



# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

16/06/15  
Term 2 Week 9



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### POINTS OF INTEREST

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### DIARY DATES

TERM 2  
(10 WEEKS)  
MON 20TH APR -  
FRI 26TH JUNE

EVERY WED  
**SCHOOL BANKING**  
8.00-8.30  
DEPOSIT BOOKS TO BE  
TAKEN TO  
BANKING  
CO-ORDINATORS IN  
BREEZEWAY

WED 17 JUN  
**CHOIR PRACTICE**

FRI 26 JUN  
**INTER-HOUSE SPORTS  
DAY - CASTOR PARK**

**NO STATE OF  
ORIGIN DRESS  
TOMORROW -  
HOWEVER  
TICKETS ARE ON  
SALE 50¢ FOR A  
SIZE 8 MAROON  
SHIRT AND  
TICKETS TO THE  
MOSCOW CIRCUS  
THIS WEEKEND -  
DRAWN  
TOMORROW**

### Principal's Column

Dear Parents,

May we as a community focus our prayers this week on the small town of Ravenshoe where last Tuesday a tragic accident occurred, as an out of control vehicle exploded a gas bottle outside the cafe which ripped through the building injuring twenty people. Last Friday, the first victim passed away in Brisbane from injuries sustained in the accident. This person was a mother of two students from St Theresa's School Ravenshoe. A second victim Mrs Margaret Clark passed away Sunday evening. Margaret was the Grandmother of Good Counsel College student and past pupil of Good Counsel Primary School - Leah Clark (Year 10). Seven victims still remain in critical condition in Brisbane hospitals, while nine other people are being treated for burns in other hospitals. The horrific accident has ripped apart the small Ravenshoe community of less than 900 residents. As the community rebuilds and families care for loved ones who are in Brisbane hospitals with a long road to recovery, you may wish to donate - Ravenshoe Catholic Appeal see GCPS Office or "Givit" at [www.givit.com](http://www.givit.com).

Thankyou to the many families who, just quietly have helped out the Thao family. Mr & Mrs Thao are very grateful for the prayers, cards, small gifts and meals different families have organised to help them out during this difficult time. Mark has shown no improvement over the past two weeks as they keep a vigil by his bedside at the Innisfail Hospital.

During times of tragedy we need to re-focus our lives and thank God for good health.

Semester One Reports will be sent home early next week addressed to parents/caregivers. Students are requested not to open the reports until they are in your care to ensure that each one gets home. Families requiring a second report for a non-residing parent need to contact the Office this week so additional copies can be printed and posted or delivered to the second carer. Should parents not receive their report early next week, please contact the Office. The semester reports will give you a very clear overview of the past 20 weeks of class work. Take the time to read

the report with your child, giving praise where deserved and discuss areas where improvement is required for Semester Two. Should you need to discuss the report with your child's teacher, please contact them for an appointment.

During the holidays, our annual Innisfail District Show will occur. There are many sections for students to enter and this could be great holiday fun - flower arranging, single flowers, Lego construction, sewing, cooking and art works - just to name a few. Show programs can be collected from the Show Secretary at the main show building each weekday. As in past years, the school display will be organised by Mrs Sugars and Mrs Erbacher. Classes will be submitting student work to add to the display. Please be understanding that we have only a 3 metre section to display and the ladies attempt to display as many pieces of student work as possible in the area. Please take the time to visit the Schools Pavilion to admire the students' work.

Over the past week, we have welcomed three new students to Good Counsel Primary School. Maddison Swain has returned after moving to Brisbane early in the year and has moved back to her old desk in Year 4PM. Aaron Savage Stewart has moved from Tully State School into Year 6H and Sam Hooper from Petrie in Brisbane into Year 45H. We wish them all a big Good Counsel Primary School welcome and hope they settle into our friendly school community prior to the holidays.

### SAFETY MESSAGE.

The commencement of the 2015 cane crushing season has arrived. Cane trains will be operating 24 hours a day during the crushing season. Please stay safe and remember

Stay away from locomotives and cane bins. Don't play around railway lines. Never walk between cane bins. Never go on to a cane railway bridge. Never walk behind a train - the driver will not see you. If you have to cross the railway tracks, STOP and look both ways, LISTEN and only cross when it is safe.

Regards Liam



## 2015 TERM DATES...

### TERM 2

Fri 18.06 Colour Captains Prayer Assembly  
 Fri 26.06 INTER-HOUSE SPORTS DAY  
 Term 2 ends

### TERM 3

Fri 10.07 INNISFAIL SHOW  
 Mon 13 July - Fri 18 Sept (10 weeks)  
 Mon 13 July—Reconciliation Week  
 Tue 21–Thu 23—Year 5 Chillagoe Camp  
 Fri 24.07 GCPS Grandparents Day  
 Sun 26.07—Sat 01.08 Catholic Ed. Week  
 Sun 30.08 Yr 6 Outback Camp

### TERM 4

Mon 5 Oct Labour Day  
 Tue 6 Oct - Fri 4 Dec (9 weeks)  
 Tue 06.10 NAIDOC Celebrations  
 Maggie Dent 7:30pm Theatrette  
 Mon 19.10 CTJ Day  
 Mon 26.10 Life Education Van at School  
 Wed 28.10 GCC Year 7 Orientation Day  
 Thu 29.10 Cyber Safety Sue McLean  
 7:30 Theatrette  
 Tue 06.10 NAIDOC Celebrations  
 Maggie Dent 7:30pm Theatrette  
 Wed 11.11 Remembrance Day Ceremony Blue Area  
 Mon 30.11 Leadership Assembly 8:40am Blue Area  
 Thu 03.12 GCPS Christmas Concert  
 Fri 04.12 End of School Mass 9:00am Mother of  
 Good Counsel Church

Prep Prayer Assembly... Congratulations to Prep C & Prep FD for their Biblical presentation about Noah and the song and actions from John Burland's—*God's Love Is!* Thank you Miss Amanda Cardillo, Mrs Jenny Fey & Mrs Lisa deBuck for preparing the children.





## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING Term 2 Week 8 Recipients

6H	Jeremy Baldi	<i>Confidence</i>
6B	Julian Gilby	<i>Confidence</i>
5GH	Vivienne Peterson	<i>Organisation</i>
5GH	Lionel Lundall	<i>All Keys</i>
4/5H	Anastasia Philpot	<i>Confidence</i>
4/5H	Olivia Laksa	<i>Getting Along</i>
4PM	Maddison Swain	<i>Organisation</i>
4PM	Lachlan Philpot	<i>Organisation</i>
4PM	Jessika Kenderick	<i>Confidence</i>
3Y	Leonardo Kenderick	<i>Persistence</i>
3Y	Brady Sargent	<i>Persistence</i>
2WH	Crystal Northage	<i>All Keys</i>
2WH	Sheri Evans	<i>All Keys</i>
2AL	Aidan Van Bael	<i>Confidence</i>
2AL	Jason Schramm	<i>Confidence</i>
2AL	Stevie-Rose Wallis	<i>Organisation</i>
2AL	Ashton Vecchio	<i>Organisation</i>
2AL	Aiden O'Brien	<i>Organisation</i>
1S	Lachlan Thomason	<i>Persistence</i>
1S	Boston Nunan	<i>Persistence</i>
1G	Ceira O'Brien	<i>Confidence</i>
1G	Tatyana Richter	<i>Confidence</i>
1G	Colleen Purcell	<i>Confidence</i>
PFD	Dantae Atu	<i>Confidence</i>
PC	Tayla O'Brien	<i>Organisation</i>
PC	Tristan Johnson	<i>All Keys</i>
PC	Jarrold Goodes	<i>Organisation</i>

**School Colour Points**  
**Week 8: POLDING**  
**Overall Winner: POLDING**

*What lies behind us and what lies before are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.*  
William Morow

## Counsellor's Corner

### Dealing with anger

We all experience feelings of anger throughout our lives. Sometimes those feelings can motivate us to achieve goals or challenge our fears, but other times they can be hurtful and cause fear and pain. Anger in children can be their way of dealing with situations because they lack the strategies to process the situation in a different way. By responding to anger with anger, we are not helping them; in fact attempting to deal with the anger while their feelings are so heightened can be unproductive. The best time to talk to a child about their anger is when they are calm and relaxed, when they can think and process information properly.

### Helpful strategies to deal with anger:

- Wait until they are calm and speak openly about what triggered their feelings
- Encourage them to talk about their feelings
- Empathise but do not accept or validate aggressive behaviour
- Ask them about the effects their anger had on both themselves and others
- Ask what other ways they could have dealt with the situation and reinforce good ideas for managing their anger
- Discuss ways they can solve the problem that led to the anger
- Notice and praise their efforts to manage their anger

(Kidsmatter.com)  
Bec Finucane

**tuckshop**



**LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM  
9AM–11.00AM**

**PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE**

WED 17 JUN CONNIE BARNES  
FRI 19 JUN ALEX PUCCINI  
MON 22 JUN ..... 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**

### **School Banking Day Reminder**



Don't forget that Wednesday 17 June is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. Please take your Bank Book to Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Wallis the Banking co-ordinators who will be sitting in the breezeway from 8.00 - 8.30am.

## **GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 7 IS NOW OPEN**

**ENROLMENT INTERVIEW EVENING -  
TUES 4 AUG (TERM 3)**

**ORIENTATION DAY -  
WED 28 OCT (TERM 4)**

**Please phone Catherine Mifsud at the  
College on 4063 5300 to arrange an  
enrolment package.**

## **TERM FEES**

Term 2 fees were emailed last week.  
Please check your email for fee statements.

***Those families remaining who still  
require a remission for 2015 must make  
an urgent appointment to see the  
Principal ASAP.***

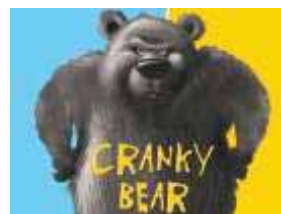
A reminder that every family will receive a fee statement eg: direct debit, families on remissions etc to keep you informed of your current balance.

**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.**

## **FINAL DAY FOR INSTALMENT 2**



**\$10.00 Cranky Bear  
Payment due on by Friday  
19th June.**

## **Is there room in your life for one more?**

Currently, more than 8,000 children and young people are unable to live with at home with their families because they are at risk of harm. As the number of children and young people who come into care increase, so too does our need for more foster carers.

Foster carers open their hearts and homes to our most vulnerable children and young people and are the backbone of our child protection system. Anyone who is willing to provide children and young people with a stable, supporting and nurturing home can apply to become a foster carer.

Foster carers care for children and young people of different ages, and cultural and religious backgrounds. They may provide care for one or two nights, a few months or even years depending on the child or young person's situation and the carer's capacity.

Foster carers are everyday people from all walks of life. They can be individuals or a couple, they have been married or be in a de facto relationship, and they can have children of their own or not.

**If you think there is room in your life to foster a child, please call Ralph Laksa at the Innisfail Child Safety Service Centre on 40781 333 for more information. We would love to hear from you.**