



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**

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facebook page for more information.**

TERM FEES



Term 4 fees will be issued shortly. 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 11 OCT	SONJA BUDD
FRI 13 OCT	CATHY HITCHINGS
	VICKY KIPPIN-O'CONNOR
MON 16 OCT	LINDA CROATTO

**Regular times for sale of uniforms are:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY
8:00—8:30am and 11:00am—12:30pm**



A pink bike helmet has been left behind from the Bike Safety Day. Please see Mr Kenny.



Update your contact info!

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, work place or additional contacts during this year and have not notified the Office please do so urgently as we have several families with out of date information on file.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

10th October, 2017

TERM 4 Week 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

During Week 1 we had NAIDOC activities highlighting Indigenous culture, story and song. The theme of language was strong and from the engagement of students the huge effort by staff was worthwhile.

All children have returned after the break and have been focussed on their learning. Behaviour at school has been exceptional, let us hope this continues over the next 8 weeks leading into the Christmas break.



GCPS Boys Rugby League Team - Winners of the Jim Graham Cup

I was reading an article last week by Michael Grose related to student achievement. Our students amaze us at school each day.

Do you let your children amaze you? A very interesting article with helpful parenting tips:-

"I am amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose/pleasure in contributing, each new skill achieved brings. The smiles are awesome too."

I've long believed that **adults are the gatekeepers for children's independence.**

We open the gate to independence when we give children opportunities to develop **self-help skills** (carry their own school-bags, get themselves up in the morning, tidy their own rooms); provide them with **real responsibility** (feeding pets, setting the meal table and preparing meals) and give them **autonomy** to make some of their own decisions (choosing clothes within limits, following own interests, making choices about pocket-money spending).

We close the independence gate when we **do too much** for children (tidy their toys away, pack their schoolbags, make simple

snacks), **rescue** them from learning opportunities (take forgotten lunches to school, sort out their friendship problems, pay their library fines) and **neglect** to build scaffolds to independence (such as help them make their bed, walk half way to school, teach them to ride public transport).

It's a quirk of parenting that many children think they are older than they are, and parents think their children are younger than they are. We underestimate children's abilities to the detriment of their development.

Are you an opener or closer of the gate to children independence?

Think of independence as a continuum with opening the gate and closing the gate at either end. If your parenting is more at the closing end then look for ways to move down the continuum towards independence building. My advice is to make small adaptations to your parenting. For instance, start with a child making their own snacks before moving to helping you to prepare a meal. But first you need to develop a mindset for independence building. That means, be on the lookout for opportunities for children to do things for themselves.

As many readers will know, I firmly believe that the job of parents is to make ourselves **redundant** from the earliest possible age of a child's life. That means, that our interactions with kids have an endgame in mind - we want our kids to be able to stand on their own two feet **physically** (don't we get a kick out of them walking for the first time!), **emotionally** (with support, of course) and to **navigate their world** without being reliant on others.

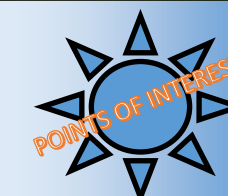
There is no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they've mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. It's those times that make parenting so worthwhile. Those awesome smiles won't happen by accident. They require a parenting style that gives kids a chance to be independent; that encourages them to be brave and offers them the safety net of emotional support when life throws them curve balls. Why not try it? Give your kids a chance to amaze you.

*Michael Grose - Parenting Ideas
Continued on pg 2...*

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**OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:20PM**



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of the School**

DIARY DATES

TERM 4

Tue 3rd Oct -
Fri 1st Dec

**WED 11 OCT
CHOIR PRACTICE
8.40AM - 9.00AM**

**GOOD COUNSEL
COLLEGE
ORIENTATION
YEAR 6**



**MON 16 OCT
PUPIL FREE DAY
CTJ - STAFF**

**WED 18 OCT
SOCKTOBER
CRAZY SOCKS &
GOLD COIN**

Principal's Column continued...

The GCPS Red Ball Tennis Team recently won the Cassowary Coast Red Ball Challenge against Schools from Cardwell to Babinda.

Friday 13th October the team comprising—

Meg Hurney, Trent Finta, Ashton Vecchio, Cooper Ingram, Zac Gracie, Oliver Nutting, Ryan Millard and Leo Briggs will take on the best in the Cairns District.

We wish them luck! Regards *Liam*



NAIDOC Prayer Assembly...

Thank you Mrs Lorraine Tabua for acknowledgement of Country to open the NAIDOC Prayer Assembly on Friday. Thank you to all the students who participated in the culmination of a fantastic three days of celebrations.

Prep C & Prep FD Liturgy...

Parents and extended family are welcome to join the children with the Preps for their class liturgy next week Tuesday 17 October in Mother of Good Counsel Church at 2:00pm.

Children's Socktober Mission Day...

A reminder to get those fancy socks out once again for our Socktober Gold Coin Mission Day on Wednesday 18 October. This year we are helping to **Sock it to Poverty** to the children of Uganda. For more information: catholicmission.org.au/wmm2017video

Our prayer assembly on Friday 13th will remind us that we are part of the catholic mission to **Reach out. Give life.**

The gift of Rosary Beads...

All GCPS students will have received Rosary Beads this week, a generous gift from Willie & Janice Quan from NSW who with their family and friends have distributed them free to us. As 2017 is the centenary of Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary Beads encourage us to pray the Rosary for Peace and our own intentions. 3WH will present 'Our Lady of the Rosary Prayer Assembly' on Friday 20 October when we will participate in praying the Rosary together.

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



Thank you Mrs Hayley Russell...

The Netball team members of GCPS Thunder (Yr 6), GCPS Lightning (Yr 5 & 6) and GCPS Storm (Juniors), thanked their fabulous coach at Friday Assembly for another tremendous year of Netball training and playing.



TERM FOUR CALENDAR

Wed 11.10	GCC Orientation Day Yr 6
Fri 13.10	Mission Week Prayer Assembly Inter-school Sport Wk 2
Mon 16.10	PUPIL FREE DAY / CTJ—STAFF
Tue 17.10	PFD & PC Liturgy MoGC 2:00pm P & F Meeting Theatre 7:30pm
Wed 18.10	Children's SOCKTOBER Gold Coin Mission Day Yr 1 Warrina Lakes Excursion
Thu 19.10	Cameron Stelzer—Author Workshops Pirates Dress-up Day
Fri 20.10	3WH Our Lady of the Rosary Assembly Inter-school Sport Wk 3
Sat 21.10	Vinnies Mass MoGC 6:30pm
Tue 24.10	Yr 4 Historic Village Excursion
Wed 25.10	1G & 1S Liturgy MoGC 2:00pm
Thu 26.10	Day for Daniel—Red Shirts
Fri 27.10	5T World Teachers' Day Assembly Inter-school Sport Wk 4
Wed 01.11	Billy Slater League Tag Callendar Pk
Fri 03.11	3B Prayer Assembly Inter-school Sport Wk 5 P & F BBQ Blue Area 6:30pm 7:30pm Logies/Movies/TV Stars Disco
Tue 07.11	Melbourne Cup Hat & Tie Day
Wed 08.11	4PD Class Mass MoGC 9:30am Prep Information Night 6:00-7:30pm
Thu 09.11	Yr 5 Leadership Day Theatre
Fri 10.11	Remembrance Day Prayer Assembly
Mon 13.11	6B Class Reconciliation MoGC 11:15am
Tue 14.11	4B Class Mass MoGC 9:30am P&F Meeting Theatre 7:30pm
Wed 15.11	5T Class Reconciliation 11:15am
Fri 17.11	Mini Vinnies Hamper Prayer Assembly
Mon 20.11	6H Class Reconciliation MoGC 9:30am
Thu 23.11	GCPS Talent Expo 1:30pm
Fri 24.11	Prep & Yr 1 Prayer Assembly
Mon 27.11	2018 Leadership Assembly 8:40am Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6:00pm Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 7:30pm
Tue 28.11	Yr 2 Poetry Recital Theatre
Thu 30.11	Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Fri 01.12	End of School Mass 9:00am MoGC



Competition Aboriginal Place Names and Meanings

Kurrimine—Sunrise
Dimbulah—Long waterhole
Malanda—Waterfalls
Tolga—Rocky creek
Babinda—Plenty of rain
Eubenangee—Big swamp
Milla Milla - Plenty of water
Mareeba—Meeting of the water
Bingil Bay—Good camping ground
Boogan—Native dog
Daradgee—Burial ground
Garradunga—Feasting on a ridge
Goondi—Big bend
Nerada— Quiet valley
Wangan—Crow

WINNERS:

Staff Miss Cassie McLeish
6B Logan Lizzio
Bianca Brant
Amara Ambrum
Kyanna Pike
Riley Jones
5GS Lane Maitland
4B Natasha Lee Bow
Joquin Bown
Daniel McAvoy
Gavin Shannon
Zack Blanckensee

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING GETTING ALONG

Tatyana Richter
Flynn O'Brien
Zavier McBride
Jas Preet Singh
Xavier Zadelj
Adam Redding
Isaiah Portelli
Ziggy Barker
Cooper Sargent
Ryan Millard

CONFIDENCE

Ronald Tanner
Angela Carman
Nicholas Giandomenico
Billie Luce
Olivia Laksa

ORGANISATION

Mathew Johnson
Gavin Shannon
Broghan Fisher-Leach

EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

Veral Tiwari

PERSISTENCE

Ethan Richter
Harseerat Kaur

ALL KEYS

Elizabeth McCoomb
Lucian Di Carlo
Mace Jones
Mylee Cora
Nicholas McCoomb
Maddie Hill
Joshua Lowrey

Editor's Apology

Apologies to all students concerned for the incorrect publishing of the SEL photo in last week's edition. Here is Term 3 Wk 10's SEL photo which should've appeared in Term 4 Wk 1's edition. Mrs. C.

