

Galilee Bulletin

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Click on the link to see all events/excursions/sacraments etc.

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**Dates and Times may change. Parents will be informed via newsletter

Early Pick Up Times



If you are picking up your child before the school day finishes, please <u>collect at either</u> <u>10.45am, 1.30pm or 2.20pm.</u> It is appreciated if you can email your child's teacher and the office of your collection time.

Closure Dates Semester 1

March 15 April 26

Camp Dates 2022

Year 5 Merricks Camp 8-11 March Year 6 Canberra Camp 11-14 July Year 4 Angahook Camp 14-16 September

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.

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

Galilee Second Hand Uniform

Shop open on selected Wednesdays at 228 Bank St, South Melbourne (opposite the Police Station). Open days will be published on Messages page in newsletter.

Lunch Orders

Attached is the lunch order list and ordering information for Renatta Catering. Order online at www.flexischools.com.au

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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: <u>http://theircare.com.au/</u>

Danceworld

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





Messages

Live Love Learn

Dear Families,

I hope you have had a wonderful week. With restrictions gradually easing and COVID cases amongst students dropping, it feels like school-life is returning to normal with more events being added to the calendar.

Building Update

Our building project is making great progress and likely to be finished in the later stages of Term Two. Please see the clip below for an update.

School Closure Day

As per the parent calendar and information page in bulletins, Tuesday 15th March is a school closure day where staff will receive training in First Aid and CPR. Please note, that it is a Tuesday after the long weekend. This day was originally planned for Thursday January 27 and had to be rescheduled when cancelled by our government. Theircare will be providing supervision for students and is available for bookings.

Wellbeing

Don't worry, be happy. By understanding what releases feel-good brain chemicals into your

bloodstream, you will be able to create positive emotions in yourself. When you laugh and have fun with others you are building strong social connections, which releases serotonin and oxytocin, to develop trusting relationships. Serotonin comes from feeling others think you matter, while oxytocin comes from feeling trust and caring from those you are with. These come from being with others in person, not communicating electronically.



Galilee School Community 2022 Welcome Picnic

Sunday 20th March

2:00- 4:00pm Edwards Park (in and around Trugo Club) 219 Esplanade East, Port Melbourne

<u>BYO food, drink, picnic</u> <u>rug/chairs</u> *Zooper doopers, small pkt's of chips and lolly bags for sale.

Please join us to celebrate and welcome the 2022 school year. A great opportunity to get together with our school community (finally).

School Musical

In we will again have a school musical performance showcasing the talents of our students. We last held The Lion King Jr, prior to COVID restrictions. This time, performances will be held in our new Performing Arts venue. Later this term, students will be invited to attend general open auditions. Dates will be released by the end of Term One. We are excited to announce that we are partnering with Dance World (our neighbouring dance school) for the planning and performing of the musical.

Sport Reports

Galilee Athletics Carnival by Daniela

On Wednesday the 23rd of February Prep to Year 6 travelled to Lakeside Stadium for our athletics carnival. We started off the day by warming up and breaking into our age groups to commence our day.

There were many events to participate in such as high jump, long and triple jump, shotput, discus, hurdles, 100m and 200m sprint and last but not least the almost impossible 800m.

We would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the events and a special thanks to Mr Hill and all the teacher and parent helpers who made the day possible. Every team put in their absolute all on Wednesday but unfortunately their could only be one winner... We would like to give a huge congratulations to Hearts Maroon!



Dendy Swimming Report by Mila

On Monday 21st of February, a handful of children from Years 4-6 attended Dendy Swimming at Oakleigh Recreation Centre. Around 8 different schools participated in this competition. Some of them included Galilee, Sacred heart, Saint Mary's and Saint Joan of Arc.

The kids were selected for Dendy after two weeks of swimming trials and their swimming carnival results from 2021. These trials occurred at MSAC. Anyone who wished to go to Dendy could participate in these trials. Everybody tried their best and certainly represented Galilee well. The strokes they participated in were:

- Freestyle relay
- Medley relay
- Backstroke
- Freestyle
- Breaststroke

• Butterfly

Sadly we didn't win, but we had many small victories in the form of ribbons, friendships and a very good time. We wish the people who managed to get to Beachside Swimming and possibly Riverside the best of luck. Hopefully they win a few new ribbons to add to their collection.

Uniform Transition

A reminder that all students from Prep to Year 5 will need to be fully transitioned into the new Winter Uniform from the beginning of Term Two.

COVID

We thank the students and parents for their patience with the number of staff absences we have had in some classes. Rules for isolation for those who are household contacts and positive COVID cases have led to very high numbers of staff absence. We have averaged 25-30% of staff away on a daily basis with a large shortage of emergency teachers. When a teacher is away for an extended period, we always endeavour to employ a consistent replacement, but this has not been possible on many occasions this year. In contrast, you will have noticed a dramatic decrease in the number of emails being sent home, reporting positive COVID cases. This is reflected in the very small amount of cases we are currently getting amongst the students. This is great news and hopefully continues.

Year 5 Excursion

Last Friday, the Year 5s went to Sovereign Hill to expand on their Inquiry unit about Federation and Democracy. The students had a wonderful time getting a taste of what life was like during the gold rush. They went panning for gold, watched gold being melted, seeing where the miners slept, and even stepping into the shoes of the miners, bankers and authorities by participating in a Gold Fever activity. This week the students have also consolidated their learning in writing by doing a narrative Big Write on a Day in the Life at the Goldfields.



Year 5 Camp to Merricks

Next week we are very excited to be able to take our Year 5 students to Merrick's Camp on the Mornington Peninsula.

Recently restrictions have eased and recommendations regarding taking students on camps, now mean that we are able to proceed with the Year 5 camp.

Students will be involved in water based activities that center around team building, taking reasonable risks and achieving challenging tasks.

We thank the staff; Laura Mason, Amanda Reardon, Carlo Martello, Laura Cox and Paul Mapley for taking the students on the camp.

We can't wait to hear all about it when you return back to

school next Friday.

STEM Professional Development

This year we have a big focus at Galilee on incorporating STEM into as many aspects of student learning as possible. We have a newly appointed STEM Leader, Dave McLeish who has been working with the Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools to secure a grant and a large amount of support to develop an exciting STEM based Inquiry program in Year 5 and 6 at Galilee this year.

Over the past two weeks Dave McLeish, Amy Burns, Amanda Reardon and Laura Mason have been attending Professional Development in the area of STEM.

STEM education creates critical thinkers, increases science & engineering literacy, and enables the next generation of innovators, leading to new products and processes that sustain and develop our society and economy. Innovation and STEM literacy depends on a solid knowledge base in the STEM areas combined with the capabilities of effective communication, critical and creative thinking.

Contextualising Science and Mathematics concepts in realworld applications supports learner engagement, deep learning and the fullflourishing of learners.

At the Professional Development we were encouraged to plan and design stimulating, multidisciplinary inquiries, which focus on solving real world problems. We worked as a team to design and build a bridge that had to meet certain specifications. Our bridge very successfully held a 20kg weight. We also had to design a house fit for purpose on Mars.

We are so excited about the learning that we were involved in at the STEM Professional Development and we can't wait to bring our learning back into the classroom.

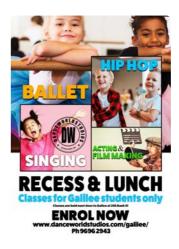


Book Club Orders

Issue 2 of Book Club is out now. Please place your **order on the Loop App** by Monday 21st March.



Recess and Lunch Classes at Danceworld



First Reconciliation

The Year 3 students will be making their First reconciliation this term. The Reconciliation sacramental dates are as follows: Reconciliation:

- Tuesday 8th March -Family Faith Night 6-7 PM at StsPP church (students attend with parent/parents)
- Monday 28th March all day - First Reconciliation Reflection day at school
- 29th of March 6 to 7 p.m.
 First Reconciliation 3B
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- 30th of March 6 to 7 p.m.
 First Reconciliation 3G
 StsPP
- 31st of March 6 to 7 p.m.
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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

Ash Wednesday

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Students In Years Four, Five and Six attended mass at Saint Peter and Paul's church. The other students were visited by Father Gary who distributed the Ashes.

The ashes remind us of our humanity and our need for Jesus. Lent is a time of fasting, praying and alms giving. We walk with Jesus on our Lenten journey as we prepare for the joyous time of Easter and the promise of new and eternal life.



In Term Two and Three I will away on Long Service Leave. Restrictions over the last two years have separated many families and we have two adult children who live in Queensland. I am looking forward to spending time with them, now that most state borders are open. While away, I will remain in contact with staff and leave Carlo Martello and Amy Burns as Acting Principals. I will return for about three weeks in each term to be present for the completion of the school building and other important events.

Best wishes, Simon Millar



Community Links

TheirCare - G.O.S.H



Star of the Sea College

Holiday Cartoon Workshop







Drop Off & Dismissal Process and Protocols 2

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 8.50am. Students will go straight 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 a staff member, we encourage you to email/Dojo you child's teacher or call the office so we can arrange an appointment time.

Afternoons:

Students will line up on inside the grounds with their teacher. The gate will open at 3.25pm for parents to walk in, collect their child/ren and move in a clockwise position around the back of the class lines and out the gate.

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

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 10 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)
- Please see below a map of the school for the collection of children

_2022 Classroom _ Room Locations.pdf

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, Year 3-6 students are required to wear a mask.
 Students in Prep-2 are not 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.