

## FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

19	<b>Yr. 3-6 Swimming Lessons:</b> 10:15am - Yr. 3 11:15am - Yr. 4 12:15pm - Yr. 5 1:15pm - Yr. 6 - Dendy Tennis Trials (Selected Team)
22	<b>PSG Meetings</b>
23	<b>Final Swim Squad Training 9-10am - Classroom Helper Session 1.30-3.30pm - SEB Meeting 6.30pm</b>
24	<b>OLMC Parish Mass Years 3 &amp; 4 (Meet at Church, walk back to school)</b>
25	<b>St. Joseph's Parish Mass Years 5 &amp; 6 (Meet at Church, walk back to school)</b>
27	<b>Reconciliation Preparation Class Ss Peter &amp; Paul's and OLMC 4.45pm</b>

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photos will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. All children are required to wear full summer uniform. Orders can be made ONLINE or

**FORMS SENT DIRECTLY TO ARTHUR REED with a cheque or money order**

### PREPS FULL TIME

Preps will begin to attend school on Wednesdays from 2nd March.

### EARLY PICK UP TIMES

If taking your child out of school early, please pick them up at 1.40 or 2.30pm to minimise disruptions to classes.

### TERM 1 DATES

28<sup>th</sup> January- 24<sup>th</sup> March

# GALILEE NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 18th February

## PRINCIPAL'S LETTER TO FAMILIES

Dear Families,

It has been a very busy week at Galilee and we thank everyone for their patience, generosity and hard work. So far we have had a multitude of events including: Prep testing, swimming trials and lessons, Parent Support Group (P.S.G.s) meetings over three days, curriculum assessments, productive learning and staff on a range of professional learning sessions.

### Staffing

Today Mr Maltese (Religious Education Leader) is attending the Southern Region Religious Education Network and he will no doubt return with ideas on how to better educate our students in R.E. Also away today but on a Digital Learning conference are: Mr Coaley, Miss Hart and Mr Martello. They will be learning about the best practices for utilising Google in the classroom.

### Curriculum News

Last night the staff participated in professional development on the use of **Google Drive** as a tool for planning, assessing and communication. The session was facilitated by Adam Centorrino, owner of the ICT company contracted by the school last year to oversee computer monitoring and security. At a later stage the students will also utilise the range of resources available to them on Google. Google Apps For Education (GAPE) is being promoted by Catholic Education Melbourne.

**Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI)** training will begin later this year with Mrs Florenca-Grillo (Literacy Leader). It is an intervention program for small groups of children who are having difficulty in developing their reading skills. It is not designed to replace Reading Recovery or classroom teaching but to complement them. Training has not yet begun but more information on this exciting new initiative will be presented when available. For more information on LLI open up the following link:

[http://www.pearson.com.au/media/1177009/fountas\\_pinnell\\_levelled\\_literacy\\_intervention\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.pearson.com.au/media/1177009/fountas_pinnell_levelled_literacy_intervention_brochure.pdf)

**Parent Support Group meetings** (PSGs) have been held across three days this week with a combination of staff, parents and specialists. I thank Mrs Price for the excellent facilitation of these meetings and to the staff and parents who have worked together to develop Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) for the students. It was wonderful to see everyone working in partnership in the best interests of the students. Minutes will be sent home to families in attendance, next week. Specific criteria is required to be a part of the PSGs and if you'd like more information, please make a time to see Mrs Price.

### Parent Community



Twilight School was held last week and I thank the teachers for their efforts in staying at school till at least 7pm. Teaching is a rewarding but challenging profession requiring great dedication and passion, and these qualities were demonstrated by the staff. I also thank the large quantity of parents who were able to attend and assist their children with their learning. Your presence at school as parents is critical and demonstrates to your child that you value education and our school. Information was given out to parents about the curriculum that will be learnt in Term One, with copies to be published onto our website next week.

- Please ensure that you update your contact details on Caremonkey
- Classroom Helper Session 23rd Feb 1.30-3.30pm



**Parent-Teacher interviews** will be held for years Prep to 6 from 1:40pm - 7:30 pm on **March 8<sup>th</sup> 2016** and school will finish at **1:00pm** on this day.



Please note that Mrs Boyle will be away for the last three weeks of Term One and will be replaced by Mrs Anna Reilly.

The dates and times for Year 1B are different to the remainder of the school. Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration. The purpose of these meetings will be for parents to inform your child's teacher the following (about their child):

- Strengths and areas of development/concerns about your child in regards to their learning,
- Useful background information and,
- Any positive observations about how your child has integrated into their new class in 2016.

The structure and intention of these meetings is different to the Parent / Teacher interviews that we have previously held. Parents are valued partners in the education of their students and attendance at these meetings are considered critical. Please note that the purpose of the meetings is not for teachers to provide detailed academic feedback on the students but for the parents to provide information on their child. It is also a great opportunity for the teachers and parents to formally meet. The next scheduled meeting will be in a different format at the end of Semester One, with more information to follow.

Please see more information on how to make a booking later in the newsletter. **The above information was sent home via email earlier this week.**

### Communication

A website (<http://www.gsmelbournesth.catholic.edu.au/>) is now in operation and you can view the current and previous Newsletters/ Bulletins in **News and Calendar**. You can open feature articles from the Newsletter in a mobile-friendly more format by clicking on **read more** underneath the articles in **recent news**. Information under many of the headings still needs to be updated and more information on the functionality of the website will be explained in upcoming weeks.

**Google Calendar:** A new Galilee Parents Calendar can be accessed via the new school website or directly by the link below: <http://www.gsmelbournesth.catholic.edu.au/page/179/Calendar>

Please note that the calendar has only just began and is incomplete. Dates may change but will be shown in the calendar. You can also add the calendar to your smartphone by either using the hyperlink or QR Code emailed home with the newsletter and click on the plus symbol at the bottom of the page. Please be patient if it does not work initially, as this is a new mode of communication designed to keep parents more informed about school events.

**Curriculum Overviews** sent home last week included staff email addresses. As a consequence, it is appropriate to explain some **protocols** around emailing staff: always endeavour to meet a staff member in person if you have a major concern/issue, staff may need up to 48 hours to respond as they are busy teaching the students, avoid emailing too often, staff will respond to emails during working hours (not class time) only and never email aggressive or emotional messages. Emailing is a valuable method of communication between parents and staff so please ensure that these protocols are observed to continue using this type of communication with your child's teacher. Please note that all parental emailing this year has been valuable and positive.

Some recent repairs were made to the school (outdoor) **PA system** by a parent, Morgan Morris and it is now working more clearly. There is still a need for more clarity and we are in the process of purchasing and installing a new system.

Parents may have read some recent reports about schools receiving bomb threats and that many state schools do not have access to texting, in case of an emergency. There have been NO threats made to Galilee. Staff will be having an update on evacuation procedures next week with more extensive training on April the 11th. We have recently employed Dynamiq, an external provider commonly used by schools to provide training and resources and to oversee **Evacuation Drills**. Our first evacuation drill will be on Friday **March the 4th** and teachers will explain the procedures to the students beforehand.



Currently we have the facility to text families through **Caremonkey**. Caremonkey allows for updated contacts and medical conditions to be added by parents and is an avenue for distributing excursion notes. Importantly, it allows for teachers to access contact details of parents/guardians when off-site on a school camp or excursion. If you are yet to register your child/ren please do so asap or make an appointment to see myself or Mrs Price.

Thankyou to the many parents who have assisted with swimming training and lessons.

On **Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>**, we are registered to participate in Ride to School Day which is organised by Bicycle Network. On this day, students are encouraged to ride to school (with parental supervision if required) wearing a helmet. A number of students already ride a bike or a scooter to Galilee. It is a healthy way to begin the day while encouraging independence.



**Assemblies** this term will be in the hall from 2:50-3:25pm and parents are welcome to attend. Classes will be rostered to demonstrate learning according to the following schedule:

- Week 5 (February 25<sup>th</sup>): **Year 2C**
- Week 6 (March 3<sup>rd</sup>): **Year 1B**
- Week 7 (March 10<sup>th</sup>): **Year 3F**
- Week 8 (March 17): **Prep E**

**Congratulations** to these students on being chosen to be leaders for the following areas:

### Visual Arts

Zatyne R. Amelia C.

### Wellbeing Leaders

Susie D. Michaela C.

### Environment Leaders

Camilla C. Chloe T.

### Learning Resource Centre Captains

Matthew N. Luca C. Xavier K. Olivia K.

Kind Regards,

Simon Millar

Principal of Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School



On Friday the 12th of February, a group of Year Threes, Fours and Sixes walked to MSAC for swimming trials. The Year Fives went the previous Friday.

Once we got to MSAC, our caps were on and into the pool we went. We swam in groups of 3 so that the parents could time us.

We started off with freestyle and then we did breast stroke. Mr Tobin was telling us when to start and when to get onto the block.

There were a lot of parents that kindly volunteered to help. We had Mr Tobin and Mr Maltese but the students also helped out a lot by following instructions and encouraging everyone else. All of the students really enjoyed having the opportunity to try out for the Swim Squad.

We couldn't have done it without Mr. Tobin and his fabulous organisational skills. We have done Swimming Trials for a few years, but this year was definitely the most organised.

Thank you to all the students who tried out and congratulations to those selected for the team!

The Dendy Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 25th February.

Imogen E.

Galilee Green House Captain





## EDUCATION IN FAITH

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, the students and staff at Galilee attended Ss. Peter and Paul's Church for the Ash Wednesday Mass, the beginning of the season of Lent.

Lent is the season in the Church's calendar that prepares for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. It is also the time when we especially remember those nearing the end of their journey to baptism.



Lent lasts forty days – the length of time Jesus spent praying and fasting in the desert before his ministry began.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent finishes on Holy Thursday and leads into the Triduum – the great Three Days – which celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The church often looks quite different in Lent as it is a time of penance. Purple is the colour that represents penitence. There are no flowers round the altar and the Alleluia is not sung during the forty days.

### Monday Morning Assemblies During Lent

Each Monday during the Season of Lent, the School Captains will be sharing a Gospel reading and leading us in a short prayer instead of saying the School Prayer.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Reconciliation preparation classes started successfully on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February and will run each Saturday till Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at:**

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middle Park – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm**

**St Peter and Paul's, South Melbourne – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm**

*All are welcome to come and support the children and their families who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation.*

### Friday Morning Meditation at Galilee

The whole school participates in Christian meditation each Friday morning, 8:55a.m. – 9:05a.m. We extend this opportunity to meditate to our whole school community. The school hall will be set up for parents and those who drop off the students at school. Please take a moment from your busy lives to stop and meditate.

*Please Note: School gates will be closed and the office staff will also stop during this time to participate in the Meditation.*

### Parish Masses

**This term the Year 3 and 4 students will be attending:**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middle Park on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February for a 9:00am Parish Mass.**

**This term the Year 5 and 6 students will be attending:**

**St. Joseph's, Port Melbourne on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 for a 9:00am Parish Mass**

**Students are expected to meet at the Church between 8.35am-8.50am, where their teachers will meet them, then attend the 9am service.** After the Mass the students walk back to school, accompanied by their teachers, to continue with their normal school day. Parents and families are always invited to join us at all our Parish Masses.

**Mr Maltese (Religious Education Leader)**



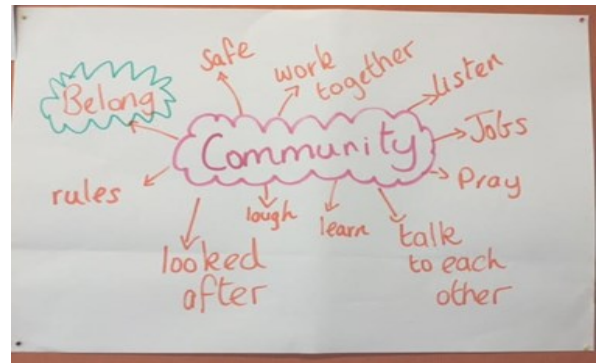


## Teaching and Learning News

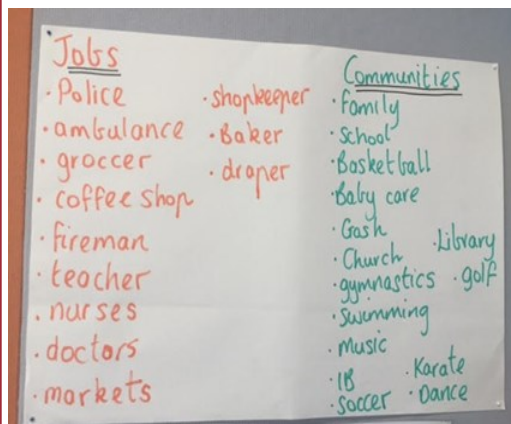
Wow! Life at Galilee has been very busy over the past two weeks! Each class is beginning to learn about Civics and Citizenship.

The Year 1 students have started their Inquiry unit: 'Who am I?' and have been learning lots about their community.

They have been hard at work investigating what a community is, and what communities they belong to.



Miss Boyle, Miss Smith and the Year 1 students have been investigating who is in a community and who helps them.



I have been lucky enough to see some of the great work the Year 1 students have been doing. I think that they should be very proud of the excellent learning that has already taken place.

I am excited to see what they discover next, and what learning



Miss Boyle and Miss Smith have up their sleeves for their classes!

Thank-you for letting me come in and share this exciting time with you.

Stay tuned for more Inquiry Learning that takes place at Galilee!

**Miss Kayla Hart**

**Teaching & Learning Leader (Thursday, Friday)**

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# End Slavery in your School and Community



**"every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral - and not simply an economic - act"**

**Pope Francis - World Peace Day Message  
1 January 2015**



## Campaign success so far

*Efforts to promote chocolate that has been ethically sourced via slavery-free supply chains are already having an effect in Australia*

There have been some big successes:

- \* Cadbury dairy milk chocolate bars made in Australia have been certified Fairtrade
- \* All Mars bars made in Australia are now certified RAINFOREST ALLIANCE
- \* All Nestle chocolate made in Australia and NZ is now UTZ certified
- \* Haighs source 70% of their cocoa from UTZ certified farms. Their Easter range is 100% certified.
- \* Aldi have a wide variety of UTZ certified Easter chocolate.

Five years ago Australian supermarkets did not have an Easter chocolate certified as slavery-free, but that is slowly changing. We think that we can still do better though - let's not stop until ALL our chocolate is slavery-free!!

## What you can do

*Be a Good Egg this Easter!*

- \* **BUY** slavery-free chocolate
  - See 'The Good Egg Guide' on the back of this flyer
  - Ask Woolworths and Coles to commit to double the number of certified products they stock for Easter in 2016 and 2017; and ask David Jones and Myer to stock certified products in their stores.
  - Encourage your School or Faith Community to only use certified products in their fundraising kits
- \* **EAT** only slavery-free chocolate this Easter
  - Purchase your Easter chocolate from the stores who are stocking the certified products. If your local store doesn't stock it, talk to the Manager of the store and ask why they don't have any products
- \* **TALK** about slavery-free chocolate this Easter
  - Talk about this in your school or with your family
  - Visit our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/sfchocccampaign](http://www.facebook.com/sfchocccampaign) and keep up-to-date with the campaign
- \* **THANK** those stores who stock slavery-free chocolate
  - Write to Aldi and Haighs and thank them for stocking slavery-free chocolate in their stores
- \* **We CAN** make a difference!
- \* **We CAN** end the exploitation of children who pick cocoa to make our chocolate
- \* **We CAN** be a light for others
- \* **We CAN** and **WE WILL** end slavery in our school and family community. It all starts today!

Miss Kayla Hart—Teaching & Learning Leader (Thursday, Friday)

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## What is slavery-free chocolate?

*It's chocolate that is free from exploitative labour practices.*

Much of the chocolate that finds its way into our shops and homes here in Australia is made from cocoa from plantations in the West Coast of Africa. Presently children as young as 12 years old are the ones picking those cocoa beans in order to make the chocolate we eat. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous work conditions, without any possibility of attending school.







The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates there are 500,000 - 1,500,000 children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa.

A global movement has begun to change this. The movement tackles poverty and empowers producers who are doing the right thing. When you choose your chocolate this Easter or anytime, look for a label that shows the cocoa has been sourced ethically, and from farmers who engage in good labour practices.

Want slavery-free chocolate? Look out for these certification labels:

The best option is FAIRTRADE.

Scheme	Key attributes and objectives
 Fairtrade	Fairtrade is a strategy for poverty reduction and sustainable development, with the aim of creating opportunities for farmers and workers marginalised by the conventional trading system. Key Fairtrade requirements include minimum prices, the payment of a premium that must be invested in local development, access to partial advance payment, as well as respect for the right to freedom of association, collective bargaining and non-discrimination. Another key Fairtrade objective is to promote the sustainable environmental management of tea farms and estates.
 Rainforest Alliance	Rainforest Alliance promotes better management of tea farms and estates through a range of environmental, social and economic criteria. The main environmental criteria relate to ecosystem conservation, wildlife protection, water conservation, integrated crop management, soil conservation and integrated waste management, while the core socio-economic themes are concerned with working conditions and community relations.
 UTZ Certified	UTZ Certified, like Rainforest Alliance, has an overarching focus on better management of farms and estates. This initiative focuses on three key areas: Management - traceability of tea back to the source, efficient administration and worker training. Social - complying with international labour standards, occupational safety and health and local development; and Environmental - soil and water quality, energy use and deforestation. While UTZ Certified coffee is available in the UK (for example, at all IKEA stores), its foray into the tea market has yet to reach our shores.

Image	Brand/Store	Products	Availability
	Aldi	Aldi's entire Easter private label range is UTZ Certified, their range includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dairy Fine</li><li>- Chocho</li><li>- Moser Roth</li><li>- Specially Selected</li></ul> For full list of products see: <a href="http://bit.ly/16UHOYT">http://bit.ly/16UHOYT</a>	Aldi Stores <a href="http://www.aldi.com.au/en/">www.aldi.com.au/en/</a>
No images supplied.	Cadbury Green & Black	Fairtrade Certified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Green &amp; Black's Dark Gift Box 180g</li><li>- Green &amp; Black's Milk Gift Box 180g</li><li>- Cadbury Dairy Milk Egg 65g</li></ul>	At selected stores
	Chocolatier Australia	Fairtrade Certified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 3 Milk Bunnies and Mini Eggs 80g</li></ul> Fairtrade Cocoa Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Milk and Dark Chocolate Eggs 100g</li></ul>	David Jones, Oxfam, Coles and Woolworths <a href="http://www.chocolatier.com.au">www.chocolatier.com.au</a>
	Coles	Fairtrade Certified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chocolatier Milk &amp; Dark Chocolate Eggs 100g</li></ul> Fairtrade Cocoa Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Coles Milk Chocolate Bunny 100g</li></ul> UTZ Certified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Belgian Egg with Salted Caramel Pralines 230g</li><li>- Belgian Mini Eggs 3 Pack 70g</li></ul>	Coles Supermarkets <a href="http://www.coles.com.au">www.coles.com.au</a> NB: not all products may be available in all stores
	Haigh's	100% of Haigh's made Easter range uses UTZ Certified cocoa.	Haigh's stores: Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney Order online: <a href="http://haighschocolates.com.au">haighschocolates.com.au</a> 1300 HAHGH (1300 424 447) <a href="mailto:orders@haighs.com.au">orders@haighs.com.au</a>
	Heart of Chocolate	Stocks a wide range of Fairtrade Easter Products by Divine. For a full product list and list of suppliers please go to: <a href="http://bit.ly/16UHOYT">http://bit.ly/16UHOYT</a>	<a href="http://heartofchocolate.com">heartofchocolate.com</a> Also available at some IGAs, University Stores and Co-ops, Lee's Fine Food and wine. For a full list see: <a href="http://bit.ly/16UHOYT">http://bit.ly/16UHOYT</a>
	Woolworths	Fairtrade Cocoa Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chocolatier Milk or Dark Chocolate Eggs 100g</li></ul> UTZ Certified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Woolworths Gold Giant Milk Chocolate Bunny 900g</li><li>- Woolworths Gold Milk Chocolate Bunny 170g</li><li>- Woolworths Gold Belgian Dark Chocolate with Almonds &amp; Cranberries 185g</li><li>- Woolworths Gold Belgian Dark Chocolate with Bûche de Noël 185g</li><li>- Woolworths Gold Belgian Milk Chocolate with Salted Caramel 185g</li></ul>	Woolworths Supermarkets <a href="http://www.woolworths.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/website/foles/store-locator">www.woolworths.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/website/foles/store-locator</a> Not all products may be available in all stores.

1. This list is as accurate as possible. We have contacted all the suppliers we aware may have Certified Easter products available. Not all responded. If you know of other suppliers or if you are a supplier and wish to be included, please email [australia@sfchocccampaign.org](mailto:australia@sfchocccampaign.org)

### SUPPORTED BY:

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans), CARITAS Australia - Archdiocese of Melbourne, Catholic Diocese of Ballarat - Social Justice Commission, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne - Office for Justice and Peace, Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst - Social Justice Committee, Uniting Church in Australia - Synod of Victoria & Tasmania, Victorian Council of Churches - Social Questions Commission





## PARENT RESOURCES

Our 'Parent Resource' section in the library is now open for viewing and borrowing.

We have purchased many adult resource books & children's storybooks to support you and your child/ren's development & learning.

Browsing and borrowing times are:

FRIDAYS - 8.35 - 9.00am &  
3.00 - 3.40pm

A big 'thank you' to Mr. Carlo Martello, for availing himself to be in the library at these times.



Please take the time to familiarize yourselves with the books available, as they can provide you with additional information when the situation arises.

Reading appropriate stories can provide the opportunity to open up discussion with your children

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further enquires.

## 'FUNKY HAIR DAY'

On **FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH**, our school will support the **LEUKEMIA FOUNDATION** by taking part in the 'World's Greatest Shave' fundraiser.

This foundation raises funds to support patients and their families who have leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma or a blood related disorder. The fundraising will help provide these patients with a regional free home-away-from-home near the hospital during their treatment. It also helps with transport to appointments and as much practical and emotional support as possible free of charge. The money also goes towards research into better treatments and cures.

We will not be shaving heads, but suggest the children do something **CRAZY** with their hair prior to coming to school e.g.: spray with colour spray, braid, add clips, ribbons, crimp or wear a wig.

We will ask each child to bring a gold coin donation on the day, to enter the fun and we will have a parade after Meditation @ 9am.

This will not be a competition, just a fun way to support the LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support and any queries please come and see me or give me a call.

**Julianne Price**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Student Wellbeing/Student Services Leader Ph. 96992928**







### Twilight School & Welcome B.B.Q.

What a wonderful day we had at Twilight School and the Welcome B.B.Q!

The students were so excited to invite their parents/family into their classrooms and show them where they sat and some of their work.

It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting this event – I am not sure who was more excited the students or their parents!

We were blessed with a sunny, warm evening for our B.B.Q., which helped set the scene for a fun gathering.

It was very pleasing to receive such positive comments from new families, that they felt welcome & included in such a friendly and happy environment.

These events do not happen without preparation, hard work and support. Thank you to our teachers for adjusting the timetable and opening their classrooms and for making themselves available to chat to parents at the B.B.Q.

A BIG thank you to our parent group from the school community who helped with the buying, cooking, setting up, manning the stalls and packing up. Even though the B.B.Q was not a fundraising event, they were able to finish with a profit of **\$2427.98**. Well done!

Congratulations to all for a very successful event and we all look forward to the next occasion.



### Class Representatives

Thank you to the parents who have offered to be Class Representatives for their children's class this year.

So far, I have two representatives for Prep E & F, Yr. 1S, Yr. 3F & Yr. 6H.

If you have a child in any of the other classes and would like to be a Class Rep., I would love to hear from you.

This role is very enjoyable and gives you the opportunity to get to know the other parents in your class, as well as the broader school community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Thank you in anticipation,

Julianne Price,  
Deputy Principal,  
Student Wellbeing/Student Services Leader  
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### Classroom Helpers

Thank you to all those parents who returned the Classroom Helpers reply slips. These replies will now be used to assist us in forming the Classroom Helpers Roster.

We had our first Classroom Helpers Training Session for 2016 on Tuesday morning, which proved a great success. Thank you to all those who attended and showed a keen interest in helping our students.

Our **last Classroom Helpers Training Session** for 2016 will be held in the Hall, next **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 1:30 – 3:00pm.**

**Please note:** Given our roles this year and our work commitments, another time will not be made available. Apologies in advance, however, we look forward to meeting more new and enthusiastic parents eager to assist our students in the various curriculum areas.

Thank you!

**Linda Florenca-Grillo and Anastasia Romios**  
**(Literacy and Mathematics Leaders)**



### MATHLETICS & SPELLODROME

Thank you to those parents who have had the opportunity to use and see their children using the Mathletics program at home, over the past three years. A number of outstanding individual results have been obtained. The students certainly enjoy utilising the program at school as another means of improving their understanding of Numeracy skills. Teachers can also view your child's progress and adapt their work accordingly. Some teachers opt to use it as one of their class homework tasks. Using Mathletics at home allows your child to revise and reinforce their learning in Maths.

The Rollover for Mathletics and Spellodrome has been finalised. Last year's students have been updated to their new class levels, and I have also registered our 2016 Preps, as well as, our new students.

#### ***The Mathletics Program:***

Mathletics is a web-based learning program, which integrates home and school learning via the internet. **Mathletics covers Foundation - Year 12 Australian Maths Curriculum** and is currently used in over 4,000 Australian schools, with more than 800,000 students accessing the Mathletics website every day.

#### **Important Update: Mathletics Courses**

For 2016, 3P Learning have reviewed and updated their courses based on the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics for Foundation to Year 10, as well as those based on the VIC adaptations of the National Curriculum. These up-to-date courses have been restructured to make them easier to navigate and include their latest activities.

#### ***The Benefits of Mathletics include:***

- Students are **engaged** and **motivated** to learn.
- **24/7 Access** allows students to learn anywhere, anytime.
- Mathletics is **adaptive**, it responds to your child's individual strengths and weaknesses.
- Students instantly know if they are on the right track and can **work through the curriculum** at their **own pace** and at their **developmental level**.
- **Animated support** guides students through concepts. It is like having a Maths tutor 24 hours a day.
- **Live Mathletics** fosters a **stimulating** and **exciting** on-line learning community; students **compete live** against students from around the world in mental arithmetic
- Creates the perfect **link between home and school**, results can flow seamlessly.
- **Weekly parent emails** allow you to monitor your child's progress.

Register for free at [www.mathletics.com.au/parent](http://www.mathletics.com.au/parent).

#### **To view Mathletics:**

Visit [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

- Ensure pop-ups are enabled for the website
- Select sign-in and enter your child's details (The Username & Password is case sensitive, so please ensure lower & upper case letters are typed, accordingly).

#### ***The Spellodrome Program***

Students also have access to a range of interactive spelling activities via Spellodrome (Visit [www.spellodrome.com.au](http://www.spellodrome.com.au)). Spellodrome has been updated with a brand new look, exciting new content and some great new features. Students use a unique username and password to access both sites.

**Note:** One set of the laminated sign-in cards with your child's username and password will be sent home on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. and the other will be kept in the classroom. We recommend that you spend time looking at the programs so that you can gain a greater understanding of how Mathletics and Spellodrome will benefit your child.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to see me.

**Anastasia Romios**

**(Mathematics Leader & Year 6HR Teacher)**



### Yr. 5 Incursion

Friday, Feb 5

#### Teams, Trials and Trivia

Last Friday, Year 5 were involved in a fun and active incursion here in the school hall, called Teams, Trials & Trivia. We had a fun and active session combining some physical team building challenges with trivia questions. Within the session we were divided into 8 teams of five to complete our physical and mental challenges. Each team had a name. The teams scored points for each challenge and a winning team was announced at the end of the session.



One of the challenges was a WeetBix-eating challenge. In this challenge, two people from each team had to eat one dry Weetbix, without spilling any crumbs! One or two people spilt crumbs and one even pushed their crumbs under someone else's chair. Claudia won that competition for her team, the White Warriors.

#### Ethan and Thierry

Another activity was called Team Building. One person had to run to a box filled with wooden Jenga blocks and grab as many blocks as you could, using only one hand. You had to run back to your team and start building a tower.

There had to be three blocks on each level and you could only use one hand to construct the tower. When those blocks had been used, a team member could run back and grab another handful. We were given two minutes to complete the task. Aqua Lighting won the game!

#### Amelia and Rosie

The activity we liked best was the Egg and Spoon Race. Three out of the five people in each team chose to compete in the relay. You had to walk or run to a box about 5 metres away, go round the box and return your team. If the egg fell off, you had to balance it back on the spoon before you could move off again. There were lots of dropped eggs, luckily they weren't real eggs! Orange Orangutans won after a close ending to score 15 points for their team.

It was a great incursion!







## Sports News

### Dendy Swimming Carnival 2016

**DATE:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

**VENUE:** Oakleigh Swimming Pool, Park Rd, Oakleigh

**TIME:** Start = 9:30am (Schools to start arriving from 9.00am) and Finish = 2:30pm

### Dendy Swimming Timetable 2016

Carnival will start at 9:30am and finish at 2:30pm



HEATS	EVENT	DISTANCE	AGE GROUP
1	Medley relay	4 x 50m	Open Boys
1	Medley relay	4 x 50m	Open Girls
2	Freestyle	50m	9/10 Boys
2	Freestyle	50m	9/10 Girls
2	Freestyle	50m	11 Boys
2	Freestyle	50m	11 Girls
2	Freestyle	50m	12/13 Boys
2	Freestyle	50m	12/13 Girls
2	Backstroke	50m	9/10 Boys
2	Backstroke	50m	9/10 Girls
2	Backstroke	50m	11 Boys
2	Backstroke	50m	11 Girls
2	Backstroke	50m	12/13 Boys
2	Backstroke	50m	12/13 Girls
2	Breaststroke	50m	9/10 Boys
2	Breaststroke	50m	9/10 Girls
2	Breaststroke	50m	11 Boys
2	Breaststroke	50m	11 Girls
2	Breaststroke	50m	12/13 Boys
2	Breaststroke	50m	12/13 Girls
2	Butterfly	50m	9/10 Boys
2	Butterfly	50m	9/10 Girls
2	Butterfly	50m	11 Boys
2	Butterfly	50m	11 Girls
2	Butterfly	50m	12/13 Boys
2	Butterfly	50m	12/13 Girls
1	Freestyle Relay	4 x 50m	9/10 Boys
1	Freestyle Relay	4 x 50m	9/10 Girls
1	Freestyle Relay	4 x 50m	11 Boys
1	Freestyle Relay	4 x 50m	11 Girls
1	Freestyle Relay	4 x 50m	12/13 Boys
1	Freestyle Relay	4 x 50m	12/13 Girls



### Parent-Teacher Meetings March 2016

**Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for years Prep to 6 from 1:40pm – 7:30 pm on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2016.**

**Except for Miss Boyle's Class. Her dates are:**

February 23, 24; March 1 & 2, from 8:00am-8:30am.

February 22, 25; March 3, from 4:00pm-5:00pm.

February 29, 4:00pm-7:30pm.

**Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration.**

***For these interviews we are using an internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO).***

**Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. If you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere please call the office and we will make the booking for you.**

**Bookings will open at 5:00pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**We are using the EMAIL access this year for you to get your Pin.**

**Please access the system as follows:**

- **Go to the school's home page: [www.gsmelbournesth.catholic.edu.au](http://www.gsmelbournesth.catholic.edu.au)**
- **Click the PTO icon as shown here ...** 
- **AS EMAIL ACCESS TO PINS IS BEING USED ... Click "Obtain PIN/Password" and enter your email address. Your PIN will be emailed to you.**

**Full instructions are provided to you after log in. Please note the following points:**

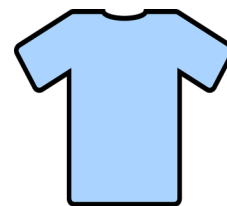
- **When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children. Bookings are made for *individual* parents/guardians, not for couples. If two parents/guardians wish to attend a single interview time slot, one parent/guardian should make the booking then both can attend.**
- **You will only see time slots that are *available* at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those time slots are no longer displayed as available. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians.**
- **When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a *report* of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and *change bookings* up until 1:00pm on the day before interviews commence.**
- **Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this**

**If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact the school office by phone on 96992928.**



### Report to the Office

When visiting the school or classrooms, please report to the **office first**. This includes days when delivering children's lunches, show and share, homework, birthday treats etc.



### Second Hand Uniform

Galilee's Second Hand Uniform is open Wednesday mornings from 8.45-9.15.

If you are unavailable on Wednesday mornings, please call Michelle on 0410 590 427 to organise another time.

### Training on Basketball Court

Any teams training on the basketball court before or after school please be reminded for safety reasons, all morning training must be completed by 8.35am when the school gates open and afternoon training must not start until 3.40pm after children, teachers and parents have left the court.

### Late Arrivals

Children who arrive late to school, must sign in at the front office before going to their classrooms. Sometimes classes aren't in their usual room and we don't want children wondering around the school alone, especially on the outside stairs.

### Illnesses

Presently at Galilee, we have several students and parents who have very low immune systems. These students are well enough to attend school however, the common everyday illnesses can potentially have a huge detrimental impact on their health, which could lead to hospitalization or more serious complications.

We are asking for you all to be compassionate to their current circumstances and to notify the school immediately when you become aware of any illness that could be contagious including colds, coughs and chest infections, as well as gastric and infectious diseases.

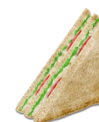
It is very important for your child/ren as well as the whole school community that we try and keep these illnesses contained to as few as possible. If you have a sick child/ren in your family, it is important that they remain at home to rest & recuperate.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.



### Lunch Orders

Lunch order days are **WEDNESDAYS** and **FRIDAYS** only. An envelope with your child's name, class and order written on the front with the correct money inside should be given to your child to place in the blue box in their classroom. **NO CHANGE IS GIVEN.**



### Allergies

Please do not eat food outside after or before school, including basketball/netball training, as we have many children with allergies and like to keep our yard rubbish free.

Please check with your child's classroom teacher if there are children with allergies when you plan to bring in treats for birthdays, Easter, Christmas etc.





Attention Yrs. 4, 5 & 6 Parents

A reminder to all Yr. 6 parents that if you intend to send your child/ren to a Catholic College in Yr. 7, applications close on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you have not already done so, you need to contact the school and request an application form and complete and apply by the due date. Open Days at schools are taking place at present. It is a good idea for all parents with children in Yrs. 4 & 5 to take part in the tours to obtain information about each school.

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**Gemma Sisa**  
*'Fighting Poverty Through Education'*

Gemma, The School of St Jude founder is proud to have one of her first ever graduates, Dorice, by her side on her 2016 annual Australian tour. Together, they will share how access to a free, high-quality education is changing the lives of 1900 of the poorest and brightest students in one of the world's poorest countries. Gemma started the school in Arusha, Tanzania, in 2002 with just three students and the belief that education is the best way to fight poverty.

Dorice is one of the students whose life changed forever when she received a St Jude's scholarship. After excelling at one of Tanzania's severely under-resourced government schools, Dorice joined St Jude's and helped the inaugural graduation class finish in the top 10% in Tanzania.

**Lisa Winneke**  
*'Body Image - What are the signs and how you can help your child heal'*

Lisa is an EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) practitioner and Kinesiologist acknowledged for her wisdom, compassion and vulnerability. Her ability to engage and inspire groups and individuals to transcend their current realities comes from a place of true experience and understanding of the work required to break free from the limitations that our minds have conditioned us to believe is true. Having suffered from anxiety, depression and an eating disorder for over 20 years, Lisa knows only too well that ALL change has to begin and end with oneself.

**Chris Varney**  
*'I CAN Networks rethink of Autism'*

Chris is Founder and Chief Enabling Officer of the I CAN Network, Australia's first social enterprise established by people on the Spectrum. I CAN runs a suite of mentoring programs across schools, universities, TAFE's, businesses and communities through which young professionals on the Spectrum mentor kids and teenagers.

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