

## FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

# GALILEE NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 4th February

## PRINCIPAL'S LETTER TO FAMILIES

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the new school year at Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School. The year has started very smoothly with all classes settling well into routines and I congratulate the staff for their efforts to build a rapport with the students. All classrooms are currently trying to establish expectations and responsibilities around behaviour and work standards. It is vital that all children are aware of what is expected of them in relation to their life at school. When everyone understands these expectations it creates a very orderly environment where learning is maximized and relationships flourish.

I especially welcome all new families and staff (**Miss Cassandra Smith**) to Galilee and hope that they are already feeling comfortable and have established friendship groups.

I thank all of the students, staff and parents who have made me feel welcome to Galilee. I have greatly appreciated the number of parents who have introduced themselves. If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to make a time for a conversation.

### Opening Mass

It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance at our Commissioning Mass last Friday, co-celebrated by **Fr Hugh** and **Fr Dean**. The students were very reverent and the staff made a pledge before the community, to educate and care for the students to the best of their ability. Thankyou to **Mr Maltese**, Religious Education Leader, for his preparation.

### School Emergency Procedures

You will have seen on television and in the newspapers that a number of schools have been caught up in the coordinated fear campaign currently directed at schools nationwide. At Galilee, we have a well-planned and practiced drill and procedures should this happen to us. We have management plans in place for both containment and lockdown as well as evacuation should it be necessary. Evacuation drills are scheduled for each term, with the next one being on **March 4<sup>th</sup>**. This will also assist in re-assuring the entire school community that the appropriate safety measures are in place.

### Sibling Enrolments 2017

I would ask that parents who have a child commencing Prep in 2017 to please enrol their child by the end of February so we can see how many places will be available to new families for 2017. Enrolment forms can be collected from the school office.

### Communication

This Tuesday February 9, we have our **Twilight School** from 11:50am-6pm followed by a welcome BBQ. GOSH is available for bookings prior to 12pm, if you need supervision for your child. It is a great opportunity for parents to see their students in class, to meet the teachers and to socialise with other families. A **Newsletter** will be emailed home on a Thursday, each fortnight, which will provide you with information and dates about Galilee. Alternating will be a Memo, which will be a reminder of upcoming events. Each Thursday you will be emailed either a Newsletter or a Bulletin. A new **website** will be in operation over the next four weeks which will allow for the Newsletters/Memos to be attached with some mobile friendly content, a Parent Calendar and photos. Today you will have received some important dates for Term One but we are in the process of creating **Staff & Parent Google Calendars**, accessible through the website or on your mobile phone. Information on how to access the calendar will be sent home, when it is complete.

5	<b>New Families Morning</b> Tea 9:10am 3pm - House Captain speeches
9	<b>11.50am - Twilight School</b> <b>5.00pm - Open School</b> <b>6.00pm - Welcome BBQ</b>
8 or 11	<b>Parents Information Night for Reconciliation</b>
15-19	<b>Yr 3-6 Swimming Lessons:</b> <b>10:15am - Yr. 3</b> <b>11:15am - Yr. 4</b> <b>12:15pm - Yr. 5</b> <b>1:15pm - Yr. 6</b>
16 & 17	<b>PSG Meetings</b>
25	<b>Dendy Swimming Carnival (3-6)</b>

**TERM 1 DATES**  
28<sup>th</sup> January- 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Class Masses

24th February- OLMC Parish Mass 9am - Years 3 & 4  
(Meet at church and walk back to school)

25th February- St. Joseph's Parish Mass 9am - Years 5 & 6 (Meet at church and walk back to school).

### School Photos

Photos will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. All children are required to be in full summer uniform.

- Twilight School this Tuesday February 9th 11:50am start
- Please ensure that you update your contact details on Caremonkey

### Working with Children Check

It has been law in Victoria for a number of years that any adult assisting with children's activities must have a Working with Children Check. This would include at school such activities as Classroom helpers, going on excursions or assisting with sport. These checks are free for volunteers and forms can be obtained from the post office. The school will keep a register of parents who have obtained these checks, so I would ask that you let Wendy know if you do have one.

### Care Monkey

The school will be utilizing the program Care Monkey for updating of student details. Care Monkey is a parent controlled electronic medical form for schools. It provides parents the opportunity to update medical information promptly and accurately while providing the school with instant access to the emergency information provided. We will use the CareMonkey app in the best interests of the children whilst reducing the burden on parents to fill out the same information on multiple forms throughout the year. Parents can use a PC, laptop, tablet or smart phone to enter the details including:

- emergency contacts
- medical contacts
- medical checklist including asthma, allergies, seizures, diabetes
- health and ambulance insurance details
- notes and other care instructions from parents

Parents will be emailed from the CareMonkey system asking you to enter the details for your child in the electronic medical form. Where applicable you will be required to provide information relating to any medical conditions eg. long term medication; diets; allergies; asthma etc. If your child suffers asthma or anaphylaxis, then a management plan **MUST** be scanned and uploaded. Information from Caremonkey will soon update and sync with the school's administration system on all our school records so we would ask that parents continue to regularly update all their details using Care Monkey. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that this medical information is kept current.

### Interschool Swimming Sports

The Dendy Swimming sports will take place on **Thursday 25th February**. A team to represent our school will be selected following the Grade 3-6 swimming trials (information has already been sent home).

### School Photos

School Photos will take place on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** and details regarding how families can order photos will be forwarded closer to the date.

### School Open Day

Our School Open Day will be held on Tuesday 22nd March from 9:15-11:00am. This is a chance for **new families** to view the school while it is operating.

### Year 5/6 Camp

The Grade 5/6 children will be going on camp from **March 15-18**, to Canberra. The staff accompanying the children on camp will be Mrs Price, Mr Maltese, Mr Martello, Miss Tegan Stewart, Ms Pauline Semmens, Mr Coaley, Ms Giles, Miss Hart & Miss Romios. Parents will be given the opportunity to meet with staff to ask questions prior to the camp and a date will be announced soon.

**Kind Regards,**

**Simon Millar**

**Principal of Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School**



## CLASS GROUPS AND TEACHERS FOR 2016

<b>SIMON MILLAR</b>	PRINCIPAL
<b>JULIANNE PRICE</b>	DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
	STUDENT WELLBEING/STUDENT SERVICES
<b>HOLLY EVANS</b>	PREP E
<b>BRIGHID FAHY</b>	PREP F
<b>CASSANDRA SMITH</b>	YEAR 1S
<b>ZARA BOYLE</b>	YEAR 1B
<b>DANIELLE GERECKE &amp;</b>	YEAR 2G
<b>SHAUN TOBIN</b> ( <i>1 day per week-Wednesday</i> )	
<b>LAURA COX</b>	YEAR 2C
<b>BRITTANY FORD</b>	YEAR 3F
<b>KRISTINA REID</b>	YEAR 3R
<b>TARREN OTTE</b>	YEAR 4O
<b>JESSICA CASEY</b>	YEAR 4C
<b>COLLEEN GILES</b>	YEAR 5G
<b>JANE FERRIS</b>	YEAR 5F
<b>KAYLA HART &amp;</b>	YEAR 6HR & TEACHING AND LEARNING
<b>ANASTASIA ROMIOS</b> ( <i>2 days per week—Thursday &amp; Friday</i> )	
<b>JOSS COALEY</b>	YEAR 6C

### SPECIALISTS & LEADERSHIP:

<b>WENDY DALTON</b>	ADMINISTRATION OFFICER
<b>TEGAN STEWART</b>	ADMINISTRATION OFFICER & LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER
<b>ROSA SERRATORE</b>	LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER
<b>PAULINE SEMMENS</b>	LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER
<b>SHAUN TOBIN</b>	PHYSICAL EDUCATION P-6
<b>MAL ORR</b>	ART EDUCATION
<b>CARLO MARTELLO</b>	LOTE 5&6 ICT P-6
<b>SIMON MALTESE</b>	LOTE P-4 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER
<b>ANASTASIA ROMIOS</b>	NUMERACY LEADER & YEAR 6HR
<b>LINDA FLORENCA-GRILLO</b>	READING RECOVERY LITERACY LEADER





## School Captain News

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, the Year Six students started off their year with a Team Building Incursion. The purpose of our incursion was to develop our skills as leaders of the school, and to work together as a team. We were split up into four groups, and completed different rotations.

One of the activities was the "Spider Web". After a lot of discussion, we settled on two even teams within our activity group. One group climbed through the ropes, whilst the other watched and formed strategies on how they would climb through the web without touching it.



The second activity involved working in pairs; one person was blindfolded, and the other had to direct the blindfolded person through a maze of dots. The object of the activity was to communicate with our partner effectively and guide them from one end of the playground to the other without stepping on the dots.

The next activity was really different; and it consisted of a ball and ... A PARACHUTE!! There were three levels to the game; level one, passing the ball around; level two, passing the ball around without catching it; and level three was by far the funniest level. Everyone

held onto a handle of the parachute, and someone, the group leader, placed the ball in the center. Together, the group had to come up with a strategy of how to make the ball fly as high into the air as possible, before catching it again.

The final activity was in our opinion, the best! It was called "Island Hopping". The aim was to travel from one side of the playground to the designated area, without our feet touching the ground (which was an imaginary lake filled with crocodiles). We could only use ten blocks to travel. As a team, we had to form strategies to get our whole team from one side to the other without any feet or hands making contact with the ground, otherwise we would have to start again.



After the rotations, we went into the hall. In small groups, we were given the challenge of building the tallest tower using small and narrow jenga-like blocks. We could only use one hand, and the other hand had to be behind our back at all times. If Ryan (the instructor) caught us using two hands, he would knock our tower over, and we would have to start again. This challenge really tested our resilience!

Overall, we thought it was a great incursion, and it taught us how to work more effectively as a team. We hope we get to experience another incursion like it soon.

By Sarah and Adam - 2016 Galilee School Captains





## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### WHOLE SCHOOL MEDITATION – EVERY FRIDAY MORNING

At Galilee, we incorporate Prayerful Meditation as a regular practice at our school. The whole school participates in prayerful meditation every Friday morning between 8:55a.m. – 9:10a.m. *We extend this opportunity to our whole school community. The hall will be set up for parents and those who drop off the students at school, to take a moment from their busy lives to stop and reflect.*



### IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE

- Please make an extra effort to ensure your children arrive at school on time. If for some reason your child is late they may be asked to wait at the front gate with a teacher or they will need to come directly to the office and wait in the foyer silently till the end of meditation.
- Parents who are not staying for meditation, we ask that after our brief morning assembly you leave the school grounds, so that the school is clear of noise and distractions in order to meditate.
- The office staff will be stopping during this time of meditation. If you need to speak to the office staff on Friday, we ask that you do this prior to the beginning of the school day or return to the office after meditation is completed.

### RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Sacramental Program notes for 2016 have gone home to all Year 3 students. It is important to note if you wish your child to prepare for and celebrate their First Reconciliation that the forms need to be completed and returned **to the Parish Offices**.

**Please note forms are available from the parish churches.** Copies are available from the school office foyer for those students in Year 4-6 who wish to celebrate this sacrament and haven't yet done so.

#### Parent Information Session for Reconciliation

- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middle Park – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm
- St Peter and Paul's, South Melbourne – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm

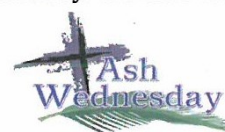
#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at:

- 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



### ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016, our Lenten season commences. The students will be attending Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, South Melbourne for the Ash Wednesday Service at midday. Classes who are unable to attend will have ashes brought back to class, so they will be distributed by their teachers to the students.



### PARISH MASSES

At Galilee we believe that it is important to build connections with our Parish Communities. Students attend Parish Masses throughout the year.

**Juniors** – Ss. Peter and Paul's, South Melbourne

**Middles** – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middle Park

**Seniors** – St. Josephs, Port Melbourne

**Middle and Senior 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

**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**



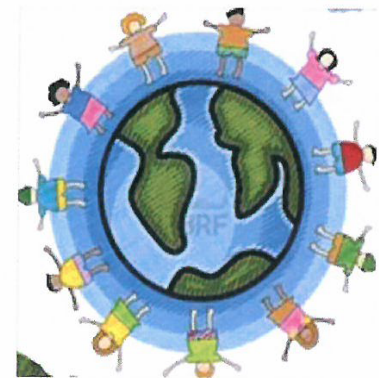


## **TEACHING AND LEARNING NEWS**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. Lots of exciting things are planned for Galilee in 2016 and many are underway.

Term overviews from each class will be given out shortly, which will give you an outline of what is happening in your child's classroom this term. These outlines are prepared by the teachers and provide a good reference to make you are aware of what is happening in the school.

This term, students are inquiring into the Big Picture Topic of 'Civics and Citizenship'. Civics and Citizenship is essential in enabling students to become active and informed citizens who participate in, and sustain Australia's democracy. In the Junior classes, students will investigate the importance of rules and expectations in the classroom, as well as, in the local community. Students in the Senior classes will begin to investigate the nature of citizenship, diversity and our identity in the local community. Law making and the Levels of Government will also be investigated, through various learning tasks. The Year 5 and 6 students are preparing for their Canberra Camp, which will take place from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.



The Civics and Citizenship curriculum aims to reinforce students' appreciation and understanding of what it means to be a citizen. It explores ways in which students can actively shape their lives, value their belonging in a diverse and dynamic society, and positively contribute locally, nationally, regionally and globally. As reflective, active and informed decision-makers, students will be well placed to contribute to an evolving and healthy democracy that fosters the well-being of Australia as a democratic nation.

If you are able to offer any assistance or expertise, in the area of Civics and Citizenship, please contact myself, or your child's classroom teacher. We are always looking for parents, friends or family members, to assist in the students' growth and understanding in our curriculum areas.

### **2016 Big Picture Units:**

Term 2:	Technology
Term 3:	Geography
Term 4:	P-Year 4: Personalised Inquiry
	Year 5 & 6: Economics

Thank-you and I look forward to working with your children this year.

Miss Kayla Hart  
Teaching & Learning Leader  
khart@gsmelbournesth.catholic.edu.au



## Student Wellbeing

A big welcome back to 2016!

It was wonderful to see everyone's smiling face and excited chatter on Thursday!

It seems all our students have had a relaxing and happy holiday, thanks to parents and family.

The students, teachers and Mr. Millar have all settled into school readily & transitioned into their new classes confidently.

Well done to all!

During these first weeks of the term, as part of their Personal, Social and Emotional Learning, students and teachers will be focusing on getting to know each other, building relationships and creating a safe and positive environment in which to learn.

Each class, together with their teacher, worked on producing their own Class Agreement of Class Conduct, which will be referred to throughout the year. This agreement will be displayed in the classroom and provide the basis for a positive classroom environment.

To continue to encourage our students to think of and support others who are suffering from leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma or a blood related disorder, we will again participate in 'FUNKY HAIR DAY' on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March.

We will also be taking part in Ride2School Day on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March. Please put these dates in your diaries and more information will be forwarded to you closer to the days.

We hope to see you all at the Welcome B.B.Q. on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February.

**Julianne Price**

**Deputy Principal**

**Student Wellbeing/Student Services Leader**



Welcome to a new school year everyone!

I, Anastasia Romios will be Teaching Yr. 6HR (Thurs. & Fri.) in 2016, and will continue my role as Mathematics Leader P-6 (Tues. & Wed.).

In Mathematics, we come across students that are reluctant, students that are willing to take-risks and students that thrive. Regardless of their ability, every child has the right to be challenged and extended in Mathematics, beyond their current understanding.

Therefore, the classroom teachers and I will be working collaboratively over the course of the year, focusing on boosting students' confidence, as well as, challenging and extending them, in order to improve student outcomes in Maths.

My responsibilities as Mathematics Leader include: organising the Mathematics Assessments (e.g. differentiated on-line testing; standardized testing; Prep S.I.N.E Interview); planning activities with teachers in the areas of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability; organising and maintaining the Mathletics Program; facilitating Professional Learning Meetings to build on teachers Professional Development; maintaining and providing useful resources; working with and supporting students in class, as needed; and co-conducting the Classroom Helpers Training Program with Linda Florenca-Grillo.

In 2014, Galilee was given the opportunity to contribute to the Shared Stories Anthology which began in 2006. I took on the role of collecting students' written and art pieces to be published in the Anthology. Students are given the opportunity to showcase their creative writing and artwork, based on a given theme. Last year's theme was *Remembering* and the Anthology consisted of a 572-page volume with work from 21 Catholic schools across Victoria. Two themes have been chosen for 2016: *Connection* and *Renewal*. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

I look forward to working with teachers and students, as well as, meeting new parents this year. Wishing you all the very best for 2016.

Let's make it a *great* year!

**Anastasia Romios**

**Mathematics Leader P-6/Year 6HR Teacher**





Welcome everyone to the 2016 school year!

I, Linda Florenca-Grillo will be continuing my role as the Reading Recovery Teacher this year, as well as, Literacy Leader (Prep to Year 6).

Literacy relates to the ability to read, write and communicate effectively, and your child's success in school depends on it.

With this at the forefront of our minds, I, along with the classroom teachers will be working together throughout the year to assist the students in reaching their full potential in Literacy (English). My responsibilities in this role include: organising the English testing (assessments); planning activities in the areas of reading, writing and oral language; conducting and co-ordinating the Classroom Helpers Program; implementing the 'Take-Home Book' system; maintaining resources/professional development for teachers; and where needed, working with and supporting students individually and in small group situations.

The other half of my time will be carried out as the Reading Recovery Teacher. In this role, I will be following the set criteria and working with selected students in the Year 1 level who require one-on-one assistance to accelerate their progress in reading and writing. After initial testing (which will take place in the next few weeks) parents of selected students will be notified, and with their consent, the school-based short intervention program can begin. Many success stories have taken place in the past due to Reading Recovery and I am once again looking forward to working closely with some of the Year 1 students and their families.

Lastly, I'd like to wish everyone the very best for 2016. I hope it is an enjoyable and rewarding year filled with lots of new learning. I look forward to working with parents, teachers and children in the area of Literacy and meeting many new faces at our upcoming Classroom Helpers Sessions (16/2 & 23/2-a note with more information will follow shortly)!

**Note:** As recently reported on the News, many children find reading difficult when starting school. The advice given, (one I also strongly believe in) was that, "**Parents/ Caregivers need to read more to their children.**" It was recommended that, "**At least 15 minutes should be spent each day reading to children.**"

So, on that note 'Happy Reading!'

**Linda Florenca-Grillo**



On behalf of the School Education Board, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and their families.

We look forward to meeting you all throughout the year and wish you our very best as you begin this new chapter at Galilee.

In addition, I would like to also welcome our new Principal, Simon Millar and our new Grade 1 Teacher, Cassandra Smith.

We are delighted that you have joined us at Galilee and look forward to working with you in 2016.

And I would like to also extend a warm welcome to the new Members of the School Education Board, whose appointments were announced at the end of last year.

In 2016, your School Education Board Members are as follows;

Parent Representatives

- ~ Alex Trevisin (Isabella 5G and Sofia 3R)
- ~ Natalie Kobica (Luke 5F)
- ~ Brendan Coburn (Tom 4O, Joel 4C and Ali 3F)
- ~ Vivian Gard (Adam 6C, Eliza 4C and Daniel 2C)
- ~ Cameron Sinclair (Cody 3F)
- ~ Jakki McKenzie (Amity 2C, Isla 1B)
- ~ Darren Catherall (Aiden 1B)
- ~ Christopher Scanlon (Violet 1B)
- ~ Donna McMaster (Mitchell 4C and Laura 1B)

School Leadership

- ~ Simon Millar Principal
- ~ Julianne Price Deputy Principal
- ~ Tegan Stewart Administration/Board Secretary

Parish Priests

- ~ Father Hugh Brown
- ~ Father Julian Messina

We are honoured to represent the School Community and remain committed to our Charter; to provide support, advice and assistance that improves our school as well as the spiritual and educational welfare of our students.

Regards,

**Donna McMaster**

**Chair/ Galilee School Education Board**

# Year Six News

6C and 6HR recognise that being Year Six students means a lot of responsibility, as we develop our skills as leaders of the school. In our classes, we discussed what makes an effective leader, and came up with the following ideas:



6 C



6HR

We are really looking forward to a challenging yet exciting time in Year Six. We have a lot of things to look forward to:

"I am looking forward to our elections of the leadership roles. I have enjoyed writing so far!" - Tilly A, 6HR

"I am looking forward to seeing the different leadership roles in the school because I am considering applying for them" - Hannah W, 6C

"Finding out the new leaders is exciting. I've enjoyed the challenge of Mathematics" - Alisdair N, 6HR

"I am looking forward to going to Canberra Camp! It will give us the opportunity to visit Parliament House" - Luca C, 6C





## Canberra 2016

As you may all be aware, the Year 5 and 6 students from Galilee will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the Nation's Capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The students are becoming very excited, and studies in the Year 5 and 6 classrooms are well underway.

Camp is always an exciting part of Galilee. The camp program enables students to further develop their learning and social skills in a non-school environment, as well as, being an integral part of the educational programs offered at our school. Our Canberra Camp for 2016 directly links to the Inquiry unit based on the *Australian Government*, and will be extremely beneficial to the educational aspect of Term 1.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the Nation's Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist with the cost of this camp, the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon our completion of our camp. We thank the Government for their assistance.

We look forward to hearing the students' stories and feelings upon their return. We wish them all the very best, and hope that they take just as much from their camp experience, as it offers.

Miss Kayla Hart  
Senior Camp Coordinator



### **Sports News**

We are commencing our swimming try-outs for 2016 for selected Year Three, Four, Five and Six students. The try-outs are being held at **MSAC** from 9.00am to 10.00 am on the allocated days below.

On all days, students will need to be at school by **8.15 am sharp**, as Mr Maltese and I will be leaving the school to walk to MSAC at **8.20am sharp**. **In the event that it is raining we will endeavour to get a bus to transport.**

#### **GRADE 3 and 4 Try-out Dates**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 9-10 am - years 3+4

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 9-10 am - Years 3+4

#### **GRADE 5 and 6 Try-out Dates**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 9-10 am - years 5+6

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 9-10 am - Years 5+6

**After these sessions we will select the Galilee Dendy Swimming Team.** This selected team will train together on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February** in preparation for the Dendy Swimming Carnival on Thursday **25<sup>th</sup> of February 2016.**

I look forward to many exciting events through the year with everyone!

**Mr Shaun Tobin**  
**Physical Education Teacher**



## ***TWILIGHT SCHOOL***

Join us on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February for our combined Galilee Twilight School, Open Classroom afternoon and Welcome BBQ.

Students will be expected to be at school from 12pm - 6pm on this day. Gates will be open at 11:35am and the first bell will ring at 11:50am. G.O.S.H. will be open before school commences. If you are interested, please ensure that you are registered with Camp Australia.

Classrooms will be open from **5:00 - 6:00pm**. During this time, you will have the opportunity to go into your child's/children's classroom/s. Teachers will also be made available to answer any questions you may have about this year.

Students will be dismissed at 6pm and the Welcome BBQ will follow.

During the Welcome BBQ, the leaders of the school will be made available for a chat or answering questions.

We look forward to seeing you all on this day.

Kayla Hart  
Teaching and Learning Leader

### **Parent Help Needed!**

**We still need help with the following for the Welcome BBQ:**

- \*Set up**
- \*Cooking the BBQ**
- \*Supervising the jumping castle**
- \*Pack up**

**If you can help with any of the above please complete the roster through the below link.**

**<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0948a5a823abfc1-galilee>**



### **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 & re-cooperate.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

### **Allergies**

Please do not eat food outside after or before school, 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.







## *GALILEE Morning Tea*

*An Invitation is extended  
to all*

*Prep and New families*

*To join us for an*

*Informal Morning Tea*

*On Friday, 5th February,*

*In the School Hall*

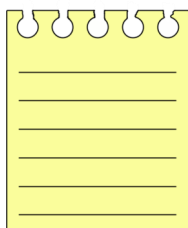
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*9.10am for approx. an hour.*



### **Notes**

**Please be reminded, any notes regarding extra curricular activities including Netball/ Basketball, need to be sighted by Mr Millar before being distributed.**



### **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.

### **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.

### **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.



## GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



### Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you have all enjoyed the holiday break and are excited for a fantastic new year.

After having a great holiday ourselves, we are back on board and excited to see familiar faces returning – as well as some new faces.

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing your children into After School Care.

#### Tips for easing you kids into After School Care:

1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they'll be coming to After School Care.
2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to tell us know or you can give us a call.

We're here to make after school care visits the best experience possible, if you have any questions about the program – feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in After School Care first hand.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Camp Australia Team.

#### Program Details

To find out more about our program and to register and book visit [www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au)

From all of the team at Camp Australia we wish you a fantastic 2016 and we look forward to seeing you and your family in the program soon.







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## Meet our new Principal, Ms Filina Virgato

Attend our Open Morning on  
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## **OPEN DAY**

**Sunday 28 February 2016**

**1–4<sub>pm</sub>**

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