



Diary Dates

OCTOBER 2014

Working Bee To finish chicken coop Straight after school for an hour	20 th
Pt Noarlunga Aquatics Excursion Year 6 & 7's	20 th & 21 st
Handball Carnvial Year 6 & 7's	22 nd
Cubby Building Bonanza 5.30pm – 7.30pm	24 th
Galilee Gathers	27 th
Parent Meeting Stage 1 Shared Space 2.30pm	28 th
Sacrament Meeting Parents only - 6.30pm	29 th

NOVEMBER 2014

Reconciliation Workshop 1 5.30pm	5 th
Family Mass	8 th
Principal's Tour	10 th
Early School Closure Tuesday 2.30pm	11th
Reconciliation Workshop 2 5.30pm	12 th
Year 7 Reflection Day	17 th
Road Crossing Monitor Training	18 th
Reconciliation Liturgy 6.30pm	19 th
Early Years Police Visit 10am	21 st
Aldinga Advent Pageant	28 th

Dear Families and friends,

It has been an unusually cool and an unusually busy start to term 4! Then next week begins with a possible 35° on Monday, which is certainly keeping us on our toes. With the warm weather, spring is in the air with beautiful spring flowers, bringing lovely scents and hay fever to some. Hopefully the hay fever season is short so we can enjoy our lovely surrounds.

We have had many children join our community during last term and at the start of this term. We welcome the students and their families to the Galilee Community. Angus, Holli and Hannah from Ms Balacco's homeroom, Lara from Ms Kinnear's homeroom, Ethan and Bradley from Ms Perry's homeroom, Noah and Lucy from Mr Nizzola's homeroom, Samuel from Ms Guildfoyle & Ms Moyses's homeroom, Lily from Mr Buchanan's homeroom, Renee from Ms Little's homeroom, Domanic from Ms Boulden & Ms LeCornu's homeroom and Kieron from Ms Calderbank's homeroom.

Next Friday 24th Oct, the Parents and Friends group are organising a community 'Cubby Building Evening'. It is an opportunity for fun, welcome and catch up for new and existing families. Further details are in the newsletter.

Planning for 2015

I thank all those who promptly returned the 'Returning to Galilee in 2015' form, informing us of your intentions for 2015. We are very close to being full in 2015 therefore, families must let us know of any changes, as there is a waiting list. You are required to give a full terms notice to avoid being charged the proceeding terms fees, including the beginning of a new year. If you did not return the form, please do so.

Planning for 2015 is underway, including staffing and home group structures. This can be a challenging time for all involved, due to the unknown nature of the process. To help make this time less challenging I ask the community to be patient and aware of other people's feelings and situations. I have provided some information to help below.

Staffing

We are currently in the process of making decisions regarding staffing. I ask parents not to ask staff about 2015, as you are putting teachers in a difficult situation. When final decisions and positions are in place the community will be informed. Please be considerate that this can be an anxious time for staff, parents and students so we ask for your patience in this matter.

Home group placements

Placement of students in home groups will occur over the coming weeks. This is a challenging process and we make decisions on many factors. When placing students, staff consider academic, social and wellbeing needs of individuals and importantly how the students will function together as a learning group. If parents have specific information regarding a child's placement it must be provided in writing (or email) via the office by the Monday 27th October. I will only accept information regarding student learning, social and wellbeing needs. Requests regarding staffing will not be considered. I remind you that information you provide is a request that will assist us in decisions.

Term 4 is always a busy term and remind you to check diary dates for events, excursions and celebrations.

I look forward to catching up with families at the Cubby Building Evening.

Jodie Higgins, Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Welcome back to school for what promises to be a wonderful term 4. A warm welcome also to those of you, who have either recently joined us or returned after some time away. It is great that you can be with us.

School Crossing Safety Tips

Here are three simple tips that can help ensure everyone is able to use our school crossings safely:

1. Always stop on the edge of the crossing and wait for vehicles on the road to stop before crossing safely.
2. When using the crossing on Quinliven Rd always follow the direction of the crossing monitors.
3. Walk bikes, scooters and skateboards across the crossing.



Travelling to school by bike, scooter or skateboard

It is wonderful to see so many children actively travelling to school by walking or by riding a bike, scooter or skateboard. Please remind your children to wear their helmet all the way to school and to take a safe route. Whenever travelling with siblings or friends it is important that everyone stays together.

Crossing Monitor Training

The next training day for children who are ten years or older will be on Tuesday 18th November. All children of this age will be attending and we look forward to seeing them all accept the important responsibility in helping our community arrive and leave school safely. I hope that you can encourage your children to undertake this task when the information and permission form comes home. Contributing to our community is a wonderful learning opportunity for all of our children.

God bless

Anthony Garton, Deputy Principal
agarton@galilee.catholic.edu.au

Working Bee to finish Chicken Coop

We Need Your Help: Monday the 20th October we are hoping to finish off the Chicken Coop. We are needing help straight after school for approximately an hour to raise the chook coop to connect it to the chicken run. If you are able to help please let the front office know. A hard copy is going home today with your child/ren.

Family Cubby Building Evening

On Friday 24th October, the P&F co-ordinating group will be holding a 'Parents and Children' CUBBY BUILDING BONANZA. Your children will be excited to share their cubby building expertise and build with friends at this twilight event! Materials will be provided but if you have spare fabric or sheets you can bring them along. This is a great opportunity to mingle, meet new people and have some fun with the Galilee community.

A yummy dinner will be provided by the P&F before the cubby building commences. Please return the slip below for catering purposes. BYO drinks and picnic rug.

The evening will start at 5.30pm and finish approximately at 7.30pm. All family members are welcome!

Please return the reply slip by Wednesday the 22nd October for catering purposes. Alternatively you can email tguilfoyle@galilee.catholic.edu.au with the same details as below.

Cubby Building Return Slip – Attention Tania Guilfoyle

Family Names: _____

Number of adults attending _____. Number of children attending _____.

Special dietary requirements _____.

Kind Regards,

Galilee Parents and Friends Co-ordinating Group

Frequently Asked Questions

Constructing, Respecting, Welcoming

Attendance Matters

If your child is going to be absent, late, leaving early for an appointment etc, please send either an SMS text message on **m) 0408508892** or call the front office by 9.00am, on p) 8557 9000

Directory Contacts

Mass Time Mary of Galilee
Saturday 6.00pm, Tuesday 9.15am
Family Mass once a month Saturday

Fr. Charles Gauci p) 8382 1717
Sr Margaret Ann m) 0488287552

Parish p) 8557 9018
Centacare p) 8557 9050

Galilee OSHC p) 8557 9043
Acting Director m) 0411382054

Galilee Op-Shop M, W, TH & F
Closed Tuesdays 9 – 3pm
Contact Sharon m) 0451830929

Galilee Playgroup Monday's
Community Room 9 – 11am
Sally Blanchard m) 0419944740

PFCG: pfcg@galilee.catholic.edu.au

Q Will the school be closing early this term?

A Yes. Due to WHS staff training, the school will be closing at 2.30pm, Tuesday, 11th November. Please mark this date in your diary.

Q What are there times for locking and unlocking the school gates?

A Each morning the gates will be locked at **8.55am** by the staff member returning from the car park. Each afternoon the gates will be unlocked at **2.55pm**. You are most welcome to enter and exit via the front office and deck should you be engaging in special activities such as a sharing afternoon, afternoon prayer, listening to reading and so on.

Q Where is the Lost Property located?

A Lost Property is located adjacent the Front Office on the Eastern side. Lost property will be cleared out each fortnight.

Q Are there new days for the Second hand Uniform shop?

A Yes. The uniform shop will be open the following times this term:

MONDAY Morning and afternoon

WEDNESDAY Morning and afternoon

Morning opening times: 8.45am – 9.15am

Afternoon opening time: 3.00pm – 3.30pm

Q Which day is school banking?

A Tuesday is our school banking day. Please place the bankbook/s in the homeroom office bag, which will then be sent over to the front office. Please note there is no school banking in week's 1 to 4 next term. First school banking will be on Tuesday 11th November.

Attendance Matters

With our new SMS Texting service available, if your child is going to be absent, late, leaving early for an appointment etc, you can send a SMS text message before 9am on **m) 0408 508 892**.

Please provide child's name, **teacher** and reason this number in your mobile. You may also call the front office as well.

Newsletter contributions: All items for the newsletter should be submitted by 3pm on Tuesday. Please email items to jsicheri@galilee.catholic.edu.au. We will try to include things with as few amendments as possible, but sometimes we need to conserve space. Items included are at the Principal's discretion. Address: Cnr How and Quinliven Rds, Aldinga SA 5173 P) 8557 9000, F) 8557 9099 W) www.galilee.catholic.edu.au