



# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

28/07/15

Term 3 Week 3

SEEK, LEARN  
AND SERVE

secretary.innisfail  
@cns.catholic.edu.au  
www.gcps.qld.edu.au

Ph: 07 4061 2994  
Fax: 07 4061 2271  
Info Line: 4063 5399

OFFICE HOURS  
8.00AM—3.20PM

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- APRE - LIFE OF  
THE SCHOOL  
pp. 2,3

### DIARY DATES

TERM 3  
(10 WEEKS)  
MON 13TH JUL-  
FRI 18TH SEPT

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

WED 29 JUL  
CHOIR PRACTICE  
8.40AM - 9.20AM

WED 29 JUL  
MATHS OLYMPIAD #3  
ICAS ENGLISH  
DISTRICT ATHLETICS  
GOONDI STATE

FRI 31 JUL  
MINI VINNIES  
ASSEMBLY  
DISTRICT ATHLETICS  
GOONDI

MON 3 AUG  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
'HEAVE HO OFF WE  
GO'

TUE 4 AUG  
P&F MEETING  
7.30PM THEATRETTE

### Principal's Column

Dear Parents,

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 26 July - 1 August this year. The annual celebration of Catholic Education is held to promote the special ethos of our schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools each day.

The theme for this years celebrations is **"Engaging Minds. Igniting Hearts. Serving Others"**. Catholic Education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to aim to their 'best' in every activity they complete. Today we were visited by students from the catholic schools in the Southern Deanery - St Clare's Tully, St John's Silkwood, St Rita's South Johnstone, Good Counsel College Student Council Representatives and St Rita's Babinda. The liturgy was celebrated by Fr Kerry, Fr Tony and Fr Hilary.



Thankyou to our visiting Catholic Education Service dignitaries Mr Bill Dixon Executive Director, Mr Diarmuid O'Riordan Deputy Executive Director, Mr Kevin Browning Schools Development Officer, Ms Kath Houston and Mrs Toni Foley Identity and Mission, and all our attending parents.

Other celebrations this Friday will include our Mini Vinnies Assembly for Catholic Education Week - **'Act of Kindness'**. For your interest, there are 299 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate over 147 000 students and employ 18 000 teachers and support staff.

This Wednesday and Friday our athletes from Year 3-6 will complete in the District Athletics Carnival at Goondi State School. Wednesday's program will see the 200m heats and 800m finals and on Friday we will have sprint heats and finals, field events, ball games, relays and tug-o-war. This year we will have representatives from Innisfail State College, Good Counsel College and St Rita's competing as part of Innisfail District U/12 sport.

Last Friday saw well over 250 parents and grandparents visit for our Annual Grandparents Morning. Year 6B led the Prayer Assembly which focused on how special grandparents are to us all. Classrooms were then open for grandparents to tour and we finished with a great spread for morning tea. Many thanks to all who attended and made a great day for their grandchildren. Special thanks to Mrs C and her band of willing helpers for their organisation of the event, as well as all teachers for entertaining the grandparents in your classrooms.



Congratulations to our cake cutting grandparent, Mrs Di Carlo—proud grandmother of Jasper, Xavier, Phoenix, Lucian, Mia and Sienna Di Carlo.

Year 5 campers returned Thursday afternoon a little dusty and worn out after a fantastic 3 days at Chillagoe. Once again the cave tours were a highlight just ahead of camping and trekking through the outback. Thanks to our three outback dads who were excellent tent constructors - Cameron Ferguson, Rohan Nutting and Paul Jenkins.

Regards Li am



## Grandparents Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations 6B students and Mr Gerry Brunetto for making a special visitors feel welcome at Good Counsel Primary on Friday.

## Mini Vinnies singing...

Thanks to all our students who participated in the Vinnies Mass Choir on Saturday evening—beautiful voices—your Monday afternoon practice was most evident. Thank you Mrs Donna Vecchio for the organisation and encouragement.

## Catholic Education Week Mass...

Thank you Fr Kerry Crowley, Fr Tony Lumukso and Fr Hilary Flynn for the celebration of our Southern Schools Deanery Eucharistic Liturgy today. What a wonderful gathering of staff and students from St Clare's Tully, St John's Silkwood, St Rita's South Johnstone, St Rita's Babinda, Good Counsel College—here to join with us at Mother of Good Counsel Church.



*Thank you Mrs Lesley Erbacher for the hearts and Mrs Genevieve Sugars for the music, all the schools loved and appreciated your efforts.*

## Thought for the Week:

*Life is Ironic....*

*It takes sadness to know what happiness is, noise to appreciate silence and someone's absence to truly value their presence.*

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

## 2015 TERM DATES...

### TERM 3

Sun 26.07—Sat 01.08 Catholic Ed. Week

Tue 28.07 Southern Deanery Schools Mass 10:00am

Wed 29.07 Math Olympiad #3

NET Team visiting Yr 5 & 6

District 200m/800m Goondi

Thu 30.07 ICAS ENGLISH Comp. Art Room

Fri 31.07 District Athletics Goondi

Friday Act of Kindness Prayer Assembly

Mon 03.08 Arts Council—Heave Ho, Off We Go!

Tue 04.08 P & F Meeting 7:30pm Theatrette

Thu 06.08 Preps—Yr 2 Under 8's Day

Fri 07.08 6H St Mary MacKillop Prayer Assembly

Tue 11.08 ICAS MATH Competition

Fri 14.08 Feast of the Assumption Mass 10:00am

Mon 24—Wed 26 Book Week Library Sessions Preps & younger siblings 8:15am—Mrs Farina

Wed 26.08 Book Character Dress Up Day

Sat 29.08 Sacrament of First Eucharist MoGC 6:30pm

Sun 30.08 —Fri 4.09 Yr 6 Outback Camp

Fri 28.08 Daffodil Day Prayer Assembly Prep & Yr 1

Fri 04.09 Father's Day Prayer Assembly 2AL

### 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—PUPIL FREE DAY

Mon 26.10 Life Education Van at School

Wed 28.10 GCC Year 7 Orientation Day

Thu 29.10 Cyber Safety Sue McLean 7:30pm 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 MoGC Church 9:00am





## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

### Term 3 Week 2 Recipients

#### Program Achieve:

6H	Allan Yung-Cheng	<i>Persistence</i>
6B	Rochelle Hudson	<i>Getting Along</i>
5GH	All Students (Camp)	<i>All Keys</i>
5H	All Students (Camp)	<i>All Keys</i>
4H	Jasmin Ham	<i>Persistence</i>
4PC	Broghan Fisher-Leach	<i>Confidence</i>
4PC	Stevi Blennerhasset	<i>Confidence</i>
3/4K	Jorjia Mansfield	<i>All Keys</i>
3/4K	Finnian Dryden	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
3/4K	Chloe Marlay	<i>Organisation</i>
3Y	Charlotte Boevink	<i>All Keys</i>
2WH	Mia Terry	<i>Organisation</i>
2WH	Trent Finta	<i>Organisation</i>
2WH	Logan Walker	<i>Persistence</i>
2AL	Anthony Giandomenico	<i>Confidence</i>
2AL	Denai How Kee	<i>Confidence</i>
1S	Joshua Iki	<i>Confidence</i>
1S	Veral Tiwari	<i>Confidence</i>
1S	Kyra Locastro	<i>Getting Along</i>
1G	Connor Onaindia	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
1G	Jemimah Conroy	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
1G	Jake Vrancic	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
PFD	Jaspreet Singh	<i>Confidence</i>
PFD	Lucian Di Carlo	<i>Persistence</i>
PFD	Mace Jones	<i>Persistence</i>
PFD	Ishivneet Kaur	<i>Persistence</i>
PC	Zyon Toms	<i>Persistence</i>
PC	Phoenix Di Carlo	<i>Persistence</i>
PC	Olivia DeMarinis	<i>Confidence</i>

## GCPS GRANDPARENTS DAY

### Mini Vinnies Raffle Winners

1st Prize: Hamper Donated by Mellick's  
Centre

Mr Mike Flint

2nd Prize: Bowl

Mrs Helen Delaney

3rd Prize: 2 Floral Cushions

Mrs Rhonda Mayocchi

## Counsellor's Corner

### If things go wrong at school

We all want the very best for our children, especially at school. As parents we think of school as a safe place that our child can learn and grow.

It is then difficult when things are not always that way and go wrong. Most children will experience conflict or peer rejection at some point through their school life, difficulty at different transition points and breakdowns in friendships.

How we react to this is one of the most important parenting tasks we face in showing our children that we support them and that we are there for them.

Top parenting educator Michael Grose has put together some suggestion of how to best deal with the situation if it arises:

1: Stay calm and rational. Our natural response is to protect and defend our children, but taking the time to think about the situation is a good idea, and helps to keep rational when dealing with the issue.

2: Get all the facts. Children often only see one side of the story and may not be able to see what contributed to a problem or upset someone. As a parent, it is our job to help our children process their understanding of their role in a situation.

3: Assess whether to go to school or not: Our children benefit from sharing their story with a trusted adult and problems can often be dealt with at this level by assisting them with some coping tips.

4: Approaching the school: Here at Good Counsel Primary we welcome parents to come and discuss any concerns about their child in a safe and supportive manner.

5: Solutions not blame: Meeting are far more productive if both parties are open to listen to each other's point of view and value their perspective.

6: Stay in touch: Sometimes problems can't be fixed straight away and ongoing communication may be needed.

### **Bec Finucane**

(article adapted from parentingidea.com.au)



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2015  
26 JULY - 1 AUGUST  
CATHOLICEDUCATIONWEEK.COM.AU

**tckshop**



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

**PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE**

WED 29 JUL .....HELP NEEDED

FRI 31 JUL MICHELLE BORG

MON 3 AUG ..... HELP NEEDED

If you can help out at any time even for an hour during

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

8.00–8.30am and

11.00am – 12.30pm

*\$10 Interschool Sports Shirt now available*

### School Banking Day Reminder



Don't forget that Wednesday 29 July is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. Please take your Bank Book to Mrs Rhodes and Miss Braun the Banking co-ordinators who will be sitting in the breezeway from 8.00 - 8.30am.

**CERTIFICATES FOR STUDENTS  
WHO RECENTLY PARTICIPATED  
IN THE ICAS DIGITAL  
TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION  
WILL BE GIVEN OUT ON  
ASSEMBLY MONDAY 3 AUG**



Starting on Wednesday 15th July, when anyone who shops at Woolworths, you can collect stickers to place on your sticker cards. You will get one sticker for every \$10 you spend. Once you complete your sticker cards you can place them in the collection box, either at school or your local Woolworths shop.

**Congratulations to the following  
students.....**

**Joseph Camuglia who is in Brisbane participating in  
the Peninsula Soccer Carnival.**

**Also to Rochelle, Elizabeth and Abigale Hudson,  
Jasper, Zaviah and Phoenix Di Carlo and Marcus  
Cini for competing in Cairns at Coral Coast last  
weekend. Excellent performance by all!**

## TERM FEES

Term 3 fees will be issued this week. Please check your email for fee statements. Due date for fees 11 August.

***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.**

**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 for more information. Enrolment  
application forms available from the College and  
from GCPS Office.**



**Congratulations.....  
To the How Kee family on  
the arrival of Ethan a  
baby brother for Denai  
2AL.**

**Congratulations.....  
To Mrs Amy McElhinney  
on the arrival of Ava Jean  
a baby sister for Cody.**



**Found  
Black digital watch  
Silver headband  
Please see the office**