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## WELCOME TO GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Our Prep



## STATEMENT OF MISSION

Our mission at Good Counsel Primary School is to guide the individual learner within a Catholic Christian Community. This will be achieved by providing a diversified range of appropriate curriculum experiences supported by a professional teaching approach which promotes and models Gospel values. Our purpose is to realise these goals in an environment which is built on effective and active communication, trust and mutual respect between staff, pupils, families, parish and the wider community.



## SCHOOL CONTEXT

Good Counsel Primary School provides a range of educational experiences to approximately 320 students in years Prep to Year 6.

The School in its present form was established in 1975 by the Order of Good Samaritan Sisters. The legacy of the "Good Sams" remains a central part of our educational mission.



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## PREP FACILITIES

Two Prep Units - each equipped with:

- Air-conditioning
- Internet and intranet facilities
- Interactive Whiteboard
- Networked classroom computers/Reading Eggs/Study Ladder/Kid Pix and other applications
- Staff and children's toilets
- Kitchenette
- Designated adventure playground
- Storage shed



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## WHOLE SCHOOL FACILITIES



Library



Computer Lab



Music Room

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

### Administrative Block:



Encompassing reception, Principal, Deputy, Student Counsellor, learning support centre, library, directed learning areas, resource facilities, computer lab, theatrette, staffroom and school officers' workroom.

### Learning Blocks:

Years 1-4 and Years 5-6  
2 Prep units

### Extra Curricular:



Music/Art Units, designated play grounds, oval, Tuck shop, general covered assembly area, shared auditorium and multi-purpose hall - Good Samaritan Hall.



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## Assembly Area



## Junior Playground



## You Can Do It



## Top Oval



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GOOD

SAMARITAN

HALL



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## CURRENT STAFFING

One full time teacher, and a shared teaching position (4 days/1 day per week) and three teacher Aides filling the two full time positions (30 hours) will be involved in the teaching of each Prep unit. The current staff are:

### Teachers:

Mrs Jenny FEY



Mrs Lisa DEBUCK



Miss Amanda CARDILLO



### School Officers:

Mrs Anne-Louise BRUSCHI



Mrs Gillian MARMARA



Mrs Kellie PARAKAS



Mrs Christine CASALE



Specialist support time is available for children with specific disabilities. Specialist teachers in **The Arts (Music, Drama, Dance and Art)** and Physical Education will also take Prep lessons and work with teachers to provide a variety of learning experiences.

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# The PREP Program In 2017:

We will be teaching the Australian Curriculum in these Learning Areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Health and Physical Education

As a Catholic school we will also teach Religious Education following the Religious Education Guidelines.

There will be formal reporting on all of these Learning Areas as well as parent/teacher interviews throughout the year.

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## A Typical 2017 Prep Day

- ❖ **8:35am** - Gathering and welcome. Day chart, Roll, Weather and Calendar.
- ❖ Assemblies on Monday and Friday.
- ❖ **ENGLISH BLOCK** - Letter/sound knowledge, teaching early reading strategies, guided reading, story writing, handwriting, sight word recognition
- ❖ Computer and Library Sessions every Friday

### MORNING TEA AND PLAY TIME

- ❖ Quiet reflecting time or Silent Reading
- ❖ Religious Education
- ❖ **MATHEMATICS BLOCK** - Hands on activities in rotations, incorporating use of Maths text book

### LUNCH

- ❖ Oral Presentation session
- ❖ Oral Language activities
- ❖ Outside play time
- ❖ SEL, Circle Solutions, Science, History, Health, Geography, PE (2 x 40 minute sessions per week), Music/Art/Dance - Drama (1 x 40minute session per week)
- ❖ Story time
- ❖ **2:55 - 3:00pm** - Home time

# Building Success

“Do” school at home!!

Ensure your child has lots of practice to:

- ❖ Use the new lunchbox, wear the shoes, load up the bag, zip up the bag, unwrap and open packets, insert straws. [Things you can do ... Page 14](#)
- ❖ Talk positively about what's going to happen at school. [Things you can do ... Page 12](#)
- ❖ Use the vocabulary he/she will hear .....teach him/her to identify their name, name all their items. Big lunch, little lunch, morning tea, play time, oval, Assembly, teacher on duty (identified with orange hat)
- ❖ Practice writing name

## **BUILDING INDEPENDENCE – A KEY SKILL FOR LIFELONG LEARNING**

- ❖ Carrying own school bag to and from school
- ❖ Identifying their name, finding their name tag
- ❖ Placing lunch box and water bottle on table, folders in the box
- ❖ Packing own school bag with lunchbox, water bottle and folders
- ❖ Teach them to be responsible and independent by taking care of their own belongings.

# HOUSE KEEPING

## STARTING TIMES

8:35am Settling in time for 10mins Music 8:45am

the day

Important to arrive before bell - allows your child to settle in for

Late arrivals/absences are recorded on the roll and will appear on Report Cards

## HOME TIME

Parents/carers to wait outside Prep room

Between 2:55 - 3:00pm

If there are changes to pick up arrangements or you are running late, the Office must be notified.

[Things you can do - page 17](#)

## REQUIREMENTS LIST

- To be sent out at the end of the year
- All named and brought to Prep on the first day
- Some items are to be shared

## STAGGERED START

Boys - Day 1

Girls - Day 2

Whole Group - Day 3

## PARENT BODY

Good Counsel recognises the importance of parents as the first educators of their children and actively encourages parental involvement. Through the Parents and Friends Association, parents have a role in determining future direction for the school. Parents are also encouraged to assist in classrooms so that children can enjoy their presence at school. Family Fun Nights are organised by the P & F and have been very successful opportunities for families to meet and mix socially. They also promote and celebrate the importance of families spending time and having fun together.





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## Handouts

Please have a look through your folder for further information regarding school information, fees and ideas to prepare your child for Prep in 2017.

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"Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding."

**- Robert John Meehan**

