



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 4

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POINTS OF INTEREST

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THE SCHOOL
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DIARY DATES

TERM 1
(10 WEEKS)
TUES 27TH JAN -
THUR 2 APR

WED 18 FEB
CHOIR PRACTICE
8.40AM - 9.20

FRI 13 FEB
MINI VINNIES
INDUCTION 8.40AM

WED 11 MARCH
SCHOOL PHOTOS

FRI 13 MAR
MEET & GREET
&
STUDENT COUNCIL
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NEEDED URGENTLY
PLEASE SEE TEAR
OFF SLIP ON BACK
OF NEWSLETTER.

Principal's Column

Dear Parents,

Today we celebrated Pancake Tuesday (also known as Shrove Tuesday) because it is the last day before the period of Lent begins. As Lent is traditionally a time of abstinence, giving things up or self sacrifice, Pancake Tuesday is the last chance to indulge a little. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they are typically rich in fat, butter and eggs which historically were foods forbidden during Lent.



Tomorrow we begin our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday which marks day one of our forty day experience as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Prep, Years 1 & 2 will join with our Year 11 Good Counsel College buddies at 9am and Years 3 - 6 will recognise Ash Wednesday at the 10.00am service. Parents are most welcome to attend either of these liturgies. At each liturgy a cross of ashes will be placed on our foreheads. This is a powerful sign of our belief in God and serves as a reminder of our promise to follow Jesus. Quite simply, when we receive the ashes we remember that we are members of God's family and that we are called to be faithful to the gospel through our words and actions.

For us, Lent is a time of self-examination and self-renewal. We are encouraged to think about what the gospel means to us and to think about how well we are living up to God's law of love.

Lent is celebrated by Catholics of all ages and is characterised by three main components: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. This means that it is a time for us to try to become more

prayerful, to make our lives simpler and to share what we have with those who are in need. Our commitment to Project Compassion is a wonderful way to achieve the latter. Mrs C has explained our Project Compassion focus for 2015 in her section of the newsletter.

In 2015, the message of Pope Francis for Lent is "*Make your hearts firm (cf. Jas 5:8)*". Based on the theme of the globalisation of indifference, the Holy Father expresses his hope "that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!".



We all need to look at ourselves and ask the question; *Do we display indifference to our neighbour?* Our aim during Lent this year could be to show more mercy, be attentive and generous towards others.

Regards,
Liam

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(FOUND IN BLUE COVERED AREA
THE WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL
COMMENCED)



Mini Vinnies...

Congratulations to all our Year 6 students in becoming pledged members of GCPS Mini Vinnies for 2015. Thank you to our special St Vincent de Paul Society members: Mr Jos Van Slooten (President), Mr Jim Arnell, Mr Mark King, Mr Frank Cazzulino and Mrs Gwen Hansen for their presence at the Commissioning Ceremony. Congratulations to the Good Counsel Primary Mini Vinnies Office Bearers—School President: Levi Devereux-Phillips

6B President: Tayla Holdcroft

6H President: Jack Shinn

6B Secretary: Kasey Zahra

6H Secretary: Summer-Rose Davis

6B Treasurer: Jake Wynne

6H Treasurer: Allan Chuang



'Who said...?'

Zacchaeus said, "I will give half my belongings to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay back four times as much." Congratulations Grace Wone and a special someone who gave Mrs C their note without their name! (See me please).

Ash Wednesday...

Parents and extended family are invited to join with us.

Wednesday 18 February—Liturgies Mother of Good Counsel Church

9:00a.m. Prep C, Prep FD, 1G, 1S, 2AL & 2WH and GCC Year 11 students

10:00am. 3Y, 3/4K, 4PM, 4/5H, 5GH, 6B & 6GH

Friday's 4PM Prayer Assembly...

Please join us as the children lead us into Project Compassion for this season of Lent. This year classes will focus on the stories of particular people in Fiji, Niger, Peru, Nepal, remote Australia and Indonesia.

Thought for the day...

"I saw an angel in the marble and carved until I set him free." Michelangelo

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C.

Assistant Principal Religious Education & Administration

2015 TERM DATES...

TERM ONE

Wed 18.02 Ash Wednesday Liturgies

9:00am Prep—2

& GCC Yr 11 Buddies

9:00am Cowboys Development

Cup Yr 6 Theatre

10:00am Yr 3—6

Fri 20.02 4PM Project Compassion

Prayer Assembly

Sat 21.02 Mini Vinnies at Mass 6:30pm

Fri 26.02 Caritas Just Leadership Day

Fri 27.02 Colour Captains Assembly

Fri 06.03 3/4K Prayer Assembly

Tue 11.03 School Photos

Fri 13.03 6H St Patrick's Pr. Assembly

Tue 17.03 St Patrick's Green Dress Day

Fri 20.03 4/5H Good Samaritan Charism

Sat 21.03 Mini Vinnies at Mass 6:30pm

Fri 27.03 3Y Palm Sunday Assembly

Tue 31.03 6B Last Supper Assembly

Wed 01.04 CROSS COUNTRY

Thu 02.04 5GH Stations of the Cross

Fri 03.04 Good Friday

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Easter Mon 6 April

TERM TWO

Mon 20 April - Fri 26 June (10 weeks)

Sat 25 April ANZAC Day

Mon 8 June Queens Birthday

TERM THREE

Fri 10.07 INNISFAIL SHOW

Mon 13 July - Fri 18 Sept (10 weeks)

Sun 26.07—Sat 01.08 CEW

TERM FOUR

Mon 5 Oct Labour Day

Tue 6 Oct - Fri 4 Sept (9 weeks)



SOCIAL and EMOTIONAL LEARNING AWARDS 2015 Term 1 Week 3 Recipients

PC	Navrajvir Gill	<i>Getting Along</i>
PC	Tristan Johnson	<i>Getting Along</i>
PFD	Isaiah Portelli	<i>Getting Along</i>
PFD	Scarlett Tabone	<i>Getting Along</i>
1G	Tatyana Richter	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
1G	Joe Anau	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
1S	Joshua Green	<i>Getting Along</i>
1S	Joshua Iki	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
1S	Reagan Vang	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
2AL	Karleigh Costa	<i>Organisation</i>
2AL	Jared Spinella	<i>Getting Along</i>
2WH	Cooper Ingram	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
2WH	Jamie Pedley	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
2WH	Shyanne Moidin	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
3Y	Belle Gallagher	<i>Organisation</i>
3Y	Byron Welch	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
3/4K	Lachlan Maccarone	<i>Organisation</i>
3/4K	Ashley Lynn	<i>Organisation</i>
3/4K	Jack Mills	<i>Getting Along</i>
4PM	Bobby Johnson	<i>Confidence</i>
4PM	Tess Wilson	<i>Organisation</i>
4/5H	Kaitlin Onaindia	<i>Organisation</i>
4/5H	Thomas Herbert	<i>All Keys</i>
5GH	Daniel Slater	<i>All Keys</i>
5GH	Jasper Di Carlo	<i>Persistence</i>
6B	Akeesha Surha	<i>Confidence</i>
6B	Alana Puccini	<i>Persistence</i>
6H	Levi Devereux-Phillips	<i>Confidence</i>
6H	Joshua Rupp	<i>Organisation</i>

**Week 3 School & Overall Colour Points
House Winner — MacKillop**



Project Compassion...

This year's theme is "Food for Life." Food is essential to sustain life, yet many of the world's poorest people do not have food security, which means they do not have a reliable and nutritious food source, or enough money to buy food every day.

As Pope Francis says: "It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous."

The theme aligns closely with the Caritas International's global initiative "One human family, food for all", aimed at ending hunger by 2025.

Project Compassion 2015 throws a spotlight on food security, focusing on the ways in which Caritas Australia is working with partners in six countries to empower vulnerable people and communities to establish sustainable food sources and develop income streams for life.

Examples of Persistent behaviour:

Continuing to try even when school work is hard; Not being distracted by others; Checking my work when I'm finished to make sure it's correct; Completing my assignments on time

PROGRAM ACHIEVE

tuckshop



**LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM
9AM–11.00AM**

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 28 JAN LINDA
FRI 30 JAN LINDA
MON 02 FEB LINDA

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**

MILO / HAVE A GO CRICKET

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

5.30PM-6.30PM

GOONDI SPORTS

RESERVE

BBQ & Presentation break-up

CONTACT: JOHN DALAMARAS 0428 744 538

PARENT BORROWING



Maggie Dent is an author, educator and parenting and resilience specialist with a particular interest in the early years and adolescence. She has visited our school parenting body on various occasions.

We have a range of Maggie Dent books and DVDs for parents to borrow. If you are interested, please have a look at the resources we have on offer. Please see Mrs C.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH

Envelopes will be sent home next week.



**Money and envelope to be
brought in on photo day.**

More info to follow

TERM FEES

Term fees will be issued in due course.
***Those families seeking a remission for 2015
must make an appointment to see the
Principal ASAP.***

As we are now operating with the new system, your Term Fee invoice will be emailed to you each term.

**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.**

CASSOWARY COAST LITTLE ATHLETICS

SIGN ON DAY: 27 FEB 2015

WHERE: CASTOR PARK, MOURILYAN

WHEN: 5.30PM - 6.30PM

**Club nights start on 6 March
with a free sausage sizzle.**

**For more info contact
Cameron on 0409485566**

Seasons for Growth

An 8 week group program for children

Supporting Children

Through Times of Change

**Change and loss are issues
that affect all of us at some
stage in our lives.**

**Seasons for Growth is an
innovative grief and loss
education program that aims
to strengthen the social and
emotional wellbeing of
children (6-12years) who are
dealing with significant
changes.**

When: Mon 9th March 2015

Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Cost: Free

**Where: 10 Thomas St,
North Cairns**

**To register please contact Linda
on 4044 0130 or
Linda.Ryan@centacarecairns.org**