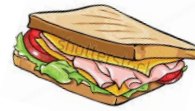


TUCKSHOP

WED 29 JAN — TANIA
FRI 31 JAN — TANIA
MON 3 FEB — TANIA



PLEASE ENSURE ALL TUCKSHOP ORDERS ARE WRITTEN OUT ON A PAPER BAG WITH AMOUNT OF MONEY ENCLOSED & CLEARLY NAMED.

Tuckshop List and Uniform Price List are available on the Good Counsel Primary School website.

2020 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS



REGULAR TIMES FOR SALE OF UNIFORMS:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY
8.00 - 8.30am and 11.00am - 12.30pm



PLAYGROUPE RECOMMENCES FRIDAY 31 JAN

GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUPE
GOOD SAMARITAN HALL
FRIDAY MORNINGS 9.00 - 11.00AM

Cost: \$2.00 per family
BYO: MORNING TEA & WATERBOTTLE
Co-Ordinators: Mrs Amy McElhinney & Mrs Katie Cavallaro
Catering for children birth to 5 years
Join our "Good Counsel Playgroup" facebook page for more information.

EARLY COLLECTION OF STUDENTS



Please note the collection of students from school during school hours -

All parents/carers are required to go to Administration, sign a student out then wait in the Office until the student arrives at the Office.

TERM FEES



Term 1 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.

Please email remittance to avoid payments being overlooked.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS.

FAILURE TO DO SO MAY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO CONTACT YOU IN AN EMERGENCY



If you have moved, changed phone numbers, work place or additional contacts (any other parties nominated for emergencies) these details need to be changed. Please go onto the Parent Portal and check all the details you have supplied an update any incorrect information.



Get your boots ready for the 2020 Season!

Sign-On Assistance
Meet and Greet
Saturday 8th February
4 - 6pm

Goondi Combined Sports Complex
Leichhardt St, Goondi Bend
Online sign-on open soon
www.playfootball.com.au

Like our Facebook Page to keep in the loop for any new information
Training commences Wednesday 19th February at 5.15pm



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

28TH JANUARY 2020

TERM 1 Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all students and parents this week. Though we had only our boys join us today for Prep and Year 1, we will be excited to see the girls tomorrow, and have the full school join us on Thursday.

We have 25 new students beginning this week, who have moved to GCPS from local schools, from outside our area around Qld and interstate. We also have some returning to GCP after a stint away.

This week marks the beginning of formal school for 44 of our Prep students. We hope you will enjoy your first experience of GCP Prep. A warm welcome to all. In 2020, we welcome a new staff member to our Learning Support Team—Mrs Beth Haley. Beth is a local who has worked at Goondi SS and St Rita's SJ, prior to having some parental leave to look after her two boys.

Over the holidays, Mrs Linda Croatto notified us of her wish to resign from running our Tuckshop and Uniform Shop due to some health concerns. Linda has been a long term employee working at GCP for the past 22 years. We thank her for her dedication as Tuckshop Convenor and wish her well in retirement. Later in the term, Linda will be invited to visit for an Assembly farewell.

While we are sourcing a replacement convenor, Mrs Tania Spagnolo will be working in the Tuckshop, and many of you may have visited her at the Uniform Shop last week.

It has been a mammoth task over the break, preparing for the 2020 school year. Our builders have done an amazing job on the construction of our three storey building, and preparing the school in readiness for Week 1. A huge thank you also to Mr George and Mrs Mercy Tagget for the hours of cleaning to get the site ready for students and staff.

The storm on Friday 17 January also provided additional work, stripping branches from our raintree and depositing them over the oval, as well as plastering leaves throughout the

school. This was all cleared and roof repairs completed by the middle of last week.

We still have works continuing for the first part of this term. Our lift and second stairwell are due for completion within a fortnight and the main building by mid-March. You can appreciate the size of the construction now that the scaffolding has been removed.

We will have limited parking and entry points to the school for a couple of weeks before we gain full access to the Prep carpark. Your continued patience and understanding during construction is appreciated.

All teachers and support staff returned last week for Professional Development on the topics of Religion and Writing, as well as the mandatory training requirements.

Teachers have been back for several weeks preparing their classrooms and are all excited about their new students who will be joining them in Week 1.

Yesterday we had the Australia Day holiday. The previous day, Australia Day—26 January, was a day to reflect on what it currently means to be Australian, and to acknowledge our history, by celebrating all the things we love about Australia: land, sense of fair go, lifestyle, democracy, the freedoms we enjoy but particularly our people. The natural disasters that have engulfed many parts of this country during the holiday break, remind us to be supportive of others in their times of need. At Masses over the Australia Day weekend, people were encouraged to support the immediate response and the ongoing work of Vinnies in support of those affected by the bushfires throughout Australia. We at GCP continue to support Vinnies.

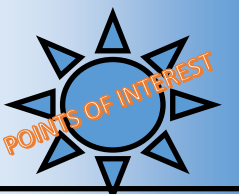
This Friday, wear your Australia Day hat or cap, as the Student Council present their Australia Day Friday Prayer Assembly.

Regards *Liam*

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:20PM



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DIARY DATES TERM 1

Tue 28 January —
Fri 3 March

FRI 31 JAN
WELCOMING ASSEMBLY FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS

MON 3 - WED 12 FEB
PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS ADVISED BY CLASS TEACHER - SEE PAGE 3

FRI 7 FEB
BEGINNING SCHOOL MASS 11:00AM

MON 10 FEB
MINI VINNIES BADGING CEREMONY BLUE AREA 8.40AM

The 2020 Life of the School...

Welcome to the life of the school for 2020...

Welcome to the new term and thank you for reading the middle of the Newsletter.

As the school year begins, the summer holidays are over but there is still a month of long, hot summer days. It's now back to routine or, for our Preps, the adventure of going to school for the first time.

During summer, the Church has celebrated the Advent-Christmas–Epiphany cycle, but now it is in Ordinary Time—devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. The liturgical colour of Ordinary Time is green, the colour of life and hope.

In 2020, Ash Wednesday is four weeks away.

As we begin the new school year, let us pray that all school students may learn to seek God in all people and all events.

*God of new beginnings,
may this year which we dedicate to you,
bring us close to you and to each other.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(We Pray As One—Brisbane Liturgy)*

The Term Calendar highlights some of the goings on booked in. Please check the Parent/Teacher Meeting times listed separately, as per the Class teachers' Seesaw notices or letters this week.

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

Deepest Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs Amanda Speziali 6S for the loss of her grandfather.

Deepest Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to Liam Ross 6H for the loss of his uncle.

Beginning School Mass...

Parents and extended family are invited to join with us **Friday 7 February 11:00am** at Mother of Good Counsel Church as we celebrate our Beginning School Mass. Thank you Fr Kerry as we prepare to 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 Leaders will be receiving their badges during this celebration.

Sacramental Program...

Enrolment are still being taken for the Sacramental Program for 2020. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 this year (or an older grade), please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40630650 or call in at the Parish Office to complete an enrolment form as soon as possible.

A Parent/Child Information evening will be held on Monday 24 February beginning at 7:00pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail.

Angela Cristaudo—Sacramental Coordinator

TERM 1 2020

- Fri 31.01 Student Council Australia Day & Welcome Prayer Assembly
- Fri 07.02 **Beginning School Mass MoGC Church 11:00am**
- Mon 10.02 Mini Vinnies Induction 8:40am
- Fri 14.02 5W Good Samaritan Charism
- Fri 21.02 4D Project Compassion Rugby League Gala Day
- Wed 26.02 Ash Wednesday Liturgies
- Thu 27.02 SCHOOL PHOTOS
- Fri 28.02 3W Prayer Assembly
- Tue 3.03 P&F Meeting 7:00pm Theatrette
- Wed 04.03 Caritas Leadership Day SCIEEN-TASTIC Performances
- Fri 6.03 Colour Captains Assembly
- Week 7—Book Fair Mon 9—Thu 12
- Fri 13.03 Harmony Day—Everyone Belongs
- Tue 17.03 St Patrick's Green Day
- Wed 18 & Thu 19.03 Author Aleesah Darlinson
- Fri 20.03 St Patrick's Prayer Assembly Development Cup Cairns
- Tue 24.03 U/12 RL Girls Oral Reporting Interviews
- Wed 25.03 MATH Olympiad #1
- Fri 27.03 3B Palm Sunday Prayer Assembly Netball Gala Day
- Tue 31.03 Last Supper 8:30am
- Wed 1.04 Cross Country Warrina Lakes
- Thu 2.04 5GS Stations of the Cross 8:30am
- Fri 3.04 Friday Assembly—End of Term 1

School Holidays

- Fri 3.04 Term 1 ends
- Fri 10.04 Good Friday
- Sun 12.04 Easter Sunday

Term 2...

- Mon 20.04 Term commences
- Fri 24.04 ANZAC Prayer Assembly
- Sat 25.04 ANZAC Day Mass 7:00am MoGC March 8:15am Fitzgerald Esp.

- Mon 4.05 Qld Labour Day Holiday
- Erf 6.05 MATH Olympiad #2
- Fri 8.05 Mothers' Day Morning Tea
- Tue 12.05 Wed 13.05, Thu 14.05 NAPLAN
- Wed 10.06 School Officers Day
- Fri 26.06 Term 2 ends

Term 3...

- Mon 13.07 Term commences
- Fri 4.09 Pupil Free Day
- Fri 8.09 Term 3 ends

Term 4...

- Tue 6.10 Term commences
- Wed 11.10 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Fri 23.10 Teachers Day
- Fri 4.12 End of School Year Mass

Food for thought...

My bare feet walk the earth reverently for everything keeps crying,

Take off your shoes
The ground you stand on is holy
The ground of your being is holy.

When the wind sings through the gums like the breath of God awakening you to the sacred presence calling your soul to new insights.

Take off your shoes
The ground you stand on is holy
The ground of your being is holy.

When the sun rises above your rooftop colouring your world with dawn
Be receptive to this awesome beauty. Put on your garment of awe.

Take off your shoes
The ground you stand on is holy
The ground of your being is holy.

When the autumn tree drops its last leaf and wears its 'burning bush' robe no longer read between its barren branches, and

Take off your shoes
The ground you stand on is holy
The ground of your being is holy.

When sorrow presses close to your heart begging you to put your trust in God alone, filling you with quiet knowing that God's hand is not too short to heal you.

Take off your shoes
The ground you stand on is holy
The ground of your being is holy.

When a new person comes into your life like a mystery about to unfold, and you find yourself marvelling over the frailty and splendour of every human being.

Take off your shoes
The ground you stand on is holy
The ground of your being is holy.

When during the wee hours of the night you drive slowly into the new day and the morning's mist, like angel wings, hovers mysteriously above you.

Take off your shoes of distraction.
Take off your shoes of ignorance and blindness.
Take off your shoes of hurry and worry.
Take off anything that prevents you from being a child of wonder.

Take off your shoes
The ground you stand on is holy
The ground of your being is holy.



Welcome to the Ferreira family—Edwill, Leon 5W, Mia, Henco, Iné 2DM, and Christel.
The Prep boys visit Mr Kenny's Office on their first day, with their tick off sheet to locate the Principal and others in Administration.



Parent—Teacher Meetings...

Please refer to Class Teachers Information

Week 2

Monday 3/2

3:15pm 3B 3W Rm 6

5:30pm 1G & 1S Rm 1

Tuesday 4/2

5:00pm 5GS & 5WTheatrette

Wednesday 5/2

3:15pm 2AL & 2DM Theatrette

5:00pm 6H & 6S Theatrette

Thursday 6/2

5:00pm 4B & 4D Theatrette

Week 3

Wednesday 12/2

3:30pm PA & PHS Theatrette