



### GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP 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.



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.

### FEAST of the SENSES

22—27 March 2018 Innisfail, Tropical Nth Queensland  
www.feastofthesenses.com.au

Mini-Workshops / 'Conversations With'

Saturday 24 March 2018 - Innisfail State College

**Mini Workshops** - we are planning a series of mini-workshops / 'Conversations With' sessions over one day - Saturday 24 March at one venue - Innisfail State College.

We are incorporating many different subjects headlining cooking, tropical produce, nutrition and health. Fitness, arts, creative writing, singing will all feature as well as handicrafts, dancing and quite a few others. The workshops will cost \$10.00 per hour, plus the cost of any materials. So, if a workshop is two hours long it will cost \$20.00. This is very good value for workshops that usually cost considerably more. Some sessions will be free as they will be a public service such as first aid and home safety.

For information and bookings please check our website and Facebook page regularly after Monday 26 February. Information will be posted as it comes to hand for both workshops and Banana Games. Bookings will be required for Workshops.



### 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 28 FEB LINDA/ JANET SANDSTROM  
FRI 02 MAR LINDA/ JANET SANDSTROM  
MON 05 MAR LINDA

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

### Lap Running

When: Wednesday and Friday mornings starting this week - Wednesday 28 March

Where: School oval and blue covered area

Time: 8am – 8:30am

The lap running program is being run to help prepare our students for the upcoming cross country. All students from prep – year 6 are encouraged to come along to lap running and run as many laps as they can each morning. Each lap will count as a point towards their colour house team. The team with the most laps at the end of the lap running program will receive a free icy pole. Students may bring a change of clothes/joggers to run in if they wish. It will be great to see as many students out there as possible each morning having fun and getting fit!



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

27th February 2018

TERM 1 Week 6

Dear Parents/Carers,  
We are now over halfway through the term and it is a good time to reflect on your child's educational journey so far. Hopefully you have made time to have met your child's teacher at either the class meetings or at another time over the past 5 weeks. Communication is a key element of not only being informed but ensuring that your child is meeting the necessary schooling and homework expectations.

Over the next few weeks, take the time to re-check in with your child to see how homework, reading and all things associated with school are progressing. You will have in three weeks, time a chance to meet with your child's teacher at Parent/Teacher meetings: (Week 9). We have specifically moved these forward to enable early contact and get things sorted educationally prior to the beginning of Term 2. More information regarding bookings for interviews will follow.

I have seen the extensive use of Seesaw across all year levels and parent, teacher and student feedback seems to be very positive. As I visit classrooms and see class morning routines being established, I am blown away by the student knowledge being developed - Year 4's who can name the continents, oceans, countries of North America; Preps who know and name the days of the week, months of the year and Year 6 students who can amazingly complete difficult maths tasks.

The beginning of 2018 has gone relatively smoothly with all students progressing well. This year we have extended many of our student focussed programs to assist those who may be struggling in a particular learning area with more specialist support and small group intervention than in the past. Socially all students seem to have settled making new friendship groups or reconnecting with old ones. This year, lunch time robotics, coding and maker space activities have been very popular for students from all year levels and use of the library has

been at an all time high - due mainly to the great activities available and the hot weather.

Congratulations on the work by 4PD in the school garden. With the help of Bunnings, they have reinvigorated the garden and have planted assorted seedlings and fruit trees in pots.



Whilst on lunch duty I do note that in many lunch boxes students have a large assortment of packaged and highly processed foods. Please ensure your children are having some substantial brain food so they can work throughout the day. Thanks again to Catelan Banana farm for bringing in "brain bananas" each week. They are certainly a lunch time hit!

### GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE ON SHOW!

66 Owen Street Innisfail  
11.00am - 2.00pm Sat 17 March 2018  
\* Guided Tours by College Leaders  
\* Classroom visits  
\* Stalls / Displays / Performances  
\* P&F Sausage Sizzle / Barista coffee  
\* Meet the friendly Leadership Team, staff and students  
2.00pm - Join our Guard of Honour in Owen St to cheer on Good Counsel College Leader - Regan O'Brien, Queen's Baton Relay Runner for XXI Commonwealth Games.

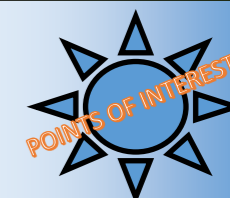
### GCC CALENDAR DATES 2018

Sat 17 Mar - Good Counsel ON SHOW!  
Sat 29 Apr—Yr 7 2019 Enrolment Interview Day  
Tue 31 July - Taster Day for 2018 Yr 5 & 6 students  
Thu 22 Nov - Orientation Day for Yr 7 students  
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 1 MAR  
LOOK HOW WE'VE CHANGED— PREP-Y6

FRI 2 MAR  
BRAVEHEARTS  
PREP-YR 2

FRI 9 MAR  
P&F MEET & GREET  
6.30PM

& STUDENT COUNCIL  
MINI OLYMPICS  
GAMES NIGHT

7.00PM  
District Soccer  
Trials Goondi Bend

Girls - Tue Mar 13  
3.30pm - 4.30pm  
Boys - Wed Mar 14  
3.30pm - 4.30pm





**Colour House Captains Prayer Assembly...**

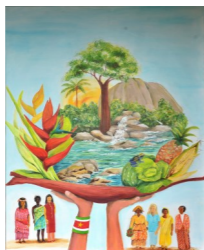
Thank you Ben, Juliet, Chayse, Charlotte, Finnian, Belle, Ella and Ryley for the colourful presentation reminding us that the Rainbow is a sign of God's Covenant with us, His promise to be a continued presence in our lives. Let us remember that just as the colours of the rainbow are so very different from each other, we too are all different from each other, yet we work together respectfully.

**Mini Vinnies join with SVDP Choir...**

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies, honorary Vinnies and GCC siblings who participated in Saturday evening's mass at 6:30pm. Your presence was much appreciated: Angela, Bennet, Bettina, Isabella, Stevie-Rose, Alexis, Ashton, and Shyron, Shyrol & Emma GCC. Thank you Mr Kenny and Mrs Vecchio for your support.

**World Day of Prayer 2018...**

This year our Parish is hosting the Day of Prayer on Friday 2nd March commencing at 9:30am in Mother of Good Counsel Church. An invitation is extended to Parishioners to be involved in the Liturgy and the Hospitality afterwards in the Parish Centre. All women of the parish are asked to please bring a plate to share. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 40616633.



**Project Compassion for a Just Future...**



Thank you parents/carers, extended family and friends who are supporting the children so generously in their endeavours to raise money in each classroom.

*Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation.* Pope Francis.

For more details: [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)  
#projectcompassion

**Look How We've Changed!**

Thursday's School Performance Tour will take the children back in time to show how science and technology is continuously changing the way we live.

**Student Council Prayer Assembly...**

Please join us on Friday 8:40am as the Student Councillors present their Prayer Assembly in the Blue Area.

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

**2018 TERM 1**

- Mon 26—Wed 28 Book Fair Theatrette
- 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 Day GCC
- Fri 9.03 3WH Prayer Assembly  
P & F Meet and Greet  
Student Council Disco
- Fri 16.03 6H St Patrick Prayer Assembly  
National Day of Action against Bullying  
and Violence
- 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
- Wed 6.06 State of Origin Footy Dress Day
- Fri 15.06 4B Confirmation Prayer Assembly
- Fri 29.06 Last day of Term 2



**SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

**SKILLS FOR LEARNING**

- Harlow Juhas
- Sabrina Pollard
- Peter Denness
- Oliver Barker
- Isadora Nucifora

**ORGANISATION**

- Oliver Zadelj
- Zyon Toms
- Aken Cora
- Mia Terry
- Tara Borg

**GETTING ALONG**

- Dakota Cavallaro
- Charlotte Mifsud
- Elle Gracie

**CONFIDENCE**

- Jase Braun
- Lachlan Maccarone

**PERSISTENCE**

- Harseerat Kaur
- Jemimah Conroy
- Frankie-Rose Tagget
- Darnel Stagg
- Sandor Zieger
- Sheri Evans
- Hannah Patterson
- Chayse Briggs

**ALL KEYS**

- Ainsley Cavallaro
- Jason Schramm

**ROBOTICS...**

Year 6 students share their Information Technology knowledge and skills with the younger classes. Thank you Ms Maree Helm.

