



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14/03/2017
Term 1 Week 8



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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 08 MAR

CHOIR
PRACTICE
8.40AM -9.20AM



SCHOOL
BANKING
8:00AM
IN THE
BREEZEWAY

FRI 17 MAR

**ST PATRICK'S
PRAYER ASSEMBLY**



GREEN DRESS
DAY -
GOLD COIN
DONATION

LAP RUNNING
TILL 24 MAR



MONDAY
WEDNESDAY
&
FRIDAY
8.00AM -
8.30AM

Principal's Column

Dear Parents,

Over the next two weeks of term and Week 1 of next term, Oral Reporting will take place at school. This is a time for parents/guardians to meet their child's teacher to discuss progress, reset expectations and set a plan for Term 2. This year we are having these meetings earlier. Term 1 is a long 10 week time frame and early in Term 2 we have several short weeks which make it difficult to organise interviews.

Your child/children will have an Oral Reporting letter for you to indicate your preferred time to meet your child's class teacher. Please return as soon as possible for teachers to confirm your appointment time.

Some Parent tips for school meetings from Michael Grose's "Building Parent - School Partnerships":-

1. Check the confirmed meeting date and time
2. Work from a clean slate - Every meeting offers a fresh opportunity to create better outcomes for your child
3. Prepare well - List questions you wish to raise. Keep questions short and to the point. Take notes, so important information isn't missed
4. Listen first - Give the teacher a chance to make an assessment of your child's progress or behaviour
5. Ask specific questions - Clarify the information you don't understand, asking for examples
6. Stay solution focused - If your child's behavioural or learning challenges are discussed it is tempting to be defensive
7. Remain calm - Meetings involving your children can be emotive as you are discussing issues that are outside your direct control
8. Ask what you can do - Working together for the betterment of your child's learning
9. Discuss at home - Discuss areas that need work in positive specific terms

Involve your children in discussing plans for improvement and praise your child for the great work they are doing at school.

Parent/Teacher meetings will be more effective if you go in with a positive attitude, an approachable demeanour and a willingness to work collaboratively with your child's teacher to reach the best outcomes possible for your child.

This Friday is St Patrick's Day and as has become tradition at Good Counsel Primary School, a gold coin donation will be collected by class teachers from students who wear their green clothes. Money raised will go to Project Compassion.



St Patrick's Concert - This Friday night 6.00pm our School Choir, made up of Year 3-6 students will perform at the Shire Hall. They are singing "Lord of the Dance". Thanks to Mrs Sugars for practising with our choir each Wednesday morning. Children are free of charge, parents \$4 entry.

Please check out the inserts - Cross Country Note from Mrs Hayley Russell and School Banking flyer.

Please keep in your Prayers the Lacaze family whose house burnt to the ground yesterday afternoon. Fortunately everyone was safe but they lost all their household possessions. Over the coming weeks I will suggest ways that families may help them out.

Regards
Liam



Welcome to Week 8...

Thank you to the Colour House Captains Stevi Blennerhassett, Clint Blennerhassett, Emaleigh Willey, Aidan Herbert, Daniel Keough, Jasmin Ham, Logan Lizzio and Coen Mercer for reminding us that we are all part of one school with four different parts—our Colour Houses of Clancy, MacKillop, Marcellin and Polding, and that we need to let our — as Michael Mangan sings it- “True Colours Shine”/

Project Compassion...

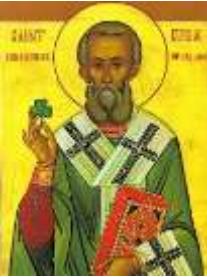
Thank you Mrs Di Carlo for organising 4PD’s Colouring in Competition— Winning entries: PFD Elle Gracie; PC Dakota Cavallaro;1G Nate Calleja; 1S Oliver Zadelj; 2A Ella Picini, 2AL Julia Yang; 3WH Sandor Zieger; 3B Kyra Locastro; 4PD Crystal Northage; 4B Logan Walker; 5GS Ruby Kukulies; 6H Isabelle Loh. Overall Winner: 1G Shelby Puccini. Sacramental Program...

The second group’s Reconciliation Day will be on Sunday 19th March as organised by Lisa deBuck. Parish Office: 40616633 for more details.

St Patrick’s Day...

Friday’s St Patrick’s Day—March 17th will be celebrated at GCPS by the wearing of green items of sun-safe clothing—shirt, shorts or socks etc. and combining that with a gold coin donation for Project Compassion. Please note that it is NOT a free dress day but a GREEN dress day, so if it’s not green, it’s school uniform. Thank you!

Lucky St Patrick’s three-leaf clovers provided on the day, will attract a green frozie. More details on Friday. An Irish Blessing for you:



May God give you, for every storm, a rainbow,
for every tear, a smile,
for every care, a promise, and a blessing in each trial,
for every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share,
for every sign, a sweet song,
and an answer to each prayer.

*Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C.
Assistant Principal Religious Education, Administration, SEL.*

TERM 1 DATES 2017

- Fri 17.03 Green Dress Day—Gold Coin
6H St Patrick’s Prayer Assembly
St Patrick’s Concert Shire Hall
- Sun 19.03 2nd Group Reconciliation Day
- Sun & Mon 19/20.03 RL Peninsula Trials
- Tue 21.03 Harmony Day Activities
Yr 6 Caritas Cultural Festival in the
Theatrette 12:30—1:20pm
- Fri 24.03 3B Palm Sunday Assembly
Netball Peninsula Trials
- Sat 25.03 Mini Vinnies Choir at 6:30pm
Mass Mother of Good Counsel
- Tue 28.03 6B Last Supper Assembly 8:30am
- Wed 29.03 CROSS COUNTRY
- Thu 30.03 5GS Stations of the Cross 8:30am
- 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 7**

GETTING ALONG
Hazel Dalton-Namok
Ellie Gracie
Cecilia Loh
Harlem Mercer
Charlie Dickinson

ORGANISATION
Aken Cora
Seth Gullo
Meg Hurney
Logan Lizzio

EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE
Bella Poljak
ALL KEYS
Hannah Patterson
Charlotte Boevink

PERSISTENCE
Cooper Healey
Rishan Randhawa
Nate Calleja
Kane Garget
Alannah Cini
Luca Franco
Elizabeth McCoomb
Navrajvir Gill
Ayden Edgerton
Kayani Kawiri
Zavier Edmondson
Djay Northage
Leah Peake
CONFIDENCE
Sarah Anderson
Isabelle Peake
Thomas Van Bael
Ashton Vecchio
Jack Brunetto
Henry Carpenter
Aidan Herbert

Harmony Day—Tue 21 March...
Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Australia is an interesting place to live. There are over 22 million people living here, who all contribute different ideas, religions, languages and customs to our country. Mrs Tabua has some special activities organised—from the Library. Let's make Australia a better country! Visit: <http://www.harmony.gov.au/>

CARITAS Just Leadership Day...
Tuesday 7th March saw Student Leaders from the Southern Cluster Schools—St Clare's Tully, John's Silkwood, St Rita's South Johnstone, St Rita's Babinda and Good Counsel Primary Innisfail, offered an opportunity for to gather for a workshop of social justice awareness raising, advocacy and action—facilitated by Mr Kerry Drysdale (Caritas QLD Global Education Adviser).
Thank you to the School Captains Rylee Jones and Noah Maguire, Mini Vinnies Presidents Bianca Brant, Kaitlin, Onaindia and Olivia Laksa for their excellent engagement in the organised activities at St John's Silkwood. Year 6 students are invited to support their enthusiasm for the Caritas Cultural Festival planned for the Year 6 classes next week to raise funds for Project Compassion 2017.
Photo courtesy of Mrs Natalie Maguire.



tUckshop



LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM
9AM—11.00AM

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 15 MARKELLY JONES
FRI 17 MARHELP NEEDED
MON 20 MARCHRISTINE NUGENT

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



GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE YR 7 2018 ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY MARCH 14
2 SESSION TIMES AVAILABLE
5.30PM - 6.30PM & 7.00PM - 8.00PM
IN THE COLLEGE MUSIC ROOM
(enter off Owen Street to follow the signs)
Phone the College Office on 4063 5300 for any
further queries. College P&F providing a free
sausage sizzle.

BOOKCLUB - DUE THIS FRIDAY All orders must be made online at - scholastic.com.au/LOOP
No cash or cheques will be accepted at school.



Digital Parenting: Educating-Protecting-Empowering

Being presented by Judi Fallon from the
ALANNAH & MADELINE FOUNDATION

Parent Session - Cyber Bullying

Venue: St Rita's South Johnstone

When: Thursday March 16 2017

Time: 9.00am (Staffroom)

& 7.00pm (Year 5/6 Room)

Sessions are 90mins in length.

Please contact Brad Williams Principal St Rita's Catholic
School Sth Johnstone on 07 4064 2153

TERM FEES

Term 1 fees are now overdue. Please check your emails for fee statements and make payment as soon as possible.

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.



Congratulations.....

To Thurston Zadelj (1G) and his family on the recent arrival of a little sister.