



# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 5



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OFFICE HOURS  
8.00AM—3.20PM

### POINTS OF INTEREST

Religious Life of the School  
& School Photos—pp 2 & 3

### DIARY DATES

TERM 1  
MON 23RD JAN -  
FRI 31ST MAR

WED 22 FEB

CHOIR  
PRACTICE  
8.40AM -9.20AM



SCHOOL  
BANKING  
8:00AM  
IN THE  
BREEZEWAY

THU 23 FEB

WHOLE SCHOOL  
PHOTO DAY  
SIBLING ORDER  
ENVELOPES -  
AVAILABLE FROM  
THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE

FRI 24 FEB

NRL GALA DAY

WED 1 MAR

ASH WEDNESDAY  
LITURGIES

FRI 3 MAR

ARTS COUNCIL  
"TOO COOL FOR  
BULLIES"

### Principal's Column

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching at the end of this week, the half way point of first term. I believe that students have all settled in well to their class routines and would say it has been the best transition that I have experienced for many years. This I feel can be attributed to the excellent communication that school/families have created. This occurs in many modes; email, notes, communication book or face to face meetings. If students know that there is communication from home to school they seem to use fewer excuses, stories and fabrications of reality.

One of Michael Grose's Parenting Ideas that supports parental involvement/interest in children's learning contained the following:-

Parental withdrawal from children's education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities. But the message for parents is clear - become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child's education.

Their chances of success are better when kids see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning. Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents' views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Make the most of the opportunities that schools offer to assist in the classroom including, hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. Hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep are important aids to learning.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child's education in positive ways:

**1 Make sure your kids start each day well.** That means they should get a good night's sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.

**2 Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, parent evenings, sports events and celebrations. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what's happening at your child's school.

**3 Consult with your child's teacher** about homework expectations and practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school. Each teacher has his or her own expectations about how you can help so make sure you work within their guidelines.

**4 Support the school.** School discipline is always more effective when it's supported by parents so be supportive of their attempts to promote good behaviour in your child.

**5 Become an advocate** for your child's school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

*Michael Grose*

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are on Thursday morning. Please ensure students are wearing their correct school uniform, socks and black shoes. Hair ties and scrunchies should be school colours please.

Regards  
*Liam*



Welcome to Week 5...  
 Thank you 5T students and Miss Erin Todd for celebrating our School's Charism—that gift of the Spirit that was given to the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Benedictine Order who carried out the mission of Jesus by serving our school community from 1903-1992.  
 What is our Charism about?

- To welcome the stranger as we would welcome Christ
- To be compassionate to the person in need
- To speak up against injustice
- To serve by being neighbour



**Project Compassion Prayer Assembly...**  
 The 2017 Theme for Project Compassion is **Love Your Neighbour**. Join the students of 4PD for this Friday's Prayer Assembly.

Ash Wednesday Ceremonies next week...  
 Wednesday 1 March—9:00am—Prep, Yr 1 & Yr 2 students and GCC Buddies. 10:00am Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 students. Parents/carers and extended family welcome to join with us in these solemn ceremonies in preparation for our Lenten journey.

Sacramental Program Reminder...  
 Enrolment forms are now available for the Sacramental Program for children who have been baptised Catholic and will be in Yr 4 this year (or an older grade). Please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40616633 to enrol your child. The Sacramental Program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of First Eucharist—Lisa deBuck Sacramental Coordinator.

**Who Am I? Week 4 Winners...**  
 Jerusalem was the city in question. Thanks to Mr Brunetto for answering that one. Frozie to be collected this afternoon. And apologies for last week—the answer was meant to be spelt as Cain!

Where is it? Competition Week 5...  
 Answer the question correctly, add your name and class. Drop off to Mrs C's Office before Friday 3pm to be in the Draw for a frozie: I was a relative of Mary. My son was named John. My name begins with E.

**M is for Mistakes... Accept your mistakes.**  
 Mistakes are a part of learning, living and growing.  
*Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C.*  
*Assistant Principal Religious Education, Administration, SEL.*

### TERM 1 DATES 2017

- Thu 23.02 School Photos
- Fri 24.02 4PD Project Compassion  
 RL Gala Day Callendar Park
- Sat 25.02 Mini Vinnies at Mass 6:30pm
- Wed 01.03 Ash Wednesday Liturgies  
 9:00am Prep—2 & GCC Buddies  
 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 19/20.03 RL Peninsula Trials
- Fri 24.03 3B 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 8:40am  
 3pm Term 1 ends

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- Easter Mon 17.04
- TERM TWO**
- Tue 18 April - Fri 23 June (10 weeks)
- Tue 25 April ANZAC Day
- Mon 01 May Qld Labour Day Holiday

### TERM THREE

- Mon 10 July - Fri 15 Sept

### TERM FOUR

- Mon 2 Oct Queen's Birthday
- Tue 3 Oct - Fri 1 Dec





SEL CERTIFICATE  
RECIPIENTS WEEK 4

CONFIDENCE

Violet Davis  
Ned Negri  
Ella Giueni  
Jeremy Weldon  
Erin Potts

ALL KEYS

Shaelah Surha  
Lane Maitland  
Tara Borg  
Gurshaan Singh

GETTING ALONG

Charlotte Mifsud  
Amaya Hutchinson  
Emma Day  
Naomi Boota  
Sienna Di Carlo  
Isaiah Portelli  
Lucia Gullo

ORGANISATION

Gurnoor Virk  
Darnel Stagg

EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

Dakota Cavallaro

PERSISTENCE

William Kris  
Tyler Sacchi  
Kolby Andrews  
Charlotte Goodes  
Sukhman Singh  
Jaiveer Janjua  
Ziggy Barker  
Charlie Ferguson  
Aidan Lo  
Karleigh Costa  
Crystal Northage



Preps at work— Prep C students sharing computer work with Mrs Darelle Horsford.

Mrs Jenny Fey's Prep FD group work.



Our Sympathy.....

To the Davis Family  
(Violet 3B) on the  
recent loss of her  
Grandmother.

Why go to Church?

*A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Saturday or Sunday.*

*"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."*

*This started a real controversy in the Letters to the Editor column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote the following:*

*"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of these meals. But I do know this... they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If I had not eaten those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"*

*When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!*

*Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!*

*Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!*

## tUckshop



LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM  
9AM—11.00AM

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 22 FEB .....HELP NEEDED  
FRI 24 FEB .....DONNA GIUENI  
MON 27 FEB .....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

## SCHOOL BANKING



For more information see the Banking  
Co-Ordinators at school in the breezeway on a  
Wednesday morning.



## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY THUR 23 FEB 2017

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
- **Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups available at school's *advancedlife* & your *advancedyou* photo sites (follow the link above)**

Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope available from the school 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. 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)

ONLINE ORDER CODE: TGB 9TD 7P1

## TERM FEES

Term 1 fees were issued this week via your email on file and payment due by 3rd March 2017. Please check your emails for fee statements.

**Should you not receive your Invoice please advise the office 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.



## GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP GOOD SAMARITAN HALL

(Access VIA OWEN STREET)



FRI DAY MORNINGS  
9.00AM - 11AM

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.