



## GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP

**PLAYGROUP RECOMMENCES  
FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY**

See our facebook page for details

### TUCKSHOP

WED 29 NOV LINDA CROATTO  
FRI 01 DEC CLOSED

Regular times for sale of uniforms are:  
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**  
8.00 - 8.30am and 11.00am - 12.30pm

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT WHAT TO WEAR:-

**Preps— Angel Shirt**  
(given out at on the night)

**Year 1 - 6 - Christmas  
Shirt, blue skorts or  
shorts and school shoes.**



All Mini Vinnies hampers will be handed over to St Vincent de Paul Society on the night. If you have not already donated by way of Christmas gifts / non perishable food items and are able to do so, please bring to school to be included in the hampers. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**DATE: Thursday 30 NOV**

**TIME: 6.30pm for 7.00pm start**  
**Blue covered area**

**BYO Drinks & a camping chair if you  
plan to sit under the stars!**

## TERM FEES



Term 4 fees have are now overdue. Please make payment as soon as possible. Please be mindful and check your emails to ensure delivery of your fee statement.

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.**

### CHRISTMASS EVE - VIGIL MASS 6.30PM

Calling for all parts: Joseph, Mary, shepherds, angels, animals! Come and be part of the real meaning of Christmas. Practice for the Children's Gospel is Fri 15th & 22nd Dec commencing at 3.30pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail. Contact Maria Clark on 0448 716 271 or Angie Sheerans 0409 871 636



### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



The Council of Clergy invite you to Traditional Carols by Candlelight to be held on Saturday 9 Dec at 5.30pm opposite the "RSL" on Fitzgerald Esplanade.

LAST DAY FOR TUCKSHOP/ PURCHASING OF UNIFORMS FOR 2017 WILL BE WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER.

### 2018 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

OPENING HOURS FOR UNIFORM SHOP FOR 2018 ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

MONDAY 15TH JANUARY  
WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY  
FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY  
TIMES: 9.00AM - 2PM



**REMINDER - WHEN YOU ARE  
PURCHASING SCHOOL SHOES  
FOR 2018 PLEASE REMEMBER  
THEY NEED TO BE ALL BLACK**



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

28th November, 2017

TERM 4 Week 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last night we celebrated the Graduation of our Year 6 Class of 2017. The evening began with a liturgy that highlighted these students and the journey travelled. A meal was then shared at Brothers Leagues Club where many stories were told, memories celebrated and certificates and gifts presented. Our Year 6 students, a group of 49, will be remembered for their competitive spirit, their friendliness and certainly the mature attitude in which they took on the leadership of our school community. We wish all our Year 6 students every success in their future endeavours as they close the chapter on their Primary School education and prepare to enter Secondary Education.

Reports go home today! The semester report focusses on both what work each student has completed and been assessed on against the Australian Curriculum, and will also give a record of what students need to focus on for their learning to progress. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child/ren and if clarification is required contact their class teacher. This year I am pleased to say that the reports are more informative than ever. Thankyou Mrs Gallagher and all teachers for their efforts to provide a comprehensive account of student learning and assessment.

Students have been notified of their 2018 classes today. Many hours have been put into placing students in a class and with students they will best work with. We have attempted to keep friendship groups together, however this is not always in the best interest of class combinations or your child. If your child has friends in the other classes they will certainly have plenty of social time before school and at lunch time and it is not the end of the world. An information pack with their class, booklist and information related to the start of next year is enclosed in their envelope. Information about starting times for 2018 - see calendar page 3. This information will also be available on our website and published in the Advocate over the holidays.

Congratulations to next year's Year 6 Student Leaders who were announced

yesterday at our Leadership Assembly:-

School Captains: Ruby Kukulies & Kodi Worth

Student Council:  
Jesse Catelan, Tara Borg, Braithan Kuhn, Lachlan Maccarone, Jorja Mansfield and Marjorie Tagget.

Sports Captains:  
Mackillop - Chayse Briggs & Charlotte Boevink  
Clancy - Finnian Dryden & Belle Gallagher  
Polding - Benjamin Roebuck & Juliet Santitto  
Marcellin - Ryley Lacaze & Ella Sciacca

We are looking forward to all Year 6 students stepping up to take on the leadership of Good Counsel Primary School in 2018.

At the end of any school year, we have staff changes. It is always sad to see people move on and accept new challenges in their lives. This year we farewell Mrs Lisa de Buck, Miss Erin Todd, Miss Gillian Marmara and Mr Gerry Brunetto. Lisa has taught each Friday in Prep FD for the past 8 years and next year will be working more hours at St John's Silkwood. Erin has taught at GCPS in 2014/15 (Year 7) and 2017 (Year 5). Erin will be relocating to Holy Spirit Catholic School in Townsville. Gillian who has assisted in Prep for the past 3 years will be relocating to the Sunshine Coast with her three children as the eldest begins University there. Gerry who has taught at GCPS in 2000/2001 then again in 2008/2017 is moving with his family to teach at Our Lady Help of Christians School in Cairns. All four staff will be missed. We certainly thank them for their contribution over the years and wish them every success in their life journey.

Last week's Talent Expo showcased some 20 items from Instrumental pieces, vocals

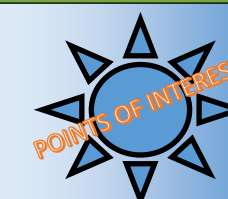


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OFFICE HOURS  
8:00 AM—3:20PM



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of the School

### DIARY DATES

TERM 4

3rd Oct - Fri 1st Dec

WED 29 NOV  
CHOIR PRACTICE  
8.40AM - 9.20AM

THU 30 NOV  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT 6.30PM  
FOR 7.00PM



FRI 1 DEC  
YR 6 COUNT  
DOWN - 11.50AM  
SCHOOL  
CONCLUDES  
MIDDAY





Principal's column continued...

dance routines and martial arts display. Congratulations to all students who braved the stage to perform. Well done to Mr Wiltshire's Instrumental students. Lessons will again continue each Thursday in 2018.

Our guest Highland Sword dancer (Mrs Leigh Hodder-Onainda), the staff Flash Mob and Wrecking Ball finale gave students lasting memories of the event.



This week we will be busy with various ceremonies, Liturgies and our Christmas Concert. I take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff here at Good Counsel Primary School who work so hard to provide an excellent education for our students. Our teachers and support staff do the extra and sometimes unseen things to make our school stand apart from others. This is what makes Good Counsel Primary School a great school. Thankyou to Fr Kerry and Fr Nathan for their guiding presence in our school and for leading class celebrations throughout the year.

As we enter the Advent Season, please make this Christmas special and attempt to take your children to one of the religious celebrations and ceremonies offered at this Holy Time.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and holy Christmas and New Year.

School concludes at 12pm Friday with the Year 6 countdown at 11.50am.

Regards Liam

### Prep & Yr 1 Nativity Prayer Assembly...

A fabulous effort from the littlies to present our traditional Christmas story last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Grace Slater, Mrs Lynne Guli, Miss Amanda Cardillo, Mrs Jenny Fey and Mrs Lisa deBuck, and the School Officers for the preparation that goes into organising this presentation. Thank you to parents /carers and grandparents who came along to enjoy it.

### Mini Vinnies Class Christmas Hampers...

Class Hampers are almost done—thank you for the generosity so far. Some classes have asked for a second basket.

### Yr 6 Graduation...

Congratulations to Ms Helm and Mr Brunetto for their efforts throughout the year with the Year 6 students and for the special graduation celebrations yesterday.

Moreover, thanks to Mr Brunetto for his eleventh Mother of Good Counsel graduation ceremony. Gerry—people will one day forget what you did for them but never forget how you made them feel. You are a remarkable man of warmth and humour—in the classroom, and in the Good Counsel Primary community. Thank you for making a difference throughout the years. May the greener pastures of OLHOC, appreciate your worth and sense of humour. *Stay beautiful!*

### Mini Vinnies Christmas Raffle...

Tickets (\$1.00) go on sale tomorrow for the Christmas Raffle and be available 8:10—8:35am Wed and Thu mornings as well on Concert night—First Prize is a Willow Nativity Set valued at approx. \$300. 2nd & 3rd Prizes—Meat Vouchers valued at \$100 each, donated by Ron & Dan's Butchery, 4th Prize—Christmas goodies.

*Wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas and a safe holiday break. May 2018 be kind to you and yours.*

*Yours in Catholic Education— Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C.*



### Christmas...

"Christmas is not only the commemoration of an historical event that occurred more than 2000 years ago, it is a spiritual event to be lived within each of us.

Our mission is to make holy the secular aspects of Christmas and we do this by being holy people—kind, patient, generous, loving, laughing people no matter how maddening the Christmas rush around us."

It has been said that if we were to put into "ordinary terms" the meaning of Christmas, perhaps it might look something like this:

*Christmas:*

*It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts.  
It's not wrapping presents, it's being present  
and wrapping your arms around the ones you love.  
It's not getting Christmas cards out on time,  
it's sending any card, anytime, at the right time.  
It's not having the best Christmas light display,  
it's displaying the Christ light  
that comes from your heart.  
It's not Santa coming down the chimney,  
it's Jesus coming down from heaven  
and giving us the gift of Himself.*

Author Unknown

### 2017 TERM FOUR CALENDAR

Thu 30.11 Christmas Concert 6:30pm for 7pm start  
Fri 01.12 End of School Mass 9:00am MoGC

### 2018 TERM 1

Mon 22.01 Term 1 commences (10 wks)  
Fri 26.01 Australia Day  
Wed 14.02 Ash Wednesday Liturgies  
Thu 29.03 Last day of Term 1  
Fri 30.03 Good Friday  
Sun 01.04 Easter Sunday

