Frequently Asked Questions

GALILEE REGIONAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NO 01941

MAIN OFFICE ENTRANCE

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What are the class sizes?

There will be 4 classes with a maximum of 20 students.

How do I communicate with you?

We use Dojo to communicate with you. We will put up photos of the children and share information and reminders with you. The Dojo App has an messaging function. We will use this to contact and communicate with you and ask that you send us messages via this app.

Is there homework for preps?

To support their learning at school Preps are given take home readers and SMART spelling word lists weekly/fortnightly. They may also be given letters and numbers to practise at home. This will be communicated to you in Term 1. There is also one other home learning tasks to complete like playing a maths game or finding numbers in their environment.

Do you have a buddy program?

Every new Prep child is partnered up with a Year 5 or 6 student. The big buddies keep a watch out for their prep buddies, especially at recess and lunch times to make sure that they are okay. This makes the preps feel more secure and happier at school.

Do you provide After School Care?

We have an After School Care program, called GOSH. Children can attend before school from 7.15am and after school until 6pm. You must enrol your child into GOSH. Our After School Care Program is ran by TheirCare.

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Do the children learn through play and do you teach this?

Our Prep teachers use directed play sessions regularly which are less structured than normal lessons but have important learning intentions. When a child plays individually or with others their cognitive skills, such as thinking, remembering, learning and paying attention are all being developed as well as their social skills, oral language skills and fine motor skills.

If we go on a holiday as a family during term is it possible to get extra work to catch up?

If required the students are usually asked to keep a diary of their travel experiences and continue to practise their reading.

Do we require a Working with Children Check?

If you want to participate in any school activity you must have a current Working with Children Check.

When do children start take home readers?

Towards the end of Term 1 for most children. We will send readers home when we feel the children are ready.

How many days do children attend when they start school?

During the month of February, Preps have Wednesdays off school to participate in English & Mathematics testing. After that, Preps attend school full time.