Dear Parents,

Last night we celebrated the Graduation of our Year 6 Class of 2016. The evening began with a liturgy that highlighted these students and the journey travelled. A meal was then shared at Brothers where many stories were told, memories celebrated; certificates and gifts presented. Our Year 6 students, a group of 39, will be remembered for their competitive spirit, their friendliness and certainly the mature attitude in which they took on the leadership of our school community. We wish all our Year 6 students every success in their future endeavours as they close the chapter on their Primary School education and prepare to enter Secondary School.

Reports go home today. The semester report focusses on both what work each student has completed and been assessed on against the Australian Curriculum, and will also give a record of what students need to focus on for their learning to progress. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child/ren and if clarification is required contact their class teacher. This year I am pleased to say that the reports are more informative than ever. Thankyou Mrs Gallagher and all teachers for their efforts to provide a comprehensive account of student learning and assessment.

Students have been notified of their 2017 classes today. Many hours have been put into placing students in a class and with students they will best work with. We have attempted to keep friendship groups together, however this is not always in the best interest of class combinations or your child. If your child has friends in the other classes they will certainly have plenty of social time before school and at lunch time and it is not the end of the world. Thankyou Mrs Gallagher and all teachers for their efforts to provide a comprehensive account of student learning and assessment.

Congratulations to next year’s Year 6 Student Leaders who were announced yesterday at our Leadership Assembly:-

School Captains: Rylee Jones & Noah Maguire

Student Counsel: Baylee Worth, Isabella Marmara, Kyanna Pike, Matthew Schramm, Sam Hooper and Tess Wilson

Sports Captains:
Mackillop - Logan Lizzio & Coen Mercer
Clancy - Jasmin Ham & Daniel Keough
Polding - Emaleigh Willey & Aidan Herbert
Marcellin - Stevi Blennerhassett & Clint Blennerhassett

We are looking forward to all Year 6 students stepping up to take on the leadership of Good Counsel Primary School in 2017.

This week we will be busy with various ceremonies, liturgies and our Christmas Concert. I take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff here at Good Counsel Primary School who work so hard to provide the Best education for our students. Our teachers and support staff do the extra and sometimes unseen things to make our school stand apart from others. This is what makes Good Counsel Primary School a Catholic school. A copy of the Good Counsel Primary School Annual Report is on our website, click on the link below:


Please take the time to read. Thankyou to Fr Kerry and Fr Nathan for their guiding presence in our school and leading class celebrations throughout the year.

As we enter the Advent Season, please make this Christmas special and attempt to take your children to one of the religious celebrations and ceremonies offered at this Holy Time. For Carols by Candlelight see page 4.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and holy Christmas and New Year.

School concludes at 12pm Friday with the Year 6 countdown.

Regards Liam
A picture speaks a thousand words...

Congratulations Preps & Yr Ones for the special Friday Prayer Assembly reminding us as we followed the Christmas Star that Christmas is truly about the birthday of Jesus Christ. Fantastic effort Prep & Yr 1 students and your teachers - Mrs Guli, Mrs Slater, Miss Cardillo, Mrs Fey, Mrs deBuck, and a special thanks to Mrs Mercedita Tagget for revitalising the props.

Year 2 were welcome visitors at Villanova last week sharing time and stories with the residents. Thank you Mrs Ah Shay & Miss Adamson for allowing the students to bring joy into the lives of others.

St Nicholas...
Stories about the good bishop Saint Nicholas and his generosity gave us Santa Claus. Let us pray that we will think of others at Christmas time. God of love, take away our selfishness and make us truly grateful for what we receive. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas blessings to you and yours.

Yours in Catholic Education
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C.

TERM 4 DATES 2016
Thu 1.12 Christmas Concert 6:30pm arrive
Fri 2.12 End of Year Mass 9:00am, School Year ends

TERM 1 DATES 2017
Mon 23.01 School commences
Thu 26.01 Australia Day Holiday
Wed 01.03 Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Fri 31.03 Term 1 ends
School Holidays

Thank you parents and grandparents for supporting our liturgies throughout the year. Please join us for our End of Year School Mass on Friday in Mother of Good Counsel Church at 9:00am.
The Talent Expo showcased a variety of items from a number of extracurricular activities in which students are involved. The guest performer was a past student—Jessica Kuhn (GCC 2016 Yr 12 graduate) heading to UQ and Opera studies. Best wishes for the future.

Handball competition winners, Mr Kenny & Mrs Russell congratulated the runners up—Caylin Walker and Elliott Ferguson.

Mr Nathan Wiltshire’s GCPS Instrumental students showcased their instrument of choice at the Talent Expo on Thursday.
**TUCKSHOP**

LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM 9AM – 11.00AM

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED  30 NOV  ...HELP NEEDED
FRI  02 DEC  ...NO TUCKSHOP

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

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**WHAT TO WEAR:-**

**Preps**— Angel Shirt (given out at 6.30pm)

**Yr 1 - 6 Christmas Shirt,**
blue skorts or shorts,
white socks for girls,
Blue socks for boys
and black shoes for all.

All Mini Vinnies hampers will be handed over to St Vincent de Paul Society on the night. If you have not already donated by way of Christmas gifts / non perishable food items and are able to do so, please bring to school to be included in the hampers. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**DATE:** Thursday 1 Dec

**TIME:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Blue covered are - See flyer

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**TERM FEES**

Please Term 4 fees are now overdue.

As this is the final week of school payment must be made by this Friday 2 Dec.

A reminder that any family who currently receive a fee discount either HCC or Special Consideration need to take particular attention to the attached letter.

A reminder 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.

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**CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL MASS 6.30PM**

Calling for all parts: Joseph, Mary, shepherds, angels, animals! Come and be part of the real meaning of Christmas. Practice for the Children’s Gospel is Fri 16th & Wed 21st Dec commencing at 3.30pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail.

Contact Maria on 0448 716 271
Angie Sheerans 0409 871 636

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**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

The Council of Clergy invite you to Traditional Carols by Candlelight to be held on Wednesday 7 December at 6pm opposite the “Imperial Tavern” Fitzgerald Esplanade

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**CASUAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR**

We are seeking interested persons for a casual position, approximately 1.15 hours per day, on a rotating roster, school days only. Positions available throughout the Innisfail area. Approved applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment and pass a blue card application.

Pay rate starts at $28.18 per hour.

Please call 07 4045 8515 for an application package.

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**2017 UNIFORM SHOP**

**OPENING HOURS**

**MON 16 JAN**

9.00AM - 2.00PM

**WED 18 JAN**

9.00AM - 2.00PM

**FRI 20 JAN**

9.00AM - 2.00PM