



### GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROU GOOD SAMARITAN HALL

(Access via Owen Street)

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.

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY THUR 22 FEB 2018

School Photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link or by using the envelope. <http://www.advancedimage.com.au/keycode/keycodefinder.aspx?keycode=TGB9TD7P1>

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school
- Don't forget to order your sibling photos now
- Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day

Photos will be returned to school for distribution six weeks after photos are taken. Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope (available from the Office) prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at the school.

ONLINE ORDER CODE: TGB 9TD 7P1

We offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure peace of mind. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advancedlife experience please contact us at:- [enquiries@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancedlife.com.au)



### TERM FEES

Term 1 fees have now been issued. 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 14 FEB	LINDA/ JANET SANDSTROM
FRI 16 FEB	LINDA/ JANET SANDSTROM
MON 19 FEB	LINDA/ JANET SANDSTROM

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL TUCKSHOP ORDERS ARE WRITTEN OUT ON A PAPER BAG WITH AMOUNT OF MONEY ENCLOSED

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



Date: Monday 26, Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 February  
Time: 8.15am – 9am, lunch times, 3pm - 3.30pm  
Place: Theatrette

All commission earned is used to purchase books for our Library.  
CASH purchases only. Thank you.

#### HELP WANTED

Help wanted text in a small box



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

13th February 2018

TERM 1 Week 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today is Shrove Tuesday which is marked on the church calendar as the day immediately preceding Ash Wednesday which is celebrated in many countries around the world by consuming pancakes. Other countries, especially where the day is called Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday in French) or Carnival Day, traditions centre around eating all the rich foods in the house before the fasting period of Lent.

Lent is a time when we focus on seeking penitence for our wrong doings. On Ash Wednesday we receive a cross on our foreheads made from the ash that was collected last Easter after burning the palm leaves. The symbolic cross reminds us of our mortality and that we are sorry for the things we have done that affect others, as well as the will for change and the hope of forgiveness.

This Lent, let us all reflect on our life choices and possible life directions through prayer. It is also a time to reflect with compassion for those less fortunate than ourselves - Project Compassion.

We commemorate the start of Lent tomorrow with two church services. The first at 9.00am for Prep - Year 2 with their Year 11 Good Counsel College buddies and the second at 10.00am for Year 3 - 6. The Year 11 GCC students buddying up with our Prep - Year 2 students has been a tradition for over 20 years. Our students certainly enjoy meeting their big buddy and the Year 11's look forward to the experience - remembering when they were in junior primary.

Last Friday, we celebrated our opening school mass with the church all but full. Thanks to the many parents/carers, friends and parishioners who attended. Congratulations again to our student leaders who received their badges that they are proudly wearing each day.

Yesterday our Year 6 Mini Vinnies students

were inducted and the Mini Vinnies Leaders received their badges. Class meetings and organised school activities are high on this year's Mini Vinnies "to do list". A special focus on social justice and helping those less fortunate are keen goals in 2018.

#### DISCO DATE CHANGE

Our Disco has been moved to Week 7 Friday March 9. We will again combine with the P&F Meet and Greet BBQ dinner of fish, steak and sausages. This year's theme is Olympics/Commonwealth Games / Famous Athletes with plenty of games and music for the kids. A flyer will be sent home closer to the event.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those from the P&F who help out in any way and thank them for their efforts over the past 12 months. We are looking forward to working with our 2018 Executive who were elected last Tuesday night:-

President: Mr Peter Schramm  
 Vice President: Mr Rohan Nutting  
 Secretary: Mrs Michelle Borg  
 Secretary's Assistant: Mrs Amanda Catelan  
 Treasurer: Mrs Leanne Maccarone  
 P&F Delegate Mrs Natalie Terry

Please see the Tuckshop Helpers tear off on p.4. Please consider helping where you can as this is a vital service for our children which currently needs more helpers.



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

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

LITURGIES

9.00AM P-2  
10.00AM 3-6

THU 22 FEB  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
PHOTOS

FRI 9 MAR

P&F MEET & GREET  
6.30PM & STUDENT  
COUNCIL DISCO  
7.00PM

SCHOOL  
BANKING  
INFORMATION  
FLYER  
ATTACHED

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEER—2018		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

**Welcome to the Life of the School**

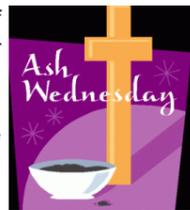


**Welcome to our Opening School mass...**

Thank you Fr Kerry Crowley for celebrating our school mass to welcome us and in particular, new staff and new students, as well as to look forward to the 2018 journey that is ours. Lots of parents and grandparents, thank you Mrs Genevieve Sugars and the choir, beautiful singing.

**Ash Wednesday...**

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Christian season of Lent. Lent is a time when we pray, do kind things for other people, give up things we enjoy and give to others, as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter.



Tomorrow with the ashes as our sign, we have the opportunity to begin the 40 days of Lent by committing ourselves to fasting, prayer and good works.

Please join us in Mother of Good Counsel Church for our Ash Wednesday Liturgies:

9:00am Prep—Yr 2 & GCC Yr 11 10:00am Yr 3—6

Check out:

Shrove Tuesday [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOO\\_7\\_XCtJs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOO_7_XCtJs)

Ash Wednesday [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSSp\\_wdb7Aw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSSp_wdb7Aw)

Lent <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ui5kCSdXD2Q>

To help carry another person's cross.

This prayer was frequently uttered by Charles Wesley: "Help us to help each other, Lord, each other's cross to bear."

Prayer: *Dear God, let me be like Simon who helped Jesus carry his cross.*

*When I see someone struggle with a burden, may I be the one who helps lift it.*

Scripture: Mk 15:21.

**Project Compassion Prayer Assembly...**

Please join with 4PD students as they present their Friday Prayer Assembly on 16 February at 8:40am

*Yours in Catholic Education—*

*Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C. APRE/APA/SEL*

**2018 TERM 1**

Wed 14.02 Ash Wednesday Liturgies Mother of Good Counsel 9:00am P-2 & GCC Yr 11 10:00am Yr 3-6 Church

Thu 15.02 RL Gala Day Callendar Park

Fri 16.02 4PD Project Compassion Pr. Assembly

Thu 22.02 School Photos

Fri 23.02 Colour Captains Prayer Assembly

Mon 26—Wed 28 Book Fair Theatre

Thu 1.03 *Look How We've Changed* Performance

Fri 2.03 Student Council Prayer Assembly

Brave Hearts Prep-Yr 2

Tue 6.03 Caritas Leadership

Fri 9.03 3WH Prayer Assembly

P & F Meet and Greet

Student Council Disco

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—Stations of the Cross**

Sat 31.03 **Easter Saturday Vigil**

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



**Mini Vinnies Ceremony**

Thank you to Mr Jim Arnell, Mr Frank Cazzulino and Mr Eddie Lee—St Vincent de Paul Society Members who presented the Year 6 students with their Mini Vinnies and Leadership badges.

We look forward to another year of social justice activities, class meetings and assemblies.

Congratulations to Lucia Gullo President Savana Sandstrom Vice Angela Carman Secretary Xavier Edmondson Treasurer

Bella Poljak 6H President Delayne Balderson 6H Vice Brady Sargent 6H Secretary Leo Kenderick 6H Treasurer

Katilyn Corrigan 6W President Liam Purcell 6W Vice Nicholas Giandomenico 6W Secretary

Noah Redding 6W Treasurer Congratulations to all the Student Leadership—School Captains, Student Councillors, Colour House Captains and Mini Vinnies, now in receipt of their badges.



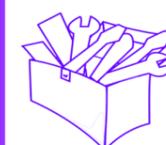
**Deepest Sympathy**

*Mia and Jaida McLeish and family for the loss of their great grandmother—Joan Koppen*



**Deepest Sympathy**

*Sherri & Lexi Evans and family for the loss of their grandfather - Leonard Evans*



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