



# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

24/01/2017  
Term 1 Week 1



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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 1ST JAN -  
FRI 31ST MAR

WED 25 JAN

CHOIR  
PRACTICE



SCHOOL  
BANKING  
8:00AM  
IN THE  
BREEZEWAY

THU 26 JAN

AUSTRALIA DAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FRI 27 JAN

STUDENT COUNCIL  
AUSTRALIA DAY  
PRAYER ASSEMBLY  
8.40AM

### Principal's Column

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all and a special welcome to our new students in 2017. A warm welcome also to our new Good Counsel Primary School staff for 2017 - Erin Todd Year 5T, Renee Butler Yr 4B, Sunni Day Prep C Special Needs Aide and Elisha Bartolo Prep FD Special Needs Aide. All are very welcome joining our staff team this school year.

#### STAFFING

Prep C - Miss Amanda Cardillo  
Prep FD - Mrs Jenny Fey &  
Mrs Lisa deBuck  
1G - Mrs Lynne Guli  
1S - Mrs Grace Slater  
2A - Miss Kiara Adamson  
2AL - Mrs Sue Ah Shay &  
Mrs Sue Lynch  
3B - Mrs Samantha Benvenuti  
3WH - Mrs Louise Wone &  
Mrs Michelle Ham  
4B - Miss Renee Butler  
4PD - Mrs Rosemarie Pensini &  
Mrs Amber Di Carlo  
5GS - Mrs Jan Gallagher &  
Mrs Genevieve Sugars  
5T - Miss Erin Todd  
6B - Mr Gerry Brunetto  
6H - Ms Maree Helm  
PE - Mrs Hayley Russell  
Arts - Mrs Genevieve Sugars  
Learning Support - Mrs Amanda Hurney &  
Mrs Lesley Erbacher  
Mini Lit - Mrs Rosanne Mifsud  
Teacher Librarian - Ms Darelle Horsford  
ESL Teacher - Mrs Amy McElhinney  
Internal Relief - Mrs Brooke Davis  
Counsellor - Mrs Carmel Parisi

Two staff associated with Good Counsel Primary for several years have resigned over the holidays. Mrs Anna Bruschi who has worked in Prep as a School Officer for the past 11 years has taken up full time employment in town. Anna will be missed by Staff and especially by our Prep students. Mrs Cathy Catania who has been our Crossing Supervisor has also moved on after many years keeping our students safe crossing the street. We wish both ladies all the best as they move on to new adventures.

Staff last week were involved in

Professional Learning across a number of topics but the main focus was on quality teaching. A particular focus on our School Identity - "what makes us different here at Good Counsel Primary" challenged each staff member to identify what we do well and gave us a sense of direction for 2017. The remainder of the week delved into "How we teach and strategies to improve teaching and learning in each classroom. A very fruitful week of in-service which will have every classroom humming this year.

School Uniforms are looking fantastic. Thankyou to all students, especially for the all black shoes. Parents requiring vehicle tags for children on pickup, please send a note or give us a call. For new parents - it's your child's surname on a laminated strip to be displayed on the passenger side screen visor for Duty teacher to see.

#### MONDAY WELCOME ASSEMBLY

All new students will receive their Welcome Certificate on Monday. Prep students will have classroom presentations after assembly.

A special welcome to our new students for 2017:-

Emmanuella Ozzi 1S, Mateo Budd 2AL, Jack Rosewarne 3B, Mia McLeish 3WH, Jordan Ozzi 4PD, Brendan Verri 6H and Sandy Jenkyns 6H

Welcome Back to GCPS:-

Ethan Ritcher 1S, Tatyana Richter 3WH and Sandor Zieger 3WH

#### BLUEBIRDS

Students utilising the services of Bluebirds bus will go to supervised pick up in the afternoon and the mini bus will pick up at the Owen Street Pick Up area.

#### BIRTHDAY CATCH-UPS

All January birthdays will receive their Certificate and pencil at Monday's Assembly.

A reminder that this Thursday 26th is Australia Day and a Public Holiday.

Yesterday we had all our boys start Prep & Year 1 and today the girls commenced. Tomorrow will be a big day with both boys and girls here.

Regards *Liam*

Welcome to the life of the school for 2017...

Welcome to these pages either for the first time or simply welcome back! Please check the Term Calendar for Parent/Teacher Meeting times as per the Class Letters going out this week.

Beginning School Mass...

Parents and extended family are invited to join with us Friday 3 February 9:00am at Mother of Good Counsel Church as we celebrate our whole school mass. We will celebrate the commencement of the school year, as well as welcome our Preps and all the new to the school staff and students. The Student Leadership will be receiving their badges during this celebration too.

**Sacramental Program...**

Enrolment forms are now available for 2017. if you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 this year, or an older grade, then please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40616633 or drop in to collect your enrolment form. The Sacramental Program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Once enrolments have been finalised, a brochure will be posted to you outlining what the Sacraments are about and important dates of which to take note Lisa deBuck— Sacramental Coordinator.

Parents/Carers are more precious than gold...

Through the years,  
parents/carers become teachers, counsellors and comforters  
and seem to keep going on an endless supply of courage, humour  
and love—but mostly love.  
It shows in everything they do  
from grocery shopping to family outings.

It's what overcomes  
in those moments of spilled milk  
and muddy shoes and broken windows.

Parents/carers never get repaid for all they do  
but they seem to be fulfilled.  
And though their rewards consist mostly of  
hugs, kisses and "I love you!"  
they are more than thankful for these  
than for anything else.

And as time passes  
and childhood gives way to understanding,  
we know beyond a doubt that parents/carers themselves  
are far more precious than gold.

Upon reflection...

*The story of Christ's birth tells us among many other things, how it matters always to find space in our home and at our table, even for strangers. The space must first be found, however, in our heart.* Stephanie Dowrick

Prayer for the day...

God of our journey, God of hope, we your children give you thanks and praise, as we begin a new journey together. May all who are part of this community, here at Good Counsel Primary especially all those who are new to our school, find a welcome space to grow and be.

May we be grateful for each day, as you give us the grace to begin our journey, with hope and joy. Amen.

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

**TERM 1 DATES 2017**

- Thu 26.01 Australia Day Holiday
- Fri 27.01 Student Council Australia Day Prayer Assembly
- Fri 03.02 Beginning School Mass Mother of Good Counsel Church 9:00am
- Mon 30.01 Parent Tr Meetings  
3:15pm 3B & 3WH Rm 5  
5:30pm 1G & 1S Rm 1
- Tue 31.01 Parent Tr Meeting  
5:00pm 5GS & 5T Theatrette
- Wed 01.02 Parent Tr Meetings  
3:15pm 2AL & 2A Theatrette  
5:00pm 6B & 6H Theatrette
- Thu 02.02 Parent Tr Meeting  
5:00pm 4B & 4PD Theatrette
- Tue 07.02 P & F AGM 7:30pm Theatrette
- Wed 08.02 Parent Tr Meeting Theatrette  
3:30pm Prep C & Prep FD
- Fri 10.02 Mini Vinnies Badging Ceremony  
8:40am
- Fri 17.02 5T Good Samaritan Charism Prayer Assembly 8:40am
- Fri 24.02 4PD Project Compassion Prayer Assembly
- Sat 25.02 Mini Vinnies at Mass 6:30pm
- Wed 01.03 Ash Wednesday Liturgies  
9:00am Prep—2  
10:00am Yr 3—6
- Fri 03.03 3WH Prayer Assembly  
Arts Council—Too Cool for Bullies
- Tue 07.03 Caritas Just Leadership Day
- Fri 10.03 Colour Captains Prayer Assembly
- Fri 17.03 6H St Patrick's Prayer Assembly
- Sun & Mon 29/30.03 RL Peninsula Trials
- Fri 24.03 3Y Palm Sunday Assembly  
Netball Peninsula Trials
- Tue 28.03 6B Last Supper Assembly
- Wed 29.03 CROSS COUNTRY
- Thu 30.03 5GS Stations of the Cross
- Fri 31.03 Brief Friday Assembly
- Fri 31.03 Term 1 ends

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Easter Mon 17 April

**TERM TWO**

- Tue 18 April - Fri 30 June (10 weeks)
- Tue 25 April ANZAC Day
- Mon 01 May Qld Labour Day Holiday

**TERM THREE**

- Mon 10 July - Fri 15 Sept (10 weeks)

**TERM FOUR**

- Mon 2 Oct Queen's Birthday
- Tue 3 Oct - Fri 1 Dec (9 weeks)



Principal  
Liam  
Kenny  
sharing  
his  
poster  
with  
and a  
few ideas  
with  
Mateo  
Budd  
2AL

GETTING TO KNOW YOU....  
A few welcome to school snapshots.  
Welcome new GCPS Staff -  
Erin Todd, Elisha Bartolo, Sunni Day & Renee Butler



tUckshop



LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM  
9AM—11.00AM

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED25 JAN.....HELP NEEDED

FRI27 JAN.....HELP NEEDED

MON30 JAN.....HELP NEEDED


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

REMINDER FOR FAMILIES ON  
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

ALL PARENTS WITH A DIRECT DEBIT IN PLACE -  
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE FEE COSTS  
FOR 2017 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ANY NEW  
SIBLINGS AS THIS WILL AFFECT THE AMOUNT  
CHARGED. PLEASE CALL INTO THE OFFICE TO  
ADJUST YOUR DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT  
ACCORDINGLY TO COVER THE FEES.

BOOKCLUB




We will be offering Bookclub throughout  
the term, catalogues will be sent home with  
your child. All orders must be made online at -  
  
scholastic.com.au/LOOP

No cash or cheques will be accepted at the  
school. Orders will be delivered to the school  
and passed on to students. All orders placed  
after the closing date of each issue will be  
delivered to the student's home address and a  
postage and handling fee will be charged.  
Encourage your child's love of reading with  
some fantastic bargain books as low as  
\$1 and \$2.  
Happy shopping and reading.

TERM FEES

Term 1 fees will be issued shortly.  
Please check your email for fee  
statements. **Should you not receive  
your Invoice by email please advise  
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.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY  
THUR 23 FEB  
MORE INFORMATION  
TO FOLLOW

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU HAVE  
RECENTLY CHANGED ANY ENROLMENT  
DETAILS eg- CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE  
NUMBERS OR ADDITIONAL CONTACTS THAT  
YOU HAVE GIVEN US IN CASE OF  
EMERGENCY.



ESTHER'S MUSIC TUITION  
Piano/Theory and Practical  
Learn for leisure or Examination  
Lessons before and after school hours  
Contact: Esther Sapelli 40652265 /  
0419655710

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEER—2013

Please circle your preferred day:

First: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRI DAY (of the month)

Second: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRI DAY

Third: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRI DAY

Fourth: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRI DAY

Fifth: MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRI DAY

NAME:..... PHONE:.....

