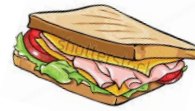


TUCKSHOP

WED 05 FEB — TANIA
FRI 07 FEB — TANIA
MON 10 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

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



SCHOLASTIC Book Club

A wide variety of affordable books - starting at \$3.

Book Club is only available online -

scholastic.com.au/LOOP

LOG-IN or REGISTER if a new member.

Click on ORDER, select our school and your child's class

Add your child's first name and last initial

(so the school knows who the book is for).

Enter the item number from the catalogue.

Orders are sent to the school.

If you need help, call 1800 021 233



GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUPE
GOOD SAMARITAN HALL
FRIDAY MORNINGS 9.00 - 11.00AM
(Access via Owen Street)

Cost: \$2.00 per family
BYO: HAT MORNING TEA & WATER BOTTLE

Co-ordinators: Amy McElhinney &
Katie Cavallaro & Ashleigh Strachan

Catering for children birth to 5 years

Join our "Good Counsel Playgroup" facebook page for more information.

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.

REMINDERS

MEDICATIONS: Cannot be given without written permission. All medications must be in a ziplock bag with name on the front and the written permission form (located on Parent Portal) in the bag.

DIRECT DEBITS: Please note that if you have a direct debit in place to watch the balance of your invoice and increase or decrease should you need to.

ABSENCES: For your convenience you may log onto the Parent Portal to submit student absences.



Semester 1 2020 Family Thresholds

For families who are part of the **Bus Fare Assistance Program**, we wish to advise that the NSSTAS Reference Committee has ratified that the weekly family threshold for Semester 1 2020 will be:

**\$25/week for non-concession card holders and
\$20/week for concession card holders
This cost will be charged each term
to the family school account.**

If you have any queries regarding this program, please contact your Bus Provider and/or our BFAP Co-Ordinator, Mrs Julie Nicolau.
(Phone: 4063 5300 (Option 2) or
email gcc.accounts@cns.catholic.edu.au)



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

4th February 2020

TERM 1 Week 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing start to 2020. Our new students are settling in, learning our GCP expectations and beginning to make friends. Classrooms are humming with the 'sounds of learning' and the staffroom is buzzing with coffee and conversation. We have set several key goals in the curriculum areas of English and Religion for 2020. Improving the writing skills of our students which will be enhanced by targeted spelling intervention, morning routines (building knowledge) and teaching the mechanics of writing. In Religion, teachers will be targeting improved planning and teaching of the R.E. curriculum with a focus on the diversity of religious and cultural backgrounds of their class.

Our overall school and system goal is to improve school attendance. If students are not at school they cannot achieve the before mentioned goals. Our goal is to have 90% or more of our students attending 90% or more of the time. Attendance matters:-

- A day here and there may not seem like much, but if your child is missing one day a fortnight they will miss four weeks a year and nearly 1 ½ years of school by Year 12.
- Late Arrivals - Arriving late each day and missing roll marking, places a strain on a student's ability to be prepared for the school day. Please ensure the students are at school before the 8.35am bell.
- Holidays - Attempt to avoid holidays during term time. Sometimes this is unavoidable but please consider your child's attendance when planning extended holidays.
- Naturally there are times when students need to miss school, such as when they are ill. It is vital that they are only away on the days they are genuinely sick.

Setting good sleep patterns, eating well, limiting screen time and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

- Remember - a bright future for your child starts with good school attendance every day, all day.

Our AGM for the Parents & Friends Association will be held on Tuesday 18 Feb at 7pm in the Theatre. New members are most welcome to attend the meetings which occur once per month. To kick the AGM off, we will have some wine/beer and cheese at 6.30pm. If you are interested in coming to our P&F meetings and want more information please contact our current President Mr Peter Schramm on 0408 573 888.

This Friday morning at 11.00am we will be celebrating as a whole school community with our opening school mass. During the liturgy, we will be welcoming our new students and Preps as well as presenting our student leaders with their badges. Parents/Carers and families are most welcome to attend.

On Assembly Monday 10 Feb, our Mini Vinnies executives will be inducted and receive their badges.

On the building front, we expect the installation of our windows and the lift this week. The plasterers and painters are making their way through each floor and the site is taking shape. Thankyou again for your patience in parking during the peak periods of drop off and pick up.

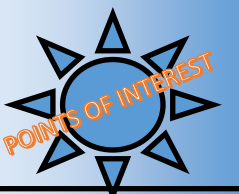
Class meetings are on over the next few weeks. Please attempt to attend as important information will be explained about classroom and homework expectations, curriculum outlines and how you can assist.

Regards Liam

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www.gcps.qld.edu.au

Ph: 07 40630600
Fax: 07 4061 2271

OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:20PM



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DIARY DATES

TERM 1

Tue 28 January —
Fri 3 March

MON 3 - WED 12 FEB
PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS
See website for dates and times

EVERY WED
SCHOOL BANKING
8.00-8.40AM
IN BREEZEWAY NEAR 1G

FRI 7 FEB
BEGINNING SCHOOL MASS 11:00AM

MON 10 FEB
MINI VINNIES BADGING CEREMONY
BLUE AREA 8.40AM



Australia Day Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations to the Student Council in welcoming all the new students from Prep to Year 6, during their very first presentation for the year. Thank you for leading us in prayer offered for those who are enduring the effects of bushfires, floods, wind and continued drought in our country.



Beginning School Mass Friday 7 February 11:00am



Parents/Carers and extended family are invited to join with us on 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—School Captains, Student Council and Sports House Captains for Clancy, MacKillop, Marcellin and Polding, will be receiving their badges during this Eucharistic celebration.

TERM 1 2020

- 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
- Tue 18.02 P&F AGM Theatre 7:00pm
- 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 Theatre
- Wed 04.03 Caritas Leadership Day SCIEN-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
- Term 4 ends

GCPS YR 6 MINI VINNIES INDUCTION CEREMONY

MONDAY 10 February—8:40am

in the Blue Area with local St Vincent de Paul Society members presenting Yr 6 Mini Vinnies badges & GCPS 6H & 6S Executive badges.



"The reality is that we all need to cultivate a habit of saying "please" and "thank you," not just because it is a sign of civil society, but because it enables us to recognize that each person has human dignity and deserves our respect, even if they are being paid to do their job. It helps create a world in which people are never mistaken for commodities." — Richard Leonard, *Why Bother Praying?*

2020 SIGN ON DAY

Saturday 15 Feb

9.00am - 1.00pm

Under 6s to 16s

Boys & Girls

What to bring: Boots & Water Bottle

MEET THE COACHES
COME & TRY
ACTIVITIES
SAUSAGE SIZZLE & DRINKS



Parent/Teacher Meetings Theatre

Week 2

- Tue 4/2 5:00pm 5GS & 5W
- Wed 5/2 3:15pm 2AL & 2DM
- 5:00pm 6H & 6S
- Thu 6/2 5:00pm 4B & 4D
- Week 3
- Wed 12/2 3:30pm PA & PHS

Deepest Sympathy...

to Georgia Grant and family for the loss of their grandfather and great grandfather.

Deepest Sympathy...

to Mrs Sue Ah Shay for the loss of her dad, and Olivia Ah Shay and family for the loss of their grandfather and great grandfather.

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