Dear Parents,

Last Tuesday night we held our first Parents & Friends Meeting of the year. Our meeting was bolstered in numbers with several new faces supporting our association in 2015. The 2015 Executive was elected with few changes from last year. Once again thankyou to those members who offered their time to attend meetings and organise our social and school events throughout the year.

Our new Executive consists of:

President - Mr Frank Kuhn
Vice President - Mrs Rosa Lizzio
Treasurer - Mrs Leigh Hodder-Onaindia
Assistant Treasurer - Mrs Leanne Maccarone
Secretary - Mrs Michelle Borg
Diocesan Representative - Mrs Natalie Terry

During the General Meeting much discussion took place around School Renewal, car parking / pick up issues, our P&F focus for 2015, setting up a sport’s uniform committee and setting a date for the Meet & Greet Disco. Many thanks to all who attended and for their support in 2015.

The Student Council met yesterday to decide on a theme for our Meet and Greet - Hawaiian (something easy for everyone).

Our Tuckshop and Uniform Shop are run by Mrs Linda Croatto. Linda is desperate for assistance during the week. At present she is on her own preparing orders on a Monday and Wednesday and has some help on a Friday. If you can assist even for 2 hours on any of these mornings, please see Linda or myself. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

We welcome to Good Counsel Primary School the following students - Jas Preet Singh Prep FD, Daniel Keough 4PM and Charlotte Martin 6B.

Today, students attended and enjoyed Term 1 Arts Council Performance of The Last Tree in the City.

Please note that if you change your phone numbers or family contacts to please notify the Office. In the last two weeks we have attempted to contact families and found numbers have changed. Your co-operation regarding these details is important.

Regards,
Liam

Date: 13th March - Friday night

Please mark this in your diary. We will have a BBQ tea, disco and games. More information to follow.
Mini Vinnies...
Parents please join with us at Friday's Prayer Assembly—the Induction of our Year 6 Good Counsel Primary School Mini Vinnies for 2015.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel ... Luke 11:9
Jesus said to his disciples:
"I tell you to ask and you will receive, search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick (11 February)...
Let us remember those who are sick. Especially members of our school community...We commend them to Christ's healing touch.

‘Who said...?’
"Love your neighbour as yourself." - Jesus did! And 2 correct entries have won frozies—Isabella Booth 2AL & Grace Wone 1S—Congratulations!
#2 Who said? “I will give half my belongings to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay back four times as much.” Speak with Mrs C this week.

Ash Wednesday...
Wednesday 18 February—Liturgies Mother of Good Counsel Church
9:00am. Prep C, Prep FD, 1G, 1S, 2AL & 2WH and GCC Year 11 students
10:00am. 3Y, 3/4K, 4PM, 4/5H, 5GH, 6B & 6GH
Parents and extended family invited to join with us. We receive ash on our foreheads in a powerful gesture of embracing a simple way of life, doing penance and turning away from sin. Ashes have been used on this day since the tenth century, but was originally a private observation and did not enter the liturgy until the Pope used them on himself in the thirteenth century.

Thought for the day...
Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. Leonardo da Vinci 1519

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C.
Assistant Principal Religious Education & Administration

Presentation of Leadership Badges...
Congratulations to our Student Leaders whose badges were blessed by Father Kerry during Good Counsel Primary’s Beginning School Mass on Friday 6 February, and presented by Fr Kerry and Principal Liam Kenny.
Leadership is about taking responsibility not making excuses.
Mitt Romney

2015 TERM DATES...
TERM ONE
Wed 11.02 Parent Tr Meeting 5:30pm Prep C & Prep FD Theatrette
Fri 13.02 Mini Vinnies Induction 8:40am
Wed 18.02 Ash Wednesday Liturgies 9:00am Prep—2 10:00am Yr 3—6 Development Cup Yr 6
Sat 21.02 Mini Vinnies at Mass 6:30pm
Fri 27.02 Colour Captains Assembly
Fri 06.03 3/4K Prayer Assembly
Tue 11.03 School Photos
Fri 13.03 6H St Patrick’s Pr. Assembly
Tue 17.03 St Patrick’s Green Dress Day
Fri 20.03 4/5H Good Samaritan Charism
Sat 21.03 Mini Vinnies at Mass 6:30pm
Fri 27.03 3Y Palm Sunday Assembly
Tue 31.03 6B Last Supper Assembly
Wed 01.04 CROSS COUNTRY
Thu 02.04 5GH Stations of the Cross
Fri 03.04 Good Friday
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Easter Mon 6 April
TERM TWO
Mon 20 April - Fri 26 June (10 weeks)
Sat 25 April ANZAC Day
Mon 8 June Queens Birthday
TERM THREE
Fri 10.07 INNISFAIL SHOW
Mon 13 July - Fri 18 Sept (10 weeks)
Sun 26.07—Sat 01.08 CEW
TERM FOUR
Mon 5 Oct Labour Day
Tue 6 Oct - Fri 4 Sept (9 weeks)

WEEK 2 COLOUR POINTS Weekly Winner: MacKillop

Thank you
For the rain that makes the flowers grow,
For the sun that warms my freezing toes.
For the teachers at school who help me learn, Teach me to say ‘please’, ‘thank you’ and to wait my turn.
For my family, for their love and devotion, Where love is their only emotion.
For friends who help me laugh and play, Who wipe my tears away.
For warm food that fills me up.
For clean water that fills my cup.
Thank you for blessing me!
(By Madalyn, Our Lady of the Southern Cross College, Dalby)
WELCOME TO THE FAMILY...

Beginning School Mass...
Thank you Father Kerry for presiding over our beginning school mass on Friday. Thank you parents for joining with us as we welcomed all our ‘new to the school’ students and staff and presented badges to our Student Leaders.

Social and Emotional Learning...

POSITIVE HABITS OF THE MIND that help develop Getting Along behaviour…

Being Tolerant of Others—accepting that everyone acts unfairly towards others some of the time and not making overall judgement of people’s character based on their differences or behaviour.

Thinking First—thinking that when someone treats me badly I need to think about ways I can react, the consequences of each, and the impact of my action on the other person’s feelings.

Social Responsibility—thinking that it’s important to be caring, to try hard to do my best, to be fair to others, to make sure that everyone has the freedom to say what they think and feel without fear, to be honest and tell the truth, to have integrity by making sure that I do what I say I am going to do, to respect others and have nice manners, to act responsibly by making good choices, sorting out problems without fighting, caring about nature and other living things, and to understand and include others who are different. (Program Achieve)
**TERM FEES**

Term fees will be issued in due course. *Those families seeking a remission for 2015 must make an appointment to see the Principal ASAP.*

As we are now operating with the new system, your Term Fee invoice will be emailed to you each term.

For direct deposits please use your Reference No 973……….. (ask at office or note on bottom of invoice) to ensure that monies are paid against correct family.

**PAYMENTS OVER THE INTERNET**

**NEED TO ENSURE USE OF FAMILY CODE AND EMAIL/FAX CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT TO OUR OFFICE ON 40612271.**

**TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEER—2013**

Please circle your preferred day:

First: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY (of the month)
Second: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY
Third: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY
Fourth: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY
Fifth: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY

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