

GALILEE REGIONAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Transition Back to Onsite Learning

Thursday October 14, 2021

Dear Families,

We are very much looking forward to the transition back to onsite learning by students and staff from Monday October 18. Please see below for the timetable that explains when each year level is onsite. The return dates may be different for students and staff who are currently in quarantine and notified as primary contacts.

As we prepare to return to school over the next two weeks, we thought we would communicate some important information about the different processes and procedures that will be in place when your child/ren returns to school. Please note that all information in this notice is current but Catholic Schools in Melbourne are yet to receive updated protocols about returning to school from the Victorian Government.

Students will start to return to school in a staggered way starting next week:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 4, Week 3 Week starting October 18th, 2021	<u>Prep Onsite</u> (Year 1-6 Remote Learning)	<u>Prep Onsite</u> (Year 1-6 Remote Learning)	<u>Prep Onsite</u> (Year 1-6 Remote Learning)	<u>Years 1&2 Onsite</u> (Prep, Year 3-6 Remote Learning)	<u>Years 1&2 Onsite</u> (Prep, Year 3-6 Remote Learning)
Term 4, Week 4 Week starting October 25th, 2021	<u>Prep Onsite</u> (Year 1-6 Remote Learning)	<u>Prep Onsite</u> <u>Years 3&4 Onsite</u> (Year 1,2,5,6 Remote Learning)	<u>Prep Onsite</u> <u>Years 3&4 Onsite</u> (Year 1,2,5,6 Remote Learning)	<u>Years 1&2 Onsite</u> <u>Years 5&6 Onsite</u> (Prep, Year 3 and Year 4 Remote Learning)	<u>Years 1&2 Onsite</u> <u>Years 5&6 Onsite</u> (Prep, Year 3 and Year 4 Remote Learning)
Term 4, Week 5 Week starting November 1st, 2021	School Closure	Public Holiday Melbourne Cup	<u>Prep Onsite</u> <u>Years 3&4 Onsite</u> (Year 1,2,5,6 Remote Learning)	<u>Years 1&2 Onsite</u> <u>Years 5&6 Onsite</u> (Prep, Year 3 and Year 4 Remote Learning)	<u>Prep Onsite</u> <u>Years 1&2 Onsite</u> <u>Years 3&4 Onsite</u> <u>Years 5&6 Onsite</u>
Term 4, Week 6 Week starting November 8th, 2021	Prep - Year 6 Onsite Full-Time				

Timetables for Week 3, Week 4 and Week 5

- [Prep Timetables for Week 3, Week 4 and Week 5](#)
- [Year 1 and Year 2 Timetables for Week 3, Week 4 and Week 5](#)
- [Year 3 and Year 4 Timetables for Week 3, Week 4 and Week 5](#)
- [Year 5 and Year 6 Timetables for Week 3, Week 4 and Week 5](#)

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Galilee will be open on Monday 18th October when we will welcome our Prep Students and staff back onsite for the first time this term.

What you will need to know when your child/ren return to school:

Morning Drop Off Procedures:

- Students can be dropped off between 8.35 and 8.50am at the Bank St. Gate.
- Only students will be allowed to enter the school gate.

**Please note school will begin at 8.50am*

Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures:

- Students can be collected between 3.15pm and 3.25pm from the Bank St. entrance.
- Those collecting students will need to QR code in before entering the school grounds
- When collecting students we ask that you QR code in, wear a mask, socially distance from others, walk in a clockwise direction around the outside edge of the playground from the double gates on Back St to the pedestrian gates on Bank St, collecting students as you pass them.
- Please refrain from gathering in large numbers.
- Please refrain from stopping to talk to each other or the staff
- Please move as quickly as you can while maintaining a safe 1.5m distance from others.

Uniform

- When onsite, students will need to wear their Summer Uniform.
- When onsite, students will need to have a school hat with them so that they can play outside at recess and lunch.
- Please also pack a drink bottle for your child/ren that is clearly labelled with their name.
- It is mandatory for students in Year 3-6 to wear a face mask and recommended for students in Prep - Year 2 to wear a face mask. (Please make sure all face masks are clearly labelled and that students pack an extra mask just in case their initial mask gets wet or lost)
- *Please note that students will not be participating in Physical Education lessons at school in Week 3, 4 or 5. Students will not need to wear their Sports Uniform in Week 3, 4 or 5. We will publish the dates that students need to wear their Sport Uniform in Week 6 in the Newsletter and on Dojo at the end of Week 5.

Masks

- It has been recommended by the Victorian Department of Health that all students wear a mask when at school.
- It has been mandated by the Victorian Government that all students in Year 3-6 wear a mask while at school (indoors only).
- Please make sure that each child's mask is clearly labelled (even if it is a disposable mask).
- Please pack a spare mask in your child's backpack just in case the first mask gets wet or goes missing.
- It has been mandated by the Victorian Government that all adults must wear a mask while onsite

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(the only exception being that teachers do not have to wear a mask when they are in the act of teaching).

Handwashing

- We are encouraging students to wash their hands regularly when they are onsite.
- Students will be required to wash their hands after coughing or sneezing, before and after they eat food and after they go to the bathroom.

Ventilation

- As per Victorian Government recommendations, Window Gaps have been installed in classrooms allowing for windows to be opened in a safe manner.
- Where possible, doors and windows will be opened to allow for airflow and ventilation.
- Air conditioning units that use recycled air will not be used and ceiling fans will only be used on the winter setting at low speeds as per Victorian Government recommendations.
- Galilee has not yet received Air Purification units or news of their arrival.
- Internal and external doors will be left open where possible.

School Cleaning

- The school has recently undergone a Deep Clean with all areas of the school receiving a Pandemic Deep Clean.
- The school will continue to be regularly cleaned by our contracted professional cleaning company.
- Touchpoint cleaning will occur regularly.
- All workspaces (tables and chairs) will be wiped down twice a day.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

- In line with Victorian Government mandates all staff at Galilee have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccination.
- All staff will receive their second dose of the COVID-19 Vaccination prior to the Victorian Government deadline of November 29, 2021.
- All adults entering the Galilee school building will be required to provide their Vaccination Certificate prior to being allowed to enter (please note that for parents dropping off and collecting students from the school yard, proof of the COVID-19 Vaccination is not required, but is recommended and preferred).

Borrowed Devices/Chromebooks

- Students in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 who have borrowed a device/Chromebook from the school, for use at home during Remote Learning, are asked to keep their borrowed device at home until Friday 5th November.
- Students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 who have borrowed a device/Chromebook from the school, for use at home during Remote Learning, are asked to bring the device/Chromebook into school each day that they are onsite and then take the device back home with them for Remote Learning.

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- On Friday 5th November we ask all students who borrowed a device/Chromebook from the school to please return it to the school office. Parents will not be allowed onsite to return devices/chrome books.

Resources for Remote Learning that were collected from the school

- Any resources that were collected from the school for use during Remote Learning (other than devices/chrome books) can be left at home unless a teacher specifically requests that a student bring it with them when they return to school.

Are parents allowed onsite?

- At this stage parents are not allowed onsite except when collecting students from the school grounds at the end of each school day. Parents will need to QR code in before they are allowed to enter the school grounds which will be visible on the front gate.
- In exceptional circumstances parents may be allowed to enter the school buildings however they must provide their COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate prior to entering the school buildings.
- If a parent would like to discuss something with the classroom teacher or another member of staff you are encouraged to email the teacher or the school office to arrange a phone conversation or a conversation via Google Meet.

What do you do if your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19?

- If your child is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 we ask that you keep them home from school, get them tested for COVID-19 and follow the advice of the Department of Health.

What will happen if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms during the school day?

- If a student develops symptoms over the school day, they will be immediately isolated with visual supervision. Parents will be contacted to collect their child immediately so that they can immediately be tested for COVID-19.

What do you do if your child (a student at Galilee) tests positive to COVID-19?

- If your child (a student at Galilee) tests positive to COVID-19 we ask that you follow the directions of the Department of Health and immediately inform the school by either phoning the school office (during school hours only) or emailing to the school office on wdalton@gsm.vic.edu.au OR tstuart@gsm.vic.edu.au

What do you do if someone in your immediate family has symptoms of COVID-19?

- If someone in a Galilee student's immediate family has symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you keep your children away from the school until their symptomatic family member tests negative to COVID-19.

What do you do if your child has been identified as a primary close contact?

- If a Galilee student has been identified as a primary close contact please inform the school immediately by either phoning the school office (during school hours only) or emailing to the school office on wdalton@gsm.vic.edu.au OR tstuart@gsm.vic.edu.au

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What will happen if a student or staff member who has been onsite tests positive to COVID-19?

- If a student or staff member tests positive to COVID-19 and they have been onsite during their infectious period we will immediately notify all identified close contacts and ask them to be collected from school and be tested for COVID-19 as quickly as possible.
- The school will follow the advice of the Department of Health and Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools and will endeavour to communicate with all families in a timely manner.

Events/Activities that have been postponed, cancelled or are still to be confirmed:

- All Swimming Lessons that were to occur in early Term 4 have been postponed and new dates have not been set
- Assemblies have been cancelled until further notice
- Open Mornings have been cancelled until further notice
- Morning Cuppa's have been cancelled until further notice
- Seeds and Sprouts Programs have been cancelled until further notice
- Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation have been postponed and new dates have not been set
- Beachside Athletics, Hooptime Basketball and Rugby Gala have all been postponed and new dates have not been set
- Galilee's Swimming Carnival is TBC and is dependent on Government Restrictions
- All incursions and excursions are TCB and will not take place until restrictions are eased
- Year 3 Zoo Snooze is TBC and is dependent of Government Restrictions
- 2022 Prep Transition Program has been moved online until restrictions are eased

We will update you on new dates for these events and activities as soon as we have confirmation and more clarity around Government Restrictions.

We understand that returning to school can be both exciting and challenging and may bring about some feelings of worry for you and your child/ren. We encourage you to talk to your children about how they feel about returning to school. Remind them about all the things that they love about school. Let them know that their teacher is very excited to see them when they are back at school. Try on the Summer School Uniform to make sure that it still fits. Make sure things like school lunchboxes, drink bottles and school bags are all ready to go. Start adjusting your daily schedule so that getting up and getting ready for school and eating recess and lunch at designated times won't be too much of a challenge.

We really could not be more excited to see all of our students back onsite in the coming weeks.

Regards,



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