boring too: we
started the week with making
the Treasure chest, continued
with paper spinning tops which
were made by Roger, Sofia,
Alexander, Jai, Michelle, Isabel,

Charlotte and Lehara. Of course, later we had a tournament.

At the end of the week, we had a lot of fun as Jai and Max were entertaining guys at the playground by dressing up in different costumes. Alexander made a gorgeous bracelet and drew a huge picture on the whiteboard together with Charlotte and Isabella.





Dear families, we want to remind you that 12.03.2021 is a pupil free day and we will run program in GOSH from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please book the session

Holiday program bookings will be available from Friday, 05.03.2021 at

www.theircare.com.au

Have a great weekend! Kateryna

Port Melbourne Netball





Albert Park Bowls Club



Siena College Open Evening and Mornings



MiniRoos Soccer

Port Melbourne Auskick program





Dates & Information

**Dates and Times may change.

Parent Calendar

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

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

March 3 to 5 - Year 4 Camp March 5 - Merricks Camp Parent Information Online Session 2.30pm March 8 - Public holiday

March 12 - School closure day March 16 to 19 - Year 5 Camp March 19 - Year 3

Reconciliation Reflection Day

- Ride2School Day

March 24 - School Photos

March 26 - Harmony Day

April 1 - End of Term, 1.30pm

School Closure Days

2021

March 12

June 15

November 1

November 26

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Camp Dates 2021

Year 4 Angahook - March 3 to 5 Year 5 Merricks Lodge - March 16 to 19 Year 6 Canberra - May 3 to 6 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/scho ols/galilee-regional-catholicprimary-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/