



GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP
GOOD SAMARITAN HALL

(Access via Owen Street)

RE-COMMENCING FRI FEB 2ND

EVERY FRIDAY MORNING—9:00AM-11:00AM

Cost: \$2-00 per family

BYO—Morning Tea for children

Co-ordinators: Mrs Amy McElhinney & Mrs Rosanne Mifsud

Join our "Good Counsel Playgroup" facebook page for more information.

Well done Juliet Santitto who has been chosen to play in the Super 10 National Finals at the Australian Open Melbourne this weekend, we wish you all the best of Luck!

Sacramental Program 2018

Enrolments forms are now available for the Sacramental Program for 2018. 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 call in to fill in an enrolment form.

The Sacramental Program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Eucharist. Once enrolments have been finalised, a brochure will be posted to you outlining what the Sacraments are about and important dates to take note of.

Angela Cristaudo

Sacramental Coordinator

SOS - MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS

Can you please check at home for books. No fines, no questions asked.

Please/Please/ RETURN

Mrs Farina



TERM FEES

Term 1 fees will be issued shortly. Please make payment by the due date. Please be mindful and check your emails to ensure delivery of your fee statement.

A reminder that every family will receive a fee statement regardless of payment arrangements or concessions, to keep you informed of your current balance.

Please be aware for direct deposits into the school's bank account it is imperative to use your 973..... Reference located at the bottom of your invoice to ensure that monies are credited against the correct account and not delay payments. **Also, please email remittance to avoid payments being overlooked.**

TUCKSHOP

WED 24 JAN LINDA CROATTO
FRI 26 JAN CLOSED
MON 29 JAN LINDA CROATTO

**Regular times for sale of uniforms are:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY
8:00—8:30am and 11:00am—12:30pm**

MUSIC TUITION

Learn for pleasure or exams
Piano - Keyboard - Theory

Now taking enrolments. For all enquiries please phone Esther Sapelli direct at
Esther's School of Music - 0149 655710 or 4065 2265
Lessons held at Good Counsel Primary School



Update your contact info!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, work place or additional contacts and have not notified the Office please do so.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

23rd January 2018

TERM 1 Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome for the start of the 2018 school year at Good Counsel Primary School. We have hit the road running with the majority of students returning to class Monday and today. We welcomed 12 new students to classes on Monday with a further 3 starting later in the Term.

It has been a huge task getting maintenance works completed over the Christmas break. Some of these tasks included repairs to the front fence, new school sign on Rankin Street, external and internal painting of the junior block, air conditioner upgrades, new oval fence and general repairs and maintenance. In addition, much work by the IT staff have re-cabled the classrooms to enable greater connectivity for mobile devices. An additional 54 student and staff iPads have been commissioned ready for the beginning of school.

Yesterday we welcomed our new staff - Miss Lauren Watkins (Prep W), Mrs Emma Laumea (5L), Miss Adrienne Worth (6W) and Mrs Amanda Romano (Prep Assistant). All have settled in over the past few weeks preparing for day one.

We welcomed several new students to the various classes:-

- ◆ Deborah (1S) Lydia (3B) & Miriam Ungil (5GS)
- ◆ Nathaniel (2A) & Caleb McEwan (6W)
- ◆ Rhya (4PD) Kaelan Maxwell (5L)
- ◆ Cody Weldon (5L)
- ◆ Savana Sandstrom (6W)
- ◆ Caleb Bourke (4B)
- ◆ Hemi Acheson (4B)

We also welcome our Prep students who will settled into school this week:-

Laylah B, Harlow J, Oliver B, Khloe K, Pearl C, Theo K, Peter D, Elena K, Sam C, Liam L, Rhys D, Noah K, Aidan E, Cody M, Khushnoor G, Armani M, Dominic F, Sabrina P, Beau H, Isadora N, Sehaj G, Bray P, Ava-Marie J, Ashla

R, Georgia G, Noah S, Uleela J, Max M, Vivianne U, Jaida M and Christian J.

This Friday we have a holiday for Australia Day. Australia Day, 26 January, is the day to reflect on what it means to be Australian, to celebrate contemporary Australia and to acknowledge our history. On Australia Day we celebrate all the things we love about Australia: land, sense of fair go, lifestyle, democracy, the freedoms we enjoy but particularly our people.

Australia Day is about acknowledging and celebrating the contribution that every Australian makes to our contemporary and dynamic nation. From our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people - who have been here for more than 65,000 years - to those who lived here for generations, to those who have come from all corners of the globe to call our country home.

The making of 26 January is an important date in Australia's history and has changed over time: starting as a celebration for emancipated convicts and evolving into what is now a celebration of Australia that reflects the nation's diverse people. Australia Day continues to be hugely popular, with 3 in 4 Australians believing it has a bigger meaning beyond being just a day off.

More than half of all Australians participate in Australia Day attending events organised by State Governments, local Councils, Community groups or getting together with family and friends. In addition, over 16,000 new Australians become citizens on Australia Day.



This Thursday to help celebrate Australia Day wear you Australia Day hat or cap.

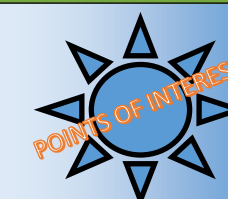
Regards
Liam



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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:20PM



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DIARY DATES

TERM 1

Mon 22 Jan -
Thu 29 Mar

THU 25 JAN
WEAR YOUR AUSTRALIA DAY HAT OR CAP

FRI 26 JAN
AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SEE INSERTS
TUCKSHOP MENU

CATHOLIC SCHOOL FEE DISCOUNTS 2018

Welcome to the RE & Life of the School pages...
Camels journey home...



Following their guest appearance at the Christmas Concert in Term 4, the camels finally made their way back home to the Library for another year. A sigh of relief from Mrs Genevieve Sugars, who had found them still resting in the the Music Rm last week!

A Prayer for GCPS Students...

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts
of every child
as they transition into the new school year
at Good Counsel Primary.
Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm
and a heart that is excited to learn and grow.
Cover them with your enduring love,
give them confidence and grace,
and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials.
Bless their parents with continuing love and support.
Bless their teachers with wisdom,
understanding, and a heart to serve,
as they embark on this journey together!
Amen.

Calendar...

The year's calendar on the right has a smattering of events. More information will be added next week to Term 1 and the other terms will probably fade away for a while, depending on the space available in the newsletter. If you need to know a date—please contact me. Thank you.

Word of the Day Competition...

What was Mr Kenny's Word of the Day on Monday 22 January? Write it on a slip of paper—correct spelling—with your name and class, hand it to Mrs C and you will be in the running for a frozie from the Tuckshop. Competition closes Thursday afternoon.

Beginning School Mass—Wk 3 Friday 9 February...

Save the date: Please join with us at 9:00am in Mother of Good Counsel Church as we celebrate our Beginning of the School Year Mass by welcoming our Preps and all the newcomers to the school staff and students, following Fr Kerry's return from holidays.

Morning Prayer...

Dear Lord, Help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today, that together you and I cannot handle.

Yours in Catholic Education—
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C. APRE/APA/SEL



Deepest Sympathy to
Rapture Williams (1S)
Amira Braun (2A) and
Jase Braun (4B) for
the loss of their Great
Grandmother



2018 TERM 1

Thu 25.01	GCPS Australian Hat/Cap Day
Fri 26.01	Australia Day—School Closed
Mon 29.01	Par
Fri 2.02	5L Good Samaritan Charism Pr. Assembly
Tue 6.02	P & F AGM Theatrette 7:30pm
Fri 9.02	Beginning School Mass 9:00am
Mon 12.02	Mini Vinnies Badging Ceremony 8:40am
Wed 14.02	Ash Wednesday Liturgies Mother of Good Counsel 9:00am P-2 & GCC Yr 11 10:00am Yr 3-6 Church
Fri 16.02	4PD Project Compassion Pr. Assembly
Thu 22.02	School Photos
Fri 23.02	Colour Captains Prayer Assembly
Thu 1.03	Look How We've Changed Performance
Fri 2.03	Student Council Prayer Assembly
Fri 9.03	3WH Prayer Assembly
Fri 16.03	6H St Patrick Prayer Assembly
Fri 23.03	3B Palm Sunday Prayer Assembly
Tue 27.03	6W Last Supper 8:30am
Wed 28.03	Cross Country Warrina Lakes
Thu 29.03	5GS Stations of the Cross 8:30am Last day of Term 1
Fri 30.03	GOOD FRIDAY
Sun 1.04	EASTER SUNDAY

TERM 2

Mon 16.04	Pupil Free Day
Tue 17.04	Term 2 commences
Wed 25.04	ANZAC DAY
Thu 26.04	Mother of Good Counsel Feast Day
Wed 2.05	Michael Mangan Concert 11:45am
Mon 7.05	Qld Labour Day Holiday
Fri 11.05	Mother's Day Presentations & Morning Tea
Tue 15.05	Wed 16/5, Thu 17/5 NAPLAN
Fri 18.05	1G & 1S Pentecost Pr. Assembly District Cross Country
Wed 6.06	State of Origin Footy Dress Day
Fri 15.06	4B Confirmation Prayer Assembly
Fri 29.06	Last day of Term 2

INNISFAIL SHOW—During the holidays

TERM 3

Mon 16.07	Term 3 commences
Tue 31.07	Catholic Education Week Mass Discovering New Horizons
Mon 06.08	NAIDOC— Assembly 8:40am
Fri 10.08	Grandparents Day
Fri 31.09	Father's Day Prayer Assembly
Fri 21.09	Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Mon 8.10	Term 4 commences
Mon 22.10	CTJ Pupil Free Day
Fri 26.10	World Teachers Day
Fri 9.10	Remembrance Day Prayer Assembly
Fri 7.12	School ends



Parent—Teacher Meetings...

Please refer to Teacher Letters

Week 2

Monday 29/1

3:15pm Rm 6 3B 3WH
5:30pm Rm 1 1G 1S



Tuesday 30/1

5:00pm Theatrette 5GS 5L

Wednesday 31/1

3:15pm Theatrette 2A 2AL
5:00pm Theatrette 6H 6W



Thursday 1/2

5:00pm Theatrette 4B 4PD

Week 3

Wednesday 7/2

3:30pm Theatrette PC PW



Congratulations

to the Redding family on the birth of a
sister Eden for Noah (6W) and Adam (3B)
and Anna (GCC)

Photos -

- Monday—Mr Kenny welcomes a visit from the Prep boys
- Welcome to the new staff -
Miss Adrienne Worth—6W,
Mrs Emma Laumea—5L ,
Miss Lauren Watkins— Prep W,
Mrs Amanda Romano— School Officer
- Happy Birthday Mrs Denise Archer—50 runs on the score board
- Tuesday—Mr Kenny welcomes a visit from the Prep girls