



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.**

COME AND TALK 'MOZZIES' WITH US!

Wed 21st March 2018

Our science leaders will be visiting some of our study sites to meet the community and talk about mozzies. Have your mozzie questions answered, learn more about Debug Innisfail, and tell us what you think about the project!

Come along to any of the following free sessions (refreshments included):-

Location	Time
Mourilyan- Australian Sugar Industry Museum Bruce Hwy	10 - 11.30am
South Johnstone South Johnstone State School, East Avenue	1.30 - 3.00pm
Goondi Bend Innisfail PCYC, Palmerston Drive	5.30 - 7.00pm

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:-

Call - 1800 4030 83

Email - Innisfail_project@csiro.au

Join facebook group - 'CSIRO Innisfail Sterile Male Mozzie Research Project'

Or visit

www.debuginnisfail.com



TERM FEES

Term 1 fees are now overdue. 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 MAR LINDA / HELP NEEDED
FRI 16 MAR LINDA / HELP NEEDED
MON 19 MAR LINDA / HELP NEEDED

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



IMPORTANT NEWS STUDENT ABSENCES PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

We request that all student absences be reported directly to the school via the following options only:

1. Our new Parent Portal - recently launched (please see email from school)
2. Phone call to the School Administration on 4061 2994.

Please do not use SEESAW for reporting student absences.

Lap Running

Fri 23 Mar will be the final week for lap running!



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

13th March 2018

TERM 1 Week 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, as I sat in my office this morning to a beautiful sunrise and blue sky over the river to write my section of the newsletter, many thoughts of the past 4 days came flooding back (no pun intended). Weather events can be dramatic in our region and last week was possibly a surprise for many, but certainly they can become a reality. With so much local rain combined with well over 600mm on the Tablelands in a short period of time, flooding was inevitable. Some families were cut off from accessing school for a couple of days and others had water in and under their house. Some of our farming families have lost parts of their banana crops, sugar cane flattened and fruit trees under water. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during the next few weeks of cleaning up. If we can assist in any way please contact me at school. Thanks to Mrs C and Mrs Dunne who worked to keep families updated during the weather events of Thursday and Friday. Hopefully the new text messages were useful. Most of all, students have returned to school this week safe and full of great stories to share about crocodile sightings, catching mud crabs in their back yard and going home from school early.

Our Mini Olympics and P&F Meet and Greet had to be postponed and we will move it to the first Friday of Term 2 (April 20) as we have St Patrick's Concert this Friday and Feast of the Senses next weekend.

This week we have a number of special events and activities:-

- St Patrick's Night Choir - Friday 6.30pm Shire Hall
- Combined GCPS/Radiant Life Rugby League - boys play in the Development Cup final in Cairns Friday

- Good Counsel On Show (flyer insert) Saturday 17 March 11.00am - 2.00pm at Good Counsel College. Reagan O'Brien GCC School Captain will be carrying the Queen's Baton relay in Owen Street at 2.00pm Saturday. Our very own Mrs Amanda Romano (Prep School Officer) will be carrying the Commonwealth Games Baton over the railway line at 1.20pm.
- Finally, Sunday/Monday - several GCPS boys, Ben Roebuck, Chayse Briggs and Braithan Kuhn will play in the Peninsula Rugby League Championships in the Innisfail District team. We wish them every success.

This Friday we have two focussed events:
- Mini Vinnies Green Dress Day to celebrate St Patrick's Day - Gold coin donation going to the local Vinnies.



The second event is joining the National "Bullying. No Way" Day. Schools around Australia will be focussing on bullying prevention. Our role is to inspire others and to continue to foster a positive school climate which promotes respect and inclusion.

Each child will receive a wrist band which has the message "Bullying. No Way" that they can wear for the day. These will be handed out at assembly.

Yr 1 - 6 Oral Reporting Parent/Teacher interviews, please refer to teacher letters being sent home this week.

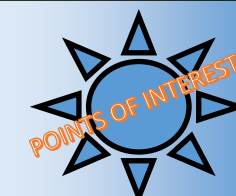
Year 5GS Parent/Teacher interviews will be held early Term 2 once Mrs Gallagher returns from leave.

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

FRI 16 MAR

♦ GREEN DRESS DAY
GOLD COIN
DONATION
♦ ST PATRICK'S
CONCERT—CHOIR
SHIRE HALL

District Soccer
Trials Goondi Bend

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

WED 28 MAR
CROSS COUNTRY
WARRINA LAKES

SUN 7 APR
ARMANI FUN DAY
INNISFAIL
ESPLANADE



Sacrament of Baptism...

Congratulations Alannah Cini—baptised last Friday with family and classmates present. Our prayers are with you at this special time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation...

Thank you Mrs Rosemarie Pensini for supporting the children last Sunday during their Sacrament of Reconciliation preparation day. Thank you Fr Kerry, children and parents for your presence. We pray for all the children making their Sacrament of Reconciliation this term.

Sacraments and one's Life in the Church...

Relationships grow through communication. Communication is more than just words. For Catholics, the relationship with God means connecting with him through words and gestures. The Scriptures are God's words to us and the Sacraments are gestures of God's love. The Catholic Church has named and formally recognised seven sacraments as powerful ways God reaches out to connect with believers. The Sacraments of the Church are visible signs that God's presence is real and signs of his love.

Each of the seven sacraments of the Church emphasises a different dimension of one's relationship with God.

The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) highlight one's relationship with each person of the Trinity:

In Baptism one becomes a child of God the Father by being reborn spiritually. The symbols of water signify rebirth. Many of the prayers of baptism express belonging, being part of the family of God, and being heirs in God's kingdom. In Confirmation, one recommit to one's baptismal vows, and receives the gift of the Holy Spirit, being empowered to live the Christian life with conviction.

At one's first Communion (Eucharist), Catholics unite with Jesus through the mystery of Eucharist—the body and blood of Christ.

The Sacraments of Healing (**Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick**) highlight the merciful nature of God, while the Vocational (or Mission) Sacraments (**Matrimony, Holy Orders**) illuminate our call to intimacy with Him to share his love with others.

www.cathfamily.org

If your child expresses interest in being baptised, or you would like to have them baptised, please feel welcome to contact Angie at the Parish Centre on 40616633 to discuss this further. This applies to any member of the family who wants to become part of the sacramental life of the Church.

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

2018 TERM 1

Fri 16.03	6H St Patrick Prayer Assembly
	Gold Coin Green Dress Day
	Bullying—No Way activities
	Development Cup Rugby League
Sun 18 & Mon 19	Peninsula RL Trials Callendar Park
Fri 23.03	3B Palm Sunday Prayer Assembly
	Peninsula Netball Trials
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

BULLYING. NO WAY!



Good Counsel on Show... Good Counsel College Year 7 students along with Deacon Michael Lindsay spoke to the Year 6 students about GCC opportunities for 2019.

GREEN DRESS DAY...

Friday 16th March will early celebrations for St Patrick's Day by the wearing of green items of sun-safe clothing—shirt, shorts or socks etc. and combining that with a gold coin donation for the local Vinnies.

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!

CARITAS Just Leadership Day...

Tuesday 6th 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, Good Counsel Primary and Good Counsel College 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 Deacon Michael Lindsay for the GCC hospitality.

Thank you to the School Captains Ruby Kukulies and Kodi Worth, Mini Vinnies representatives Lucia Gullo, Bella Poljak, Katilyn Corrigan, Delayne Balderson and Liam Purcell for their excellent engagement in the organised activities at Good Counsel College. Year 6 students are planning to put their ideas into practice in Week 10 to raise funds for Project Compassion 2018.



3WH Prayer Assembly...

Due to the inclement weather on Friday—3WH will present their Prayer Assembly on Monday 19th March at 8:40am

6H St Patrick's Prayer Assembly...

Thank you Ms Maree Helm for preparing the students for their traditional presentation on Friday to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Parents/Carers please note—last Friday's SEL Awards will be presented along with Week 8 Awards on Friday 16th March.



Cheer on our Prep School Officer Mrs Amanda Romano, Queen's Baton Relay Runner for the XXI Commonwealth Games. Starting at the Golf Club over the railway line to the Woolworths Service Station at 1.20pm.

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.**

