



# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

03/02/15

Term 1 Week 2



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### POINTS OF INTEREST

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### DIARY DATES

TERM 1

(10 WEEKS)

TUES 27TH JAN -  
THUR 2 APR

### PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

TUES 3 FEB  
5GH

WED 4 FEB  
2AL & 2WH, 6B & GH

THUR 5 FEB  
4PM, 45H

FRI 6 FEB  
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

TUES 10 FEB  
ARTS COUNCIL

WED 11 FEB  
PARENT TEACHER  
INTERVIEW  
PREP

P&F AGM  
MEETING  
TONIGHT  
7.30PM  
THEATRETTE  
ALL  
WELCOME!

### Principal's Column

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 C** - Ziggy Barker, Gabrielle Costa, Olivia De Marinis, Phoenix Di Carlo, Sienna De Carlo, Lexi Evans, Hailey Fisher, Navrajvir Gill, Jarrod Goodes, Seth Gullo, Tayanna Iki, Tristan Johnson, Rose Jordan, Sharyhhs Kyle, Jayden Lacaze, Tayla O'Brien, Alex Pensini, Ella Picini, Ellecia Rosendahl, Hayley Schramm and Gurmaan Singh

**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, Zavier McBide, Mikayla Morales, Isabelle Peake, Isaiah Portelli, Cooper Sargent, Jonah Sugars, Scarlett Tabone, Gurnoor Virk and Julia Yang

**1G** - Joe Anau & Tatyana 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...**



**Beginning School Mass...**

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 followings 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 kidz— 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; Boys, Boys, Boys—Understanding, Nurturing and Connection to Today's Boys. Sign out book available in Mrs C's Office.

**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 taken 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.

**2015 TERM DATES...**

**TERM ONE**

Tue 03.02 Parent Tr Meeting  
5GH Rm 12 5:00pm  
P & F AGM 7:30pm Theatrette

Wed 04.02 Parent Tr Meetings  
2AL & 2WH Rm 4 3:15pm  
6B & 6H Theatrette 5:00pm

Thu 05.02 Parent Tr Meetings  
4PM Rm 8 3:15pm  
4/5H Rm 9 5:00pm

Fri 06.02 Beginning School Mass  
Mother of Good Counsel  
Church 9:00am

Tue 10.02 ARTS COUNCIL Auditorium

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 Prayer Assemb.

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)

**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...



tuckshop



LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM  
9AM—11.00AM

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

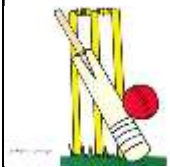
Last tree in the City

## TUESDAY 10 FEB

Payments are now included in the school fees under the Activity Levy

### HAVE A GO CRICKET

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



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

### INNISFAIL SWIMMING POOL

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



ESTHER'S MUSIC SCHOOL  
ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR  
2015.

LEARN FOR LEISURE OR EXAMINATION

Contact: Esther Sapelli  
Ph 4065 2265 /  
Mob 0419 655 710



TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEER—2013

Please circle your preferred day:

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

NAME:..... PHONE:.....

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### HELP WANTED

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