



## **Open Day School Information 2017**



## ***Welcome from Mr Simon Millar - School Principal.***

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School.

Primary school years are essential in the development of your child academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually, equipping them to be outstanding citizens beyond their primary school years.

Every one of our students is treasured as individuals and for being part of the Galilee community. We pride ourselves on the friendliness of our school community and that we genuinely care about every child and family within the school.

Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School is part of Ss. Peter and Paul's, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph's Parishes. We have a current enrolment of 321 students and offer a Catholic education in a safe, caring, challenging and stimulating learning environment.

Galilee is an innovative and dynamic place of contemporary learning. We cater for each child through the latest teaching practices and a broad curriculum. Some of our features are: Reading Recovery, Levelled Literacy, Number Intervention, Computer Technology, Italian, Physical Education, Art, Performing Arts, Social Emotional Learning Program and Before/After School Care. Galilee also provides a Music/Instrumental Program, where students are able to have individual lessons in keyboard, violin, drums, guitar and singing.

At Galilee, there are many opportunities for parents to be involved in the school such as: Parents Social & Fundraising, School Education Board, Dads Association, Classroom Representatives, Classroom Helpers Program, or attending social functions and assemblies. We encourage parents to partner with us in their child's learning, a partnership built on respect, inclusiveness and pastoral care.

We regularly monitor our students' progress and invite open and honest communication with parents. We look forward to welcoming your family to Galilee.

***Simon Millar, Principal.***

## **Galilee School Vision Statement**

*At Galilee we provide a rich Catholic culture based on Gospel values and, foster a safe, inclusive and contemporary learning environment where everyone reaches their full potential.*

## **Leadership Vision Statement**

*Leaders work **collaboratively** to foster **positive** and **respectful** relationships, while **empowering** and **supporting** others in our community, with a focus on **student learning**.*

## General School Information

### GALILEE DETAILS

301 - 319 Bank Street, South Melbourne.

School 9699 2928

Galilee Out of School Hours Program 0402 274 921

### GALILEE STAFF 2017

Prep– Brighid Fahy & Holly Evans

Year 1– Cassandra Smith & Laura Cox

Year 2– Jessica Casey & Kristina Reid

Year 3– Carmen Carnovale & Helen Rochecouste

Year 4– Colleen Giles & Anastasia Romios

Year 5– Brittany Ford & Tarren Otte

Year 6– Kayla Hart & Joss Coaley

Sport– Shaun Tobin

Art– Mal Orr

Senior Performing Arts– Carmen Carnovale (Tuesday)

Junior Performing Arts– Kristina Reid (Thursday)

Italian & ICT– Carlo Martello

Library Technician– Tegan Stuart

Integration– Pauline Semmens, Rosa Serratore, Tegan Stuart & Sophia Alex

Administration– Wendy Dalton & Tegan Stuart

Reading Recovery & Levelled Literacy Intervention—Linda Florenca-Grillo

Number Intervention—Jane Ferris

### LEADERSHIP ROLES

Principal– Simon Millar

Deputy Principals– Danielle Gerecke & Amy Burns

Student School Captains - Charlotte & Ethan

Chair of School Education Board - Donna McMaster

English, Student Wellbeing (shared) Learning and Teaching – Danielle Gerecke

Maths, Religion & Learning and Teaching – Amy Burns

English Leader (shared)- Laura Cox

Community Partnerships– Holly Evans & Brighid Fahy

Religious Education Faith– Brittany Ford

Student Wellbeing (shared) & Student Services– Julianne Price

STEAM Leader– Kayla Hart

IT Infrastructure– Carlo Martello

eLearning– Joss Coaley

Outdoor Environment - Tarren Otte

### SCHOOL HOURS

School gates open

Commencement Bell

Session 1

Recess

Session 2

Lunch

Session 3

Dismissal

### OFFICE HOURS 8am to 4pm

8:35am

8:50am

9:00am - 11:00am

11:00am - 11:25am

11:30am - 1:40pm

1:40pm - 2:25pm

2:30pm - 3:25pm

3:25pm

## **ENROLMENT INFORMATION**

- Children must turn 5 years of age before the 30th April in the year they are commencing school. Permission to grant an exemption is on the basis of a number of conditions which must be understood and accepted by the parents and carers. These conditions include:
  1. Permission from the Director of Catholic Education,
  2. Approval by the school given class sizes,
  3. Readiness of the child.
- A copy of the child's Birth and Baptism Certificates must be provided. This should be attached to your Enrolment Form.
- Non-Catholic families lodging an enrolment will need to include a personal letter clearly stating the reasons they are seeking enrolment in a Catholic school.
- *At the time of accepting an enrolment all new families will be required to pay a non-refundable enrolment fee of \$500.00 per family to secure a place in the school (taken from school fees once your child begins at Galilee).*
- An immunisation certificate must be provided for all children, prior to their commencement at school, this can be obtained from your local council.
- Individual interviews will be conducted for all new enrolment applicants after enrolments close. Times will be arranged by the school.
- A School Transition Program will be held in Terms 3 and 4 for all new Prep students.
- An Information session for parents will also be held in Term 4.

## **GENERAL POLICY REGARDING ENROLMENTS**

The following points will be considered when accepting any enrolment:

### **Priority of Enrolment:**

1. Children with siblings in the school.
2. Catholic children who are residents of the South Melbourne, Port Melbourne and Middle Park Parishes.
3. Catholic children who do not reside in the parish but belong to the parish community.
4. Catholic children from other parishes (for pastoral reasons).
5. Children from non-Catholic Eastern Churches who reside in the parish.
6. Children from non-Catholic Eastern Churches who reside outside the parish.
7. Other Christian children who reside in the parish.
8. Other Christian children who reside outside the parish.
9. Non-Christian children who reside in the parish.
10. Non-Christian children who reside outside the parish.



## Education in Faith

*Our faith is at the centre of everything that we do at Galilee. We are committed to our faith community, fostering an environment where we educate the whole person and encourage everyone to reach their full potential.*

At Galilee, Religious Education promotes the message of Jesus and develops children's understandings of living as a person of faith within their family, school, parish and the wider community. It permeates all aspects of the curriculum and school activities

The Religious Education program incorporates the Religious Education Frameworks (developed by the Catholic Education Melbourne), which are supported by the To Know, Worship and Love texts (produced by the Archdiocese of Melbourne). The program aims to help students grow in relationship with God, building on the experiences of each student and integrating the dimensions of:

- Religious Knowledge and Understanding
- Religious Reasoning and
- Responding and Personal & Communal Engagement.

Activities and programs also include:

- Classroom activities that encourage a connection with Jesus and Gospel Values
- Christian Meditation
- Sacramental programs in conjunction with the Parish program for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation
- School Masses and Liturgies
- Lenten, Easter, Advent and Christmas celebrations
- Daily Prayer experiences.



## Learning and Teaching

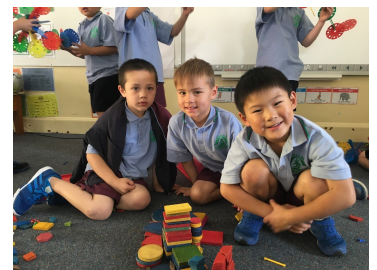
At Galilee, we place strong emphasis on developing important English and Mathematics skills through explicit teaching and focussed individual and group learning tasks.

Through Inquiry Based and Contemporary Learning approaches, Galilee fosters a learning community that strives for excellence. We encourage and support our students to be actively involved in their learning, accepting challenges, taking risks and exploring their own creativity. We aim to empower students to make connections between their learning and authentic action.

### English

At Galilee our English programs are structured around building essential literacy skills, we teach our students to:

- read with understanding
- speak with fluency, expression and confidence
- develop their vocabulary
- communicate their ideas in writing
- develop their multimodal communication skills
- Reading Recovery Program
- Literacy Intervention Program.



### Mathematics

During Mathematics sessions our students are given opportunities to develop a clear understanding of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. The knowledge gained may be applied flexibly and creatively in problem solving situations and in real life. Students use Understanding, Fluency, Problem

Solving and Reasoning to become proficient in their Mathematical Learning.

**Numeracy Intervention F-4:** Number Intervention is a research-based intervention with the prime goal of accelerating number and arithmetical learning in the first five years of school.

## **STEAM**

**STEAM** is a new Galilee initiative. STEAM stands for: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. STEAM is being introduced from Prep - Year 6, exposing students to explicit and hands-on learning experiences that will prepare them for their future. STEAM is integrated with various subjects, students have the opportunity to be involved in experimenting, building, making, doing, inventing, designing, discussions and reflections.

## **The Arts**

### **Visual Arts**

All classes have weekly Art lessons where students are given the opportunity to express their creativity using many different mediums. During these lessons, students develop their imaginations and personal expression will be encouraged as their art skills develop. We showcase our student's artwork each year in the Galilee Art Show. It is always a well attending and successful school event.

### **Music & Performing Arts**

During weekly Performing Art sessions, students will sing, dance, move, perform, learn about music theory and music of other cultures. Galilee also have a whole school concert every second year.

## **Physical Education**

The primary focus of the **Physical Education** program is to develop and enhance the physical activity skills of all students and to encourage and foster a positive attitude towards a healthy and active lifestyle. Every student will participate in one hour of Physical Education per week. There are also opportunities for all students to compete and participate in swimming and athletics carnivals during the year. Year 3-6 students are eligible to participate in district and regional sporting events.

## **ICT**

At Galilee **Information, Communication, Technology (ICT)** is a fundamental component of teaching and learning. Using the new Digital Technologies Curriculum, ICT is taught across all levels from Prep to Year 6. The ICT program offers children experience in using iPads, Chromebooks and Apple Mac desktops to gather, organise and present information. The internet is used thoughtfully to complement teaching and learning across all Year levels. A great deal of emphasis is placed on Cyber safety and the correct use of the Web for learning.

## **Library**

Each class visits the **library** once a week to borrow books and engage in resource based learning activities, assisting student knowledge about the Library and research skills. We have a variety of books in our library to cater for individual needs.

## **LOTE (Italian)**

Learning a language provides students with the opportunity to develop an understanding and appreciation of another culture, as well as the ability to communicate in both written and spoken forms. **Italian** is our language of choice at Galilee with students from Prep-6 participating in LOTE lessons. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in Italian Day.

## **Student Wellbeing**

Students who are happy, confident and are able to establish meaningful relationships are better placed to achieve positive learning outcomes. Central to our **Student Wellbeing Program** (Personal, Social and Emotional Learning) is the importance of nurturing and developing the whole child. At Galilee, students will be able to participate in:

- Buddy program (Preps and 6s)
- Friendship Groups
- Peaceful Kids

- Circle Time
- Explicit teaching of Personal, Social and Emotional Learning
- Opportunities to meet with a psychologist

### Extra-Curricular Activities

We have a long list of extra-curricular activities to further develop student skills and interest. These include:

- excursions and incursions
- guest speakers
- celebrations, such as Galilee Feast Day
- Team Building Activities
- Science Week
- 100 Days of School
- Book Week
- public speaking program for Year 4
- Funky Hair Day; supporting children with cancer
- Walk to School month
- sporting opportunities, such as running group, swim squad
- a music program where children can learn violin, singing, guitar, drums or keyboard
- Student Leadership opportunities with an SRC team and Social Justice team.

We also provide a comprehensive camp program:

**Year 5 and 6:** 3 night camp to Home Valley alternating with Years 6 night camp to Canberra

**Year 4:** 2 night camp

**Year 3:** 1 night camp at the Melbourne Zoo

### School Community

Galilee recognises the importance of each and every member of its school community. We value and acknowledge how parents contribute to the enhancement of student learning and the success of curriculum programs. Parents are welcome to participate in all aspects of the school with the main support coming through the Social and Fundraising Committee, Class Representatives, Classroom Helpers, Working Bees and individual contributions in the classrooms, on excursions or for special school events. Classrooms are open each Monday morning for parents/guardians.

