Dear Parents,

This Friday night we have our first social event of the year with our Meet & Greet BBQ and Hawaiian Disco. Our P&F organise the BBQ and the event is an opportunity for Parents, Staff and Students to relax and enjoy a social evening with our school community. Our Student Council Disco will be the highlight for our students. Games and prizes will be ‘a plenty’ as hopefully both students and parents enter into the theme of the evening coming dressed in their “Hawaiian outfits”.

“Positive parent participation demonstrates to your children that you value learning and their school in particular”. (Michael Grose - “Parenting Ideas”). Research shows that building parent – school partnerships assists students success at school. Try to attend parent meetings, assemblies and celebrations. Read the newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what is happening at school. One way to stay up to date is to visit our newly redeveloped school website. It has current information relating to Good Counsel Primary School including current school newsletters, photos, school policies and enrolment information. If you have time please make an effort to view the new site.

Please note that if you or friends have children to enrol in Prep 2016, interviews will begin in Term 2 this year. Please ensure that students details have been given to the School Office.

This Wednesday we have our school photos. Please ensure your children come dressed in correct school uniform. Students should be dressed in their black shoes, white socks for girls and navy socks for boys. Girls should have school coloured hair accessories and certainly no make up or lipstick - as per our school uniform policy.

Congratulations to our Rugby League boys who participated in our combined Good Counsel Primary School teams at the Gala Day last Friday. Representatives from the NQ Pride and RL Development Officers ran a skills clinic then the students played 5 pool games. Due to the very hot conditions, these games were shortened to 10 minute halves. GCPS combined went through undefeated and the students who joined with Goondi to form the Barbarians team came runner up. Five of our students from the combined team have been selected in the District team which is made up of U/12 players in Year 7 from both secondary colleges and players from Year 5 & 6 in primary school. Congratulations to all who participated.

Good Counsel Primary School will now combine with Flying Fish Point and Radiant Life to take on the Cairns Development Cup Teams on March 27. GCPS District team representatives - Edward Kuhn, Thomas Herbert and Elliott Ferguson.

District Netball selections took place last week. Congratulations to Syren Letizia and Hayley Rhodes for making the District side which will play in the Peninsula Trials on March 27 here in Innisfail at the Bessie Spiller Courts.

Regards,
Liam
Life of the School—Week 7

Project Compassion...
This week our focus is on Karen—a First Australian living in a remote rural community. Like many, she can’t always afford or access healthy food. At Centacare Wicannia-Forbes, supported by Caritas Australia, Karen gained the skills she needed to budget and choose healthy food for her family. Thank you once again for this week’s Project Compassion generosity from the classes. We look forward to the support from 2AL’s Walk-a-thon and the continued support of the Chefs Compassion.

GCPS Mini Vinnies News...
Meetings, Raffles, Goals and Service: Last week, GCPS Mini Vinnies held the second of their class meetings and resolved several agenda items. 6B & 6H commenced raising fundraising towards their target of $70 through: non-wearing badge Fines, Donations and Class Raffles. Both classes will work to meet their Assist-a-Student-Overseas goal by the end of 2015, as is GCPS Mini Vinnies tradition. Thank you to Jack Shinn 6H who has kindly donated Easter chocolates and a bunny to add to the GCPS Easter Raffle later in the term. Being of service to Lower School, Buddy Readers commenced this week with Mini Vinnies rostered with classes from Prep to 2 from 1:25—2:40pm. Thank you Mini Vinnies for your generosity of time and cooperation.

2015 TERM DATES...
TERM ONE
Wed 11.03 School Photos
Fri 13.03 6H St Patrick’s Assembly
Fri 13.03 P & F MEET & GREET 6:30pm
Fri 13.03 Student Council Hawaiian Disco 7:00pm Blue Area
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
Fri 27.03 Bessie Spiller Netball
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 March
Mon 8 June Queen’s Birthday
TERM THREE
Fri 10.07 INNISFAIL SHOW
Mon 13 July - Fri 18 Sept (10 weeks)
Fri 24 Jul GCPS Grandparents Day
Sun 26.07—Sat 01.08 Catholic Ed. Week
TERM FOUR
Mon 5 Oct Labour Day
Tue 6 Oct - Fri 4 Dec (9 weeks)
Week 6 Colour Points House Winner
School—Polding
Overall —MacKillop

Ember Day Prayer Assembly...
Congratulations 3/4K students and Miss Kirsty Keough for helping us to give thanks for God’s blessings especially at this time of a change of seasons.

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C.
Assistant Principal Religious Education & Administration
The Catholic Church proclaims that liturgy is the ‘source and summit’ of our faith and the Cairns Diocese is embarking on a process of liturgical renewal.

As part of this process, any parishioners involved in Liturgical Ministry (or considering of getting involved) are urged to attend the following Liturgical Renewal Modules being facilitated at the Seville Mercy Conference Centre.

**MODULE 1: Session I: Introduction To Liturgy**
- Monday 27th April: 6.00-8.30pm
- Monday 4th May: 6.00-8.30pm
- Saturday 2nd May: 9.00am-3.00pm

**MODULE 2: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**
- Session I: Monday 11th May: 6.00-8.30pm
- Session II: Monday 18th May: 6.00-8.30pm
- Saturday 16th May: 9.00am-3.00pm

**MODULE 3: Ministry of the Word: Readers**
- Monday 25th May: 6.00-8.30pm
- Monday 1st June: 6.00-8.30pm
- Saturday 30th May: 9.00am-3.00pm

**MODULE Four: Music Ministry**
- Weekend Format: Evening Fri 9 - Lunch Sun 11 Oct
  This will include liturgical renewal module and practical workshops

Registration is essential and is available:
- Online: [http://goo.gl/forms/Q0u5Zf7BLo](http://goo.gl/forms/Q0u5Zf7BLo)
- Through Mother of Good Counsel Parish—Contact Angie at the Parish Office or Phone: 40616633
- Via the Cathedral Office (Theresa Wallwork) 40512071
- Further information can be obtained from:
  - Margaret Pestorius 0403214422
  - Terry Power 0432766883
  - Wanda Musumeci 40531383
  - Father Kerry Crowley—

**SOCIAL and EMOTIONAL LEARNING AWARDS 2015**

**Term 1 Week 6 Recipients**

**PC**
- Sharyhhs Kyle - Getting Along
- PC - Jarrod Goodes - Getting Along
- PFD - Sarah Anderson - Getting Along
- PFD - Zavier McBride - Getting Along
- PFD - Lucian Di Carlo - Getting Along

**1G**
- Ainsley Cavallaro - Confidence
- 1G - Tony Yang - Confidence
- 1G - Hannah Dryden - Confidence

**1S**
- Kyra Locastro - Persistence
- 1S - Ned Negri - Persistence
- 1S - Skylar Webb - Persistence

**2AL**
- Jake Tabone - Getting Along
- 2AL - Behnjamin Johnson - Getting Along

**2WH**
- Alexis Onaindia - All Keys
- 2WH - Ayden Edgerton - Persistence

**3Y**
- Brady Sargent - Emotional Resilience
- 3Y - Juliet Santitto - Confidence

**3/4K**
- Kaitlyn Corrigan - Organisation
- 3/4K - Shyron Antony - Confidence

**4PM**
- Lachlan Philpot - Organisation
- 4PM - Clint Blennerhassett - All Keys

**4PM**
- Amy-Leigh Burke - Confidence
- 4/5H - Faith-Brielle Dalamaras - Persistence
- 4/5H - Julhar Sodhi - Confidence

**5GH**
- Elizabeth Mansfield - All Keys
- 5GH - Syren Letizia - All Keys

**6B**
- Tayla Holdcroft - Persistence
- 6H - Caleb Lynch - Confidence

**6H**

**Getting Along includes Social Responsibility**

…thinking that it’s important to be caring, to try hard to do one’s best, to be fair to others, to make sure everyone has the freedom to say what they think without fear, to be honest and to tell the truth, to have integrity by making sure ones does what ones says will be done, to respect others and have good manners, to act responsibly by making good choices, sorting out problems without fighting, caring about nature and other living things, and including others. Program Achieve
PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 11 MAR KELLY JONES
FRI 13 MAR LIZ KIPPIN
MON 16 MAR HELP NEEDED

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

TERM FEES

Term fees were issued last week. 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH

Envelopes sent home last week. All students are to have their own envelope on photo day (but payment can be put in one envelope).

Sibling envelopes are available from the Office or you can order online prior to Photo Day.

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code TGB 9TD 7P1
Step 2: Enter your student’s details.
Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection.)
Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

Please note: LATE FEES will apply once orders are closed. Family/Sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before the first school photo day however they can be purchased with an envelope on photo day.

Money and envelopes to be brought in only on photo day.

Cross Country Training

From Monday 9th March and continuing for the next 3 weeks morning lap running will take place on the oval. This is to prepare our students for the upcoming cross country. Running will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00 – 8.30am. P – 3 students who complete 50 laps in 3 weeks will receive a free frozie cup and 4 – 6 students who complete 100 laps will receive a frozie. Don’t forget one session will be a bonus round with triple lap points on offer. The boy and girl who complete the most laps in 3 weeks in each year level will receive a prize. Parents please encourage your child to be part of our running program, get fit and have fun!

Miss Bowie

Body Beatz Dance Fitness

URBAN DANCE KIDS

Monday 5–7 yrs 3.30pm-4.15pm
Wednesday 8–12yrs 3.30pm-4.15pm

A fun follow-along style dance class focused on building confidence, co-ordination and getting kids active. Come and try!

Contact: Sila 0439 822 484