



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17/03/15
Term 1 Week 8



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POINTS OF INTEREST

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DIARY DATES

TERM 1
(10 WEEKS)
TUES 27TH JAN -
THUR 2 APR

WED 18 MAR
CHOIR PRACTICE
8.40AM - 9.20

2AL & 2WH -
TOWN WALK



TERM 1 INVOICE

Due to the implementation of our new system, it is imperative that the Office holds your current email on file. Should you have not received your Term 1 invoice, we now ask that you call into the Office urgently.

Principal's Column

Eirinn go Brach,

We greet each other cheerfully today with "Happy St Patrick's Day!" and "Eirinn go Brach" - Ireland Forever! We wear badges and green hats that we do not wear for another 12 months. For those of us with Irish links or heritage we have long forgotten our forbearers who spent centuries in slavery, forbidden their religion, their own language and their land. These centuries of enslavement did not kill the Irish laughter, their courage or their love of music. We should not forget the actual St Patrick. His courage, lack of bitterness and his life of teaching.

Patrick was born in the late 4th Century AD possibly in England. He was born into a rich family but when he was 16 he was captured by Irish pirates who brought him to Ireland and sold into slavery. His job was to tend sheep. Over many years in slavery, Patrick came to view his enslavement as Gods' test of faith. During his 6 years of captivity he became deeply devoted to Christianity through constant prayer. In a vision, Patrick saw his mission to free the Irish from Druidism by converting them to Christianity.

Patrick escaped from slavery and studied to be a priest in France. He returned to Ireland and began preaching and his good news spread across the country. Throughout his missionary work, St Patrick continued to promote the conversion of Ireland to Christianity. St Patrick's Day is observed on March 17 which is the anniversary of his death. Traditionally in Ireland families would attend mass and celebrate with a meal of cabbage and Irish bacon.

Around the world today, St Patrick's Day is celebrated by wearing green, St Paddy's marches and concerts, Irish dancing and visiting an Irish establishment.

At Good Counsel Primary School we are fortunate as we have two Irish students, Tara and Gavin Shannon who moved to

Innisfail 5 years ago. Tara is in Year 5 and Gavin Year 2. The Shannons moved from Carrick-on-Shannon a small town in County Leitrim Ireland (with a population of approx. 4000). Gavin loves St Paddy's Day as it reminds him of Ireland and he loves to dress up in green. Tara likes celebrating St Patrick's Day because we can all learn about Ireland.



Disco / Meet & Greet

Last Friday night we had a fantastic roll up to our Student Counsel Hawaiian Disco. It was hard to judge numbers but, we had in excess of 240 students attend with many parents.

Thankyou to Miss Bowie for her help decorating the covered area and being our DJ for the night as well as all the staff who came along. Special thanks to our P&F workers and those parents who came dressed up. A great night was had by all.

Regards Li am

Cross Country Training

This Monday 23rd March will be the last week for lap running training on the oval. Time 8:00 - 8:30am. Mss Bowie



St Patrick's Day Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations 6H students and Ms Helm for bringing St Patrick's Day celebrations to us with all the history, quotes and Irish dancing.

St Patrick was a bishop who taught the Irish people to love Christ. Ever since, the Irish have spread the gospel throughout the world. Let us pray that we too may be missionaries. Eternal God, as you sent St Patrick to teach the Gospel to the people of Ireland, so may we bring peace and joy to others. Amen.



Project Compassion...

2AL students completed their Walk-a-thon to raise money for Project Compassion last week, with Mrs Sue Ah Shay and Mrs Sonia Howe.

Fantastic effort children!



Thank you to all classes for the continued Project Compassion generosity. This week we see Sarita in Nepal who with help from Caritas assistance, started a fish-raising business with 11 others to have a life-long source of food and income.

Caritas Just Leadership...

Levi Devereux-Phillip reminded students that if they had a roof over their head, food to eat and a bed to sleep in—they were richer than 75 percent of the world's population.

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



2015 TERM DATES...

TERM ONE

- 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 Court—Netball
- Fri 27.03—Mon 30.03 Peninsula Rugby League Callendar Park U12

- 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
- Tue 28.04 Oral Reporting 3:10-5:30pm
- Fri 01.05 District Cross Country
- Fri 08.05 Mothers' Day Morning Tea
- Wed 29.04 Mother of Good Counsel Feast Day Mass 10:00am, Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Michael Mangan Concert 1:40pm
- Mon 08.06 Queen's Birthday

TERM THREE

- Fri 10.07 INNISFAIL SHOW
- Mon 13 July - Fri 18 Sept (10 weeks)
- Fri 24.07 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)



**SOCIAL and EMOTIONAL
LEARNING AWARDS 2015
Term 1 Week 7 Recipients**

PC	Hayley Schramm	<i>Getting Along</i>
PC	Gabrielle Costa	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
PFD	Julia Yang	<i>Getting Along</i>
PFD	Gurnoor Virk	<i>Getting Along</i>
PFD	Jaspreet Singh	<i>Getting Along</i>
1G	Darnell Stagg	<i>Confidence</i>
1G	Latoya Domaille	<i>Confidence</i>
1G	Shaelah Surha	<i>Confidence</i>
1G	Marcia Kuhn	<i>Confidence</i>
1G	Meg Hurney	<i>Confidence</i>
1S	Callista Masina	<i>Persistence</i>
1S	Ronald Tanner	<i>Confidence</i>
1S	Boston Nunan	<i>Confidence</i>
2AL	Joshua Lowrey	<i>Confidence</i>
2AL	Wade Rhodes	<i>Confidence</i>
2AL	Daniel McAvoy	<i>Confidence</i>
2WH	Gavin Shannon	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
2WH	Mia Terry	<i>Persistence</i>
3Y	Jude Constantine	<i>Persistence</i>
3Y	Byron Welch	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
3Y	Brady Sargent	<i>Getting Along</i>
3/4K	Sarah Vang	<i>Persistence</i>
3/4K	Sophie De Marinis	<i>Persistence</i>
3/4K	Finnian Dryden	<i>Confidence</i>
4PM	Aidan Herbert	<i>Organisation</i>
4PM	Logan Lizzio	<i>Confidence</i>
4PM	Leah Peake	<i>Confidence</i>
4/5H	Madison Azzopardi	<i>Confidence</i>
4/5H	Shannon Bown	<i>Getting Along</i>
5GH	Sophie Barnes	<i>All Keys</i>
5GH	Daniel Brandt	<i>Getting Along</i>
5GH	Curtis Kibble	<i>Getting Along</i>
6B	Lincoln Costa	<i>Persistence</i>
6H	Kloie Abberdan	<i>Organisation</i>

Week 7 Colour Points House Winner
School—Polding Overall —MacKillop

Hawaiian Disco...
 Thank you everyone
 for a happy Hawaiian
 night of sharing food,
 friendship, music



tuckshop



LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM 9AM-11.00AM

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 18 MAR CONNIE BARNES
FRI 20 MAR ALEX PUCCINI
MON 23 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



CASUAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

We are seeking interested persons for a casual position, approximately 1.5 hours per day, on a rotating roster, school days only. Positions available throughout Innisfail and surrounding areas. Approved applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment and pass a blue card application. Pay rate starts at \$27.52 per hour. Please call 07 4045 8516 for an application package.



Congratulations Daniel Brant - Green Dress Day winner!

TERM FEES

Term fees are now overdue. 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.

There are some simple steps you can take to defend yourself and your family against dengue fever.

Tip it

Tip out any water that's pooled in things like pot plant bases, plastic containers and tarpaulins.

Store it

Store anything that can hold water in a dry place or undercover, including tyres, gardening equipment, toys, buckets, trailers or boats.

Throw it

Throw out any rubbish lying around your yard like leaves in gutters, old palm fronds and unused containers or tyres.

Check around your yard every week. Stop the mosquito breeding and...



DEFEND AGAINST DENGUE

For more information on dengue fever visit the website: www.health.qld.gov.au/dengue

CHANGES TO BOOKCLUB CASH & CHEQUES WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AS PAYMENT FOR BOOK CLUB.

PAYMENT IS BY CREDIT CARD ONLY.

Orders are entered online at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

You do not need to return order slips to your child's teacher.

Orders processed after the closing date will be delivered to your home address rather than the school and incur a postage and handling fee.

CRANKY BEAR - PREP & YR 1

TERM 1 PAYMENT OF \$6.40 IS DUE BY FRIDAY 27TH