

## TUCKSHOP

WED 16 MAY LINDA / HELP NEEDED  
FRI 18 MAY LINDA / HELP NEEDED  
MON 21 MAY 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



## National Simultaneous Storytime

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, childcare centres, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 18th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

We will be celebrating with story reading and activities for the entire school on Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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

## TERM FEES



Term 2 fees are now overdue.  
Please make payment as soon  
as possible.

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.**

## FEAST OF THE SENSES WINTERFEST

SATURDAY 26 May 2018

Midday to 9.-00pm

## ON THE WATERFRONT

**Fitzgerald Esplanade  
Innisfail**

**Bring a picnic rug and enjoy  
our town**

Gold coin donation

Soils First

**Banana Olympic Games**

Tug 'O' War

LMB Farming

**Banana Challenge**

**Food & General Stalls**

**Entertainment**



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

15th May, 2018

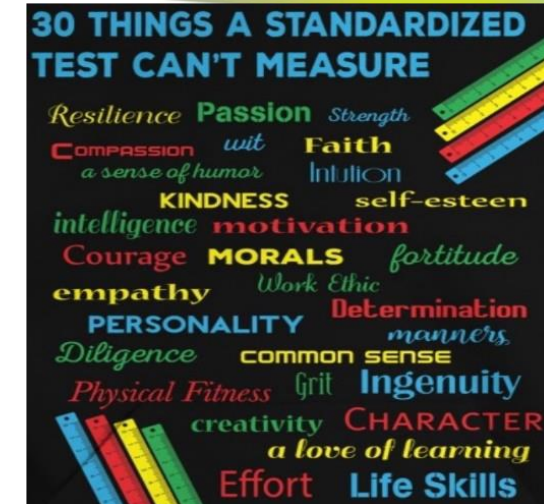
TERM 2 Week 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday morning was an opportunity for our wonderful students to showcase their performance skills for their mothers. Our annual Mother's Day Morning Tea was attended by nearly 200 mums, grandmothers and great grandmothers. Class items varied from poems, songs, skits and students telling their mums why they love them. Many thanks to the Good Counsel Primary School staff who prepared the class items and especially the students who as always stole the lime light once on stage. Well done to the Mini Vinnies who sold raffle tickets and assisted the Year 6 students in setting up and packing up. A huge thankyou to the army of staff who made sandwiches and scones in the early hours on Friday morning. Lastly, three cheers to Mrs C who once again organised the catering, table set up, raffles and lucky door prizes. I hope all mothers had a wonderful day on Sunday and were spoiled by their children.

This week, Year 3,5,7 & 9 students undertake NAPLAN testing across Australia. The testing will receive much publicity in the media for several days with many academics speaking out positively and negatively in regard to how the test results are used.

At Good Counsel Primary School the data gathered from the results is used to inform and guide our teaching and planning for the future, but more importantly it is used to support those students who need targeted intervention in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Realise though, the testing is a snap shot of parts of the curriculum. Students cannot study for NAPLAN, but our students have been prepared over the past weeks in the types of questions that will be on the NAPLAN papers. It is important to prepare students that they



receive an excellent night's sleep and a healthy breakfast and lunch on the testing days.

For the next two weeks Mrs Benvenuti (Year 3B) teacher is in Timor-Leste working for Catholic Mission Australia. I have included part of a letter she sent yesterday to her class. It reminds us that we are so lucky to live in Australia.

*I am writing from the Bakhita Centre. The roads here are extremely dangerous. There are no traffic lights and the people just toot their horn to let you know they are coming through. Many of the roads are just dirt roads and are not very safe. When we were driving we saw a truck with 16 soccer players hanging out the back. Laws and customs over here are very different to Australia, for e.g anyone can drive, seatbelts are not mandatory and up to 4 people can be on a motorbike - including young children. Last night when we arrived*



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OFFICE HOURS  
8:00 AM—3:20PM



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## DIARY DATES

TERM 2 Tue 17 Apr -  
Fri 29 Jun

WED 16 MAY  
YR 3 & 5 NAPLAN  
READING &  
COMPREHENSION

THU 17 MAY  
YR 3 & 5 NAPLAN  
NUMERACY

WED 23 MAY  
MATH OLYMPIAD #1

TERM 2 SCHOOL  
FEES ARE NOW  
OVERDUE -  
PLEASE CHECK  
YOUR EMAILS  
FOR LATEST  
STATEMENT



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*some villagers prepared us their best food. Some rice, egg plant and broccoli. They don't have fancy ovens like us instead they cook over an open fire.*



*I have noticed that despite there being a lot of rubbish/ pollution on the side of the road the people are very happy. Why do you think that is? Today I will be heading to Letefoho to teach English to children. I will write to you on Thursday to let you know how it goes.*  
Regards *Liam*



**Thank you...**and Happy Birthday Fr Kerry who celebrated 6H's class mass on Wednesday last week. Thank you Ms Maree Helm for the preparation and organisation.

Please join with 3WH next week for their class liturgy on Wednesday 23 May at 10:00am in Mother of Good Counsel Church.



**YEAR OF THE YOUTH**  
YOUTH MASS AT MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH (INNISFAIL)  
**SUNDAY 20 MAY**  
**5:00 PM, WITH A MEAL SUPPLIED**  
**AFTERWARDS**  
CONTACT FR. NATHAN  
FOR MORE DETAILS  
Ph: 4061 6633  
**ALL INTERESTED YEAR 6 STUDENTS ARE INVITED**

**2018 TERM 2**

- Tue 15.05. Wed 16/5, Thu 17/5 NAPLAN  
Fri 18.05 1G & 1S Pentecost Prayer Assembly  
Peninsula Cross Country  
Tue 22.05 Library Simultaneous Story Time  
Futsal Redlynch  
Wed 23.05 3WH Class Liturgy 10:00am  
Fri 25.05 Mini Vinnies Prayer Assembly  
Young Performers Choral Speaking  
Mon 28.05 Peninsula Boys Tennis  
Tue 29.05 ICAS Science Competition  
Peninsula Girls Tennis  
Thu 31.05 Yr 6 Biggest Morning Tea  
Fri 1.06 Colour Captains Prayer Assembly  
Young Performers Choir Shire Hall  
Peninsula Rugby Union  
Mon 4.06 3B Class Liturgy 10:00am  
Tue 5.06 P&F Meeting 7:00pm Theatrette  
Wed 6.06 State of Origin Footy Dress Day  
Fri 08.06 Prep Prayer Assembly  
Wed 13.06 School Officers' Day  
ICAS Spelling Competition  
Thu 14.05 Readers' Cup  
ICAS Writing Competition  
Fri 15.06 4B Confirmation Prayer Assembly  
Mon 18.06 Sacrament of Confirmation Innisfail 7pm  
Tue 19.06 Sacrament of Confirmation St Rita 's 7pm  
Wed 20.06 800m Callendar Park  
Fri 22.06 GCPS Castor Park Sports Day  
Mon 25.06 Maggie Dent—  
Tue 26.06 Maggie Dent—  
Fri 29.06 Reconciliation Week Prayer Assembly  
Fri 29.06 Last day of Term 2

**TERM 3**

- Wk 3 Cath Ed. Wk *Discovering New Horizons*  
Fri 10.08 Grandparents Day  
Fri 31.09 Father's Day Prayer Assembly  
Fri 21.06 Jim Graham RL Cup  
Mary Mills Netball  
Fri 21.09 Last day of Term 3

**TERM 4**

- Mon 8.10 Term 4 commences  
Mon 22.10 CTJ Pupil Free Day  
Fri 26.10 World Teachers Day  
Fri 9.10 Remembrance Day Prayer Assembly  
Fri 7.12 School ends



**Mother's Day...**

So special to have lots of mothers and grandmothers celebrate Mother's Day at GCPS on Friday. Thank you to all the staff who contributed to its success. Special thanks to the Mr George Taifalos and the Yr 6 students for organising the chairs and tables, and Mr Liam Kenny for the stage.



- Lucky doors—  
Deb Gallagher, Janine Hudson, Alex Puccini, Michelle Borg  
Raffles - 1st Prize  
—Cake Holder & \$30 Cheesecake Voucher—Angie Parisi  
2nd Prize—Serving Plate—Rosanne Mifsud  
3rd Prize—Oval Platter—Lisa Livingstone  
4th Prize—4 Floral Mugs—Bianca Borg  
5th Prize—Tea Infuser donated by Linda Croatto—Mary Booth  
6th Prize  
—Antipasto Set donated by Linda Croatto—Lisa McLeish  
7th Prize—Chef's Delight donated by Annette Dunne—Cindy Ramage  
8th Prize—Cutting the Cake—Cindy Ramage

**Pentecost Prayer Assembly...**

Please join with 1G & 1S students for their Pentecost presentation on Friday.  
As we come to the end of the glorious time of Easter, let us pray that God will fill us with the Spirit of the risen Christ.  
God of Light, send your Spirit into our lives and confirm us in our baptism so that we may do your work in the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE PARENT PORTAL**

**We are asking parents/guardians that if you have not already logged on to the Parent Portal that you please take the time to log in to make sure that there are no issues when you log in. In the near future this is where student report cards and other information will be displayed. Please refer to the instruction letter that was emailed to all parents earlier this year.**



**Please note that student absences are NOT to be advised through the SeeSaw app.**  
**To register any student absences log onto the Parent Portal.**