Dear Parents,

We have now completed the first week of school for the year. Considering the particularly warm weather that we have had, students are coping very well. Most are choosing the option to play under the covered area or utilise the more pleasant conditions in the library.

The split lunch with Prep - Yr2 on first play is working extremely well and our Year 3 students are enjoying playing at 1.20pm. Drop off and pick up times are working out with the majority of students knowing where to go in the afternoon. A reminder to please phone through any changes to your usual pick up arrangements. Last week there was a back log of traffic in the ‘pick up zone’ outside Good Counsel College - this will settle in coming weeks so please be patient. A useful reminder is to wait until 3.10pm before hitting the pick up zone, as by then most of the heavy traffic has passed. Remember that this duty ends at 3.20pm and children will then be waiting for you in the blue covered area.

Buses have run smoothly for the first week and all students are now in the routine of which bus to catch. Parking around the school precinct is always tight at 3pm. Please make the most of what is available and again, students are fine at school if you wish to leave picking them up until 3.10pm. By this time parking becomes available. If you choose this option let me know so I can let students know so they are informed. Parent meetings are on this week. Please attempt to attend as teachers will explain classroom expectations and homework requirements. After much discussion regarding homework over our Teacher Professional Development days, as a school we are setting less homework than usual, however we are requiring a higher standard of work. This may mean fewer sentences but better quality; more emphasis on spelling words and number facts and quality reading each night.

The majority of our students have returned to school, with a couple due back from overseas in the coming weeks. We have a total of 19 new students across Year 1-6 and 41 Prep students who have started. This is excellent! Our new students have settled well, learning our Good Counsel Primary School routines and expectations, about the use of good manners, showing respect for themselves and others, working hard and playing fair. As I have asked all our new students how school is going - they have all replied “great” or “really good”. Congratulations to our staff and students for making them feel welcome.

Our new students for 2015


Prep FD - Sarah Anderson, Dantae Atu, Jasnoor Bhangu, Summer Bullman, Aken Cora, My-Lee Cora, Mia De Carlo, Lucian Di Carlo, James Friel, Chelsey Hathaway, Mace Jones, Ishivneet Kaur, Justin King, Xavier McBide, Mikayla Morales, Isabella Peake, Isaiah Portelli, Cooper Sargent, Jonah Sugars, Scarlett Tabone, Gurnoor Virk and Julia Yang

1G - Joe Anau & Tatyania Richter
1S - Joshua Iki, Trinity Lee & Reagan Vang
2AL - Jared Spinella
2WH - Cooper Ingram, Shyanne Moidin & Jamie Pedley
3Y - Brady Sargent & Byron Welch
34K - Timothy Scopelliti & Sarah Vang
4PM - Marcus Cini & Daniel Keough
45H - Riley Scarcella
5GH - Curtis Kibble & Brody McBride
6B - Jake Wynne
6H - Levi Devereux-Phillips

This Friday is an opportunity for the whole school to join together at our opening School Mass. Our new students will be welcomed and receive a special blessing and our Student Leaders will receive their badges and also a blessing from Fr Kerry. Please join us at 9am at Mother of Good Counsel Church for the celebration.

Regards, Liam
**Australia Day Prayer Assembly...**

Parents and extended family, you are invited to join us on Friday 6 February 9:00am at Mother of Good Counsel Church as we celebrate the commencement of the school year. It will be a special time to welcome our Preps and all the new to the school staff and students. The School Captains, Student Councillors and House Colour Captains will be receiving their badges during this celebration too.

**Friday 6 February—St Paul Miki and companions...**

Today we remember the witness of St Paul Miki and his Japanese friends who were killed because they were Christians. Let us remember people today who remain faithful to Christ in the face of persecution. O God, source of strength, may the example of St Paul Miki and his friends make us strong in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Maggie Dent, Parent Borrowing Register...**

Popular parenting author, proud mother of four and ‘Queen of Common Sense’ Maggie Dent gives wonderful information and insights into how to better understand our children. The following books and CDs and DVD are available from Mrs C’s Office for parents to borrow:

- **Books:**
  - *Real Kids in an Unreal World*—How to build resilience and self esteem in today's children;
  - *Saving our children from our chaotic world*—Teaching Children the Magic of Silence and Stillness;
  - *nurturing kids' hearts and souls*—Building Emotional, Social and Spirituality Competency

- **CDs**—Just for kids—emotion changer for children & calming relaxations for children;

- **Family Get Away:** Calming relaxations away from the world for the whole family; 

- **DVD:** *Real kids in an Unreal World*—seminar based on her bestselling book; 

**Who said...?**

“Love your neighbour as yourself.”

**Children’s Liturgy...**

Next Saturday evening, 7 February at the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Children of primary school age will be invited to come forward at the beginning of Mass and then into the Parish Centre to hear the readings of the week at their level and to complete an activity. We hope to see you there! Any queries, please contact Lisa deBuck on 40633524

**Thought for the day...**

*Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to forgo an advantage.* —Benjamin Disraeli

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C.

**This Friday’s uniform remains as colour house shirts for all students even though Mass is on - School Captains and Student Counsellors checked uniform thanks.**

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**2015 TERM DATES...**

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**Who said...? Competition**

Tell Mrs C the correct answer tomorrow so that you can go into the Draw for the first frozie competition for the year. Check next week’s Newsletter for the answer.
WELCOME TO GOOD COUNSEL...
PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 28 JAN LINDA
FRI 30 JAN LINDA
MON 02 FEB LINDA

If you can help out at any time even for an hour during the busy time please let the tuckshop know.

Regular times for sale of uniforms are MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY

8.00—8.30am and
11.00am—12.30pm

ARTS COUNCIL

Last tree in the City

TUESDAY 10 FEB

HAVE A GO CRICKET

FRIDAY AFTERNOON RUNNING UNTIL FRIDAY 27 FEB - 5.30PM-6.30PM GOONDI SPORTS RESERVE CONTACT: JOHN DALAMARAS 0428 744 538

INNISFAIL SWIMMING POOL

ALL SQUADS AND LEARN TO SWIM HAVE RECOMMENDED. ANYONE INTERESTED IN LESSONS OR SQUADS PLEASE CONTACT THE POOL TO ORGANISE A FREE ASSESSMENT PH 4061 1267

INNISFAIL TIGERS SOCCER CLUB - SIGN ON DAY

14 FEBRUARY 2015 9.00AM - 2.00PM GOONDI BEND COMBINED SPORTS FIELD CONTACT: SCOTT DAVIES - 0428 773 481

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 USE 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
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HELP WANTED