Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all and a special welcome to our new students in 2017. A warm welcome also to our new Good Counsel Primary School staff for 2017 - Erin Todd Year 5T, Renee Butler Yr 4B, Sunni Day Prep C Special Needs Aide and Elisha Bartolo Prep FD Special Needs Aide. All are very welcome joining our staff team this school year.

STAFFING
Prep C - Miss Amanda Cardillo
Prep FD - Mrs Jenny Fey & Mrs Lisa deBuck
1G - Mrs Lynne Guli
1S - Mrs Grace Slater
2A - Miss Kiara Adamson
2AL - Mrs Sue Ah Shay & Mrs Sue Lynch
3B - Mrs Samantha Benvenuti
3WH - Mrs Louise Wone & Mrs Michelle Ham
4B - Miss Renee Butler
4PD - Mrs Rosemarie Pensini & Mrs Amber Di Carlo
5GS - Miss Jan Gallagher & Mrs Genevieve Sugars
5T - Miss Erin Todd
6B - Mr Gerry Brunetto
6H - Ms Maree Helm
PE - Mrs Hayley Russell
Arts - Mrs Genevieve Sugars
Learning Support - Mrs Amanda Hurney & Mrs Lesley Erbacher
Mini Lit - Mrs Rosanne Mifsud
Teacher Librarian - Ms Darelle Horsford
ESL Teacher - Mrs Amy McElhinney
Internal Relief - Mrs Brooke Davis
Counsellor - Mrs Carmel Parisi

Two staff associated with Good Counsel Primary for several years have resigned over the holidays. Mrs Anna Bruschi who has worked in Prep as a School Officer for the past 11 years has taken up full time employment in town. Anna will be missed by Staff and especially by our Prep students. Mrs Cathy Catania who has been our Crossing Supervisor has also moved on after many years keeping our students safe crossing the street. We wish both ladies all the best as they move on to new adventures.

Staff last week were involved in Professional Learning across a number of topics but the main focus was on quality teaching. A particular focus on our School Identity - “what makes us different here at Good Counsel Primary” challenged each staff member to identify what we do well and gave us a sense of direction for 2017. The remainder of the week delved into “How we teach and strategies to improve teaching and learning in each classroom. A very fruitful week of in-service which will have every classroom humming this year.

School Uniforms are looking fantastic. Thankyou to all students, especially for the all black shoes. Parents requiring vehicle tags for children on pickup, please send a note or give us a call. For new parents - it’s your child’s surname on a laminated strip to be displayed on the passenger side screen visor for Duty teacher to see.

MONDAY WELCOME ASSEMBLY
All new students will receive their Welcome Certificate on Monday. Prep students will have classroom presentations after assembly.

A special welcome to our new students for 2017:
- Emmanuella Ozzi 1S, Mateo Budd 2AL, Jack Rosewarne 3B, Mia McLeish 3WH, Jordan Ozzi 4PD, Brendan Verri 6H and Sandy Jenkyns 6H

Welcome Back to GCPS:
- Ethan Ritcher 1S, Tatyana Richter 3WH and Sandor Zieger 3WH

BLUEBIRDS
Students utilising the services of Bluebirds bus will go to supervised pick up in the afternoon and the mini bus will pick up at the Owen Street Pick Up area.

BIRTHDAY CATCH-UPS
All January birthdays will receive their Certificate and pencil at Monday’s Assembly.

A reminder that this Thursday 26th is Australia Day and a Public Holiday.

Yesterday we had all our boys start Prep & Year 1 and today the girls commenced. Tomorrow will be a big day with both boys and girls here.

Regards Liam
Welcome to the life of the school for 2017...
Welcome to these pages either for the first time or simply welcome back! Please check the Term Calendar for Parent/Teacher Meeting times as per the Class Letters going out this week.

Beginning School Mass...
Parents and extended family are invited to join with us Friday 3 February 9:00am at Mother of Good Counsel Church as we celebrate our whole school mass. We will celebrate the commencement of the school year, as well as welcome our Preps and all the new to the school staff and students. The Student Leadership will be receiving their badges during this celebration too.

Sacramental Program...
Enrolment forms are now available for 2017. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 this year, or an older grade, then please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40616633 or drop in to collect your enrolment form. The Sacramental Program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Once enrolments have been finalised, a brochure will be posted to you outlining what the Sacraments are about and important dates of which to take note Lisa deBuck—Sacramental Coordinator.

Parents/Carers are more precious than gold...
Through the years, parents/carers become teachers, counsellors and comforters and seem to keep going on an endless supply of courage, humour and love—but mostly love. It shows in everything they do from grocery shopping to family outings.

It's what overcomes in those moments of spilled milk and muddy shoes and broken windows. Parents/carers never get repaid for all they do but they seem to be fulfilled. And though their rewards consist mostly of hugs, kisses and “I love you!” they are more than thankful for these than for anything else.

And as time passes and childhood gives way to understanding, we know beyond a doubt that parents/carers themselves are far more precious than gold.

Upon reflection...
The story of Christ’s birth tells us among many other things, how it matters always to find space in our home and at our table, even for strangers. The space must first be found, however, in our heart. Stephanie Dowrick

Prayer for the day...
God of our journey, God of hope, we your children give you thanks and praise, as we begin a new journey together. May all who are part of this community, here at Good Counsel Primary especially all those who are new to our school, find a welcome space to grow and be.

May we be grateful for each day, as you give us the grace to begin our journey, with hope and joy. Amen.

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

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TERM 1 DATES 2017
Thu 26.01 Australia Day Holiday
Fri 27.01 Student Council Australia Day
    Prayer Assembly
Fri 03.02 Beginning School Mass Mother of Good Counsel Church 9:00am
Mon 30.01 Parent Tr Meetings
    3:15pm 3B & 3WH Rm 5
    5:30pm 1G & 1S Rm 1
Tue 31.01 Parent Tr Meeting
    5:00pm 5GS & 5T Theatrette
Wed 01.02 Parent Tr Meetings
    3:15pm 2AL & 2A Theatrette
    5:00pm 6B & 6H Theatrette
Thu 02.02 Parent Tr Meeting
    5:00pm 4B & 4PD Theatrette
Tue 07.02 P & F AGM 7:30pm Theatre
Wed 08.02 Parent Tr Meeting Theatre
    3:30pm Prep C & Prep FD
Fri 10.02 Mini Vinnies Badging Ceremony
    8:40am
Fri 17.02 5T Good Samaritan Charism
    Prayer Assembly 8:40am
Fri 24.02 4PD Project Compassion Prayer Assembly
Sat 25.02 Mini Vinnies at Mass 6:30pm
Wed 01.03 Ash Wednesday Liturgies
    9:00am Prep—2
    10:00am Yr 3—6
Fri 03.03 3WH Prayer Assembly
    Arts Council—Too Cool for Bullies
Tue 07.03 Caritas Just Leadership Day
Fri 10.03 Colour Captains Prayer Assembly
Fri 17.03 6H St Patrick’s Prayer Assembly
Sun & Mon 29/20.03 RL Peninsula Trials
Fri 24.03 3Y Palm Sunday Assembly
    Netball Peninsula Trials
Tue 28.03 6B Last Supper Assembly
Wed 29.03 CROSS COUNTRY
Thu 30.03 5GS Stations of the Cross
Fri 31.03 Brief Friday Assembly
Fri 31.03 Term 1 ends

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Easter Mon 17 April

TERM TWO
Tue 18 April - Fri 30 June (10 weeks)
Tue 25 April ANZAC Day
Mon 01 May Qld Labour Day Holiday

TERM THREE
Mon 10 July - Fri 15 Sept (10 weeks)

TERM FOUR
Mon 2 Oct Queen’s Birthday
Tue 3 Oct - Fri 1 Dec (9 weeks)
GETTING TO KNOW YOU….
A few welcome to school snapshots.
Welcome new GCPS Staff -
Erin Todd, Elisha Bartolo, Sunni Day & Renee Butler
tUckshop

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 25 JAN .......HELP NEEDED
FRI 27 JAN .......HELP NEEDED
MON 30 JAN .......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

REMINDER FOR FAMILIES ON DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS
ALL PARENTS WITH A DIRECT DEBIT IN PLACE - PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE FEE COSTS FOR 2017 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ANY NEW SIBLINGS AS THIS WILL AFFECT THE AMOUNT CHARGED. PLEASE CALL INTO THE OFFICE TO ADJUST YOUR DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT ACCORDINGLY TO COVER THE FEES.

TERM FEES
Term 1 fees will be issued shortly. Please check your email for fee statements. Should you not receive your Invoice by email please advise immediately.

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.

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.

BOOKCLUB
We will be offering Bookclub throughout the term, catalogues will be sent home with your child. All orders must be made online at -
scholastic.com.au/LOOP

No cash or cheques will be accepted at the school. Orders will be delivered to the school and passed on to students. All orders placed after the closing date of each issue will be delivered to the student's home address and a postage and handling fee will be charged. Encourage your child's love of reading with some fantastic bargain books as low as $1 and $2.
Happy shopping and reading.

BOOKCLUB

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
THUR 23 FEB
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY CHANGED ANY ENROLMENT DETAILS eg – CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS OR ADDITIONAL CONTACTS THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

ESTHER'S MUSIC TUITION
Piano/Theory and Practical
Learn for leisure or Examination
Lessons before and after school hours
Contact: Esther Sapelli 40652265 / 0419655710

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEER—2013

Please circle your preferred day:

First: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY (of the month)
Second: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY
Third: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY
Fourth: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY
Fifth: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY

NAME: .................................................. PHONE: ..................................................