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Live Love Learn

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of Term One at Galilee, we see further easing of COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria, just over a year since the first Australian lockdown. We are also seeing increasing numbers of people returning to their offices.

I have worked onsite at school throughout the last 14 months. Some have worked entirely from home while others have blended both locations. Each of us has been impacted differently but all of us have learnt lessons for the future. Will we remember what we've learnt or will the world return to a way of life, just as before? Some parents have expressed an increased awareness and appreciation of teachers and how they dedicate their careers to the education of children.

Without daily travel and routines, some people have managed to increase productivity while achieving greater life balance. Hopefully as people return to offices they will remember the importance of family and of life beyond work.

As we approach our celebration of Harmony Day, we remember that although countries have many different customs, we have much more in common than we think.

Harmony Day

Tomorrow we will celebrate Harmony Day at Galilee. Students will be involved in activities that celebrate the amazing cultures that make up our country. Australia is one of

the most multicultural countries in the world – from the oldest continuous culture of our First Australians to the 49% of Australians who were born overseas or have a parent who was.

Our cultural diversity is a great strength and brings with it a whole host of traditions, religions, languages and of course, food!

We hope that our school community will come to school tomorrow **wearing orange clothing** (the colour of Harmony Day) **or dressed in their families' culturally traditional clothing**. Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation on the day.

What is the meaning of Easter?

Easter is one of the most important events on the Christian calendar; it is the time when the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is remembered. According to Christian belief, Jesus was crucified and then rose from the dead three days after his crucifixion. As is true of many Christian Festivals, the origins of Easter are actually Pagan. The word 'Easter' comes from the name of Estre, an AngloSaxon goddess who was strongly linked with Spring, fertility and the beginning of new life.

Easter Church Services

Today, Christian churches in the Western World mark the Easter festival with an Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday – beginning in darkness and involving the blessing of the Easter fire, the lighting of a candle and readings from the Old Testament – and a service on Easter Sunday. Easter Church Services are preceded by 40 days of Lent (a time of repentance and fasting) and followed by a 50 day Easter season.

The days of Easter are:

- Palm Sunday – The Sunday before Easter, when Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly
- Good Friday – The day Jesus was crucified on the cross
- Holy Saturday – The final day of Holy Week
- Easter Sunday – The day of Christ's resurrection, now a traditional day for baptism
- Feast of the Ascension – The day marking Christ's ascension to Heaven
- Pentecost – Seven weeks after Easter Sunday, celebrating the visitation of Christ to more than 100 followers

Around the walls of every Catholic Church can be found fourteen plaques or pictures depicting Christ's journey to Calvary – these are known as the Stations of the Cross. The Second Station tells the story of Christ receiving the cross onto which he is to be nailed. We feel his suffering with a sense of the injustice of it all – until we realize that the whole action of the first Good Friday is Christ acting in union with

his Father's will for the redemption of all people, and that the burden of his cross is the burden of our shortcomings and our sufferings. If we're having a 'bad day', we probably give some thought to the burdens of our own life – pressures of work, loneliness, unemployment, a strained relationship or whatever – and come to a realization that Christ, through his suffering and death, is inviting us to allow him to share the things we have difficulty carrying for ourselves. At various stages in our lives, we might experience many small 'Good Fridays', when things don't go how we'd like them to. It is then that we can experience Christ's redemptive act and our faith will eventually lead us to the 'Easter' of our problems. With Christ, we are assured of resurrection. We are 'Easter Sunday' people!

Building Project Update

The Galilee school building project is well and truly underway in 2021! Demolition of the former Prep building started in early February,

clearing the way for commencement of construction of the new 3-storey Games Hall and Learning Building, which will include some amazing new learning spaces and a full competition sized basketball court. Following demolition, the Contractor (CICG) proceeded with installation of in ground services including electrical, sewer, fire and communications that will later be tied into the existing school systems.

A key milestone was reached on Wednesday this week with the pouring of bored pile foundations. The piles which will later provide the main supports for the building, are up to 9.5m deep and founded several metres into the weathered rock layer that exists below the school site. Next activities planned include detailed excavation works in preparation of the construction of the ground slab. There will be further project updates in the coming weeks on progress of the construction as there is a lot more to look forward to! We thank the entire school community for your patience and understanding whilst the construction activities

progress – especially to the children and staff of Galilee who continue to go about their daily school activities with the added challenge of construction noise and reduced outdoor play space. We are confident it will be well worth it once our new facility is complete.



Wellbeing - JOMO and Grit

By using grit to focus on building your best possible self, and not being a slave to your phone, you will enjoy the positive feelings which come from JOMO, Joy of Missing Out.

For many people, their phones are their masters, and they feel they need to be glued to them 24/7 to not experience FOMO, Fear of Missing Out. Technology should be a fantastic servant to make your life better, not rule it.

JOMO is being self-kind to yourself, try it out.

PE Uniform

Please note the days that your child/ren needs to wear their PE uniform next week.

These are days that students need to wear their PE

Uniform next week:

Prep S: Monday and Thursday

Prep P: Monday and Thursday

Prep M: Tuesday

Year 1J: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1B: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2R: Tuesday and

Thursday

Year 2J: Wednesday

Year 2E: Wednesday

Year 3M: Wednesday

Year 3B: Monday

Year 4R: Monday and Thursday

Year 4H: Wednesday

Year 5C: Monday and Thursday

Year 6M: Tuesday

Year 6F: Tuesday

Tennis with Paul



D.O.G.S

The D.O.G.S. (Dads of Galilee School) Golf Day is happening this Saturday 27th March, further details below.



Numbers are limited, due to the golf course availability.

Details:

Albert Park Golf Course
Saturday - 27th March 2021

Tee Off from 9:30am

18 holes.

Price \$55.00

After the golf, we will be heading to the Middle Park Bowls Club for a BBQ and drink.

James

Easter Raffle



Tickets

This is an Easter Fundraising event to raise money for our school.

Tickets - \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Please clearly label each purchased ticket with your child's name and class.

These envelopes must be returned **Tomorrow, Friday 26th March.**

**Additional raffle tickets will be available at the school office if you wish to purchase more.*

There is no obligation to purchase tickets.

Easter Raffle Donations

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at **12.30pm on Thursday 1st April**, the last day of Term 1 and the lucky winners will take home their goodies!

Please drop donations to the office by **Tomorrow, Friday 26th March.**

Religion

2E Palm Sunday

2E have been learning about the events of Holy Week. Here are some of their Palm Sunday comics.



Scripture of the Week



Reconciliation Reflection Day



The Year 3 students enjoyed their Reconciliation Reflection

day last Friday! They visited the church and studied the stations of the cross with Father John at StsPP. They participated in rotations with their teachers that involved activities such as: Christian meditation, role-playing the parable of the Prodigal Son, writing a Sorrow prayer after an examination of conscience and completing an art activity. Many thanks to Father John and Sue Kidd, the catechist at StsPP who has volunteered her time to work with the Year Three teachers to prepare the students for this sacrament. A very special thanks to the Yr 3 teachers, Miss Charlotte

Biggs and Miss Laura Mason for their time, dedication and preparation of their students also.

On Wednesday afternoon we received news that Fr. Hugh Brown was not well enough to be at the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.

We would like to thank the students, who were planning to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday at OLMC, for their flexibility with the change of date. We will publish the new date for First Reconciliation at OLMC as soon as we can.

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2021

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

School for Term One will conclude at 1:30pm on Thursday 1st April and commence for Term Two on Monday 19th April.



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 3.25pm.

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

Easter Lamb - Supporting our Communities

The Tolls, one of our Galilee families (Allegra in 4R and Matteo in 1B), has a beloved family farm in Gunbower in regional Victoria where they raise prime saltbush lambs and grow native trees. During COVID, the family relocated up to the farm and have set up a paddock to plate ordering system for Melbourne deliveries.

Plan your Easter feast with a full lamb box or a half lamb box delivered to your door. Each box consists of choice cuts including shoulder roasts, leg roasts, racks, chops, and sausages.

Circle T is offering an Easter Lamb promotion with 10% of all meat orders going to

Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School.

Visit

<https://farms.circlet.com.au/>
and use promo code **GALILEE** at the checkout.



EASTER LAMB DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR

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TheirCare

In GOSH we had "All about me" theme last week.

Children were filling up profiles about themselves, their likes, and hobbies.

The week started with Isabella, Elijah and Haell helping Kateryna to set up the morning tea for parents.

We decided to take care of our health, that's why the rest of the week was about our mental and physical wellbeing: Ryger was teaching guys martial arts and Kateryna was practising meditation and stillness with them.

On Friday we had one of the best days during the term! In the afternoon Ryger organised together with Jacob G. and Oliver E. an obstacle bootcamp run, using the grass area and playground. All children took part in this run. The winners were Oliver and Jacob in 7+ years category and Zoe with Jai in under 7 years category.

After that intense course, Ryger did stretching with kids and Kateryna played with them in meditation/"dead fish", some

of the children got so inspired that they organised their own small obstacle run, the inspirational leader was Zachary.



Dear parents, don't forget that next week on Thursday we have early finish at 1.30 PM, please book your children to GOSH earlier than later. Holidays start in 1.5 week, please visit website www.theircare.com.au for bookings. Kateryna



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The City of Port Phillip is planning for the future of South Melbourne to manage change and guide how the area looks, feels and functions. Tells us what you think about South Melbourne now and what you want it to be like in the future. Your responses will help create a vision and establish key directions for South Melbourne.

To find out more and share your feedback by Wednesday 21 April 2021, visit <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au>.

Albert Park Bowls Club



Port Melbourne Auskick program



Middle Park Soccer

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- GIRLS - SESSIONS FROM 21 APRIL (WEDNESDAY 6-7PM)

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 After School
 School Holiday's
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Call Gemma 0456090716
 info@immersedrama.com
 www.immersedrama.com

Learn to Sail

Kids Learn to Sail with Tackers

Tackers is an Australian Sailing program aimed at getting kids aged 7-12 into sailing.

Each program includes:

- ✓ 20hrs with qualified AS Instructors.
- ✓ FUN on & off-water games.
- ✓ Certificate presentation & sausage sizzle on the last day.
- ✓ Tackers 1 receive a Zhik Tackers bag (inc. Rashie, drink bottle, bag & hat)

Where The safe & protected waters of Albert Park Lake at **The Boatshed**.
 When 6th - 9th April 9am - 2.30pm
 12th - 16th April 9am - 1pm

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 Adam Gristwood 03 9088 7207
 info@theboatshed.net.au

TACKERS
 Australian Sailing



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

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 1

March 26 - Harmony Day (wear orange)

April 1 - End of Term, 1.30pm

Term 2

April 19 - Term 2 begins

April 27 - Family Faith Night

6pm - Eucharist

April 28 - Parent Committee & Year Level Reps Evening 6pm

April 29 - Whole School Cross Country

April 30 - Parent Morning

Cuppa 8.45am

- 5/6 Interschool Sport

May 3 to 6 - Year 6 Camp

May 7 - Mother's Day Morning

Tea 8.30am

- Mother's Day Mass

- Mother's Day Lunch

- 5/6 Interschool Sport

May 11 to 21 - NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

May 14 - Dendy Cross Country

May 21 - 5/6 Interschool Sport

May 27 - Parents Battle of the Bands

May 28 - 5/6 Interschool Sport

June 2 - Sacrament of Eucharist

- OLMC

- Soccer Lightning

Premiership

June 4 - 5/6 Interschool Sport

- Student school disco

(P-2 4.45pm), (3-6 6.15pm)

June 6 - Sacrament of Eucharist

- StsPP

June 10 - Football Lightning

Premiership

June 11 - Netball Lightning

Premiership

June 14 - Queen's Birthday

Public Holiday

June 15 - School Closure Day

June 16 - Soiree 5pm - drums, vocals, keyboard and guitar

June 17 - 5/6 Netball Lightning

Premiership

June 18 - 5/6 Football

Lightning Premiership

June 21 - Student Led

Conferences 2-7pm

STUDENTS FINISH 1.30PM

June 23 - Student Led

Conferences 2-5pm

June 25 - End of term 1.30pm

School Closure Days

2021

June 15

August 27

November 1

November 26

Sacramental Dates 2021

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OLMC - Wednesday, 2

June 7:00pm

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7.00pm

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7.00pm

Camp Dates 2021

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/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/)
<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.