



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

17/03/15

Term 1 Week 8

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AND SERVE

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OFFICE HOURS
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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 MAR
CHOIR PRACTICE
8.40AM - 9.20

2AL & 2WH -
TOWN WALK



TERM 1 INVOICE

Due to the implementation of our new system, it is imperative that the Office holds your current email on file. Should you have not received your Term 1 invoice, we now ask that you call into the Office urgently.

Principal's Column

Eirinn go Brach,

We greet each other cheerfully today with "Happy St Patrick's Day!" and "Eirinn go Brach" - Ireland Forever! We wear badges and green hats that we do not wear for another 12 months. For those of us with Irish links or heritage we have long forgotten our forbearers who spent centuries in slavery, forbidden their religion, their own language and their land. These centuries of enslavement did not kill the Irish laughter, their courage or their love of music. We should not forget the actual St Patrick. His courage, lack of bitterness and his life of teaching.

Patrick was born in the late 4th Century AD possibly in England. He was born into a rich family but when he was 16 he was captured by Irish pirates who brought him to Ireland and sold into slavery. His job was to tend sheep. Over many years in slavery, Patrick came to view his enslavement as Gods' test of faith. During his 6 years of captivity he became deeply devoted to Christianity through constant prayer. In a vision, Patrick saw his mission to free the Irish from Druidism by converting them to Christianity.

Patrick escaped from slavery and studied to be a priest in France. He returned to Ireland and began preaching and his good news spread across the country. Throughout his missionary work, St Patrick continued to promote the conversion of Ireland to Christianity. St Patrick's Day is observed on March 17 which is the anniversary of his death. Traditionally in Ireland families would attend mass and celebrate with a meal of cabbage and Irish bacon.

Around the world today, St Patrick's Day is celebrated by wearing green, St Paddy's marches and concerts, Irish dancing and visiting an Irish establishment.

At Good Counsel Primary School we are fortunate as we have two Irish students, Tara and Gavin Shannon who moved to

Innisfail 5 years ago. Tara is in Year 5 and Gavin Year 2. The Shannons moved from Carrick-on-Shannon a small town in County Leitrim Ireland (with a population of approx. 4000). Gavin loves St Paddy's Day as it reminds him of Ireland and he loves to dress up in green. Tara likes celebrating St Patrick's Day because we can all learn about Ireland.



Disco / Meet & Greet

Last Friday night we had a fantastic roll up to our Student Counsel Hawaiian Disco. It was hard to judge numbers but, we had in excess of 240 students attend with many parents.

Thankyou to Miss Bowie for her help decorating the covered area and being our DJ for the night as well as all the staff who came along. Special thanks to our P&F workers and those parents who came dressed up. A great night was had by all.

Regards Li am

Cross Country Training

This Monday 23rd March will be the last week for lap running training on the oval. Time 8:00 - 8:30am. Mss Bowie



St Patrick's Day Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations 6H students and Ms Helm for bringing St Patrick's Day celebrations to us with all the history, quotes and Irish dancing.

St Patrick was a bishop who taught the Irish people to love Christ. Ever since, the Irish have spread the gospel throughout the world. Let us pray that we too may be missionaries. Eternal God, as you sent St Patrick to teach the Gospel to the people of Ireland, so may we bring peace and joy to others. Amen.



Project Compassion...

2AL students completed their Walk-a-thon to raise money for Project Compassion last week, with Mrs Sue Ah Shay and Mrs Sonia Howe.

Fantastic effort children!



Thank you to all classes for the continued Project Compassion generosity. This week we see Sarita in Nepal who with help from Caritas assistance, started a fish-raising business with 11 others to have a life-long source of food and income.

Caritas Just Leadership...

Levi Devereux-Phillip reminded students that if they had a roof over their head, food to eat and a bed to sleep in—they were richer than 75 percent of the world's population.

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

2015 TERM DATES...

TERM ONE

Fri 20.03 4/5H Good Samaritan Charism
Sat 21.03 Mini Vinnies at Mass 6:30pm
Fri 27.03 3Y Palm Sunday Assembly
Fri 27.03 Bessie Spiller Court—Netball
Fri 27.03—Mon 30.03 Peninsula Rugby
League Callendar Park U12

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 March

Tue 28.04 Oral Reporting 3:10-5:30pm

Fri 01.05 District Cross Country

Fri 08.05 Mothers' Day Morning Tea

Wed 29.04 Mother of Good Counsel Feast
Day Mass 10:00am,

Sausage Sizzle Lunch

Michael Mangan Concert 1:40pm

Mon 08.06 Queen's Birthday

TERM THREE

Fri 10.07 INNISFAIL SHOW

Mon 13 July - Fri 18 Sept (10 weeks)

Fri 24.07 GCPS Grandparents Day

Sun 26.07—Sat 01.08 Catholic Ed. Week

TERM FOUR

Mon 5 Oct Labour Day

Tue 6 Oct - Fri 4 Dec (9 weeks)





SOCIAL and EMOTIONAL LEARNING AWARDS 2015 Term 1 Week 7 Recipients

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| PC | Hayley Schramm | <i>Getting Along</i> |
| PC | Gabrielle Costa | <i>Emotional Resilience</i> |
| PFD | Julia Yang | <i>Getting Along</i> |
| PFD | Gurnoor Virk | <i>Getting Along</i> |
| PFD | Jaspreet Singh | <i>Getting Along</i> |
| 1G | Darnell Stagg | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 1G | Latoya Domaille | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 1G | Shaelah Surha | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 1G | Marcia Kuhn | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 1G | Meg Hurney | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 1S | Callista Masina | <i>Persistence</i> |
| 1S | Ronald Tanner | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 1S | Boston Nunan | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 2AL | Joshua Lowrey | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 2AL | Wade Rhodes | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 2AL | Daniel McAvoy | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 2WH | Gavin Shannon | <i>Emotional Resilience</i> |
| 2WH | Mia Terry | <i>Persistence</i> |
| 3Y | Jude Constantine | <i>Persistence</i> |
| 3Y | Byron Welch | <i>Emotional Resilience</i> |
| 3Y | Brady Sargent | <i>Getting Along</i> |
| 3/4K | Sarah Vang | <i>Persistence</i> |
| 3/4K | Sophie De Marinis | <i>Persistence</i> |
| 3/4K | Finnian Dryden | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 4PM | Aidan Herbert | <i>Organisation</i> |
| 4PM | Logan Lizzio | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 4PM | Leah Peake | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 4/5H | Madison Azzopardi | <i>Confidence</i> |
| 4/5H | Shannon Bown | <i>Getting Along</i> |
| 5GH | Sophie Barnes | <i>All Keys</i> |
| 5GH | Daniel Brandt | <i>Getting Along</i> |
| 5GH | Curtis Kibble | <i>Getting Along</i> |
| 6B | Lincoln Costa | <i>Persistence</i> |
| 6H | Kloe Abberdan | <i>Organisation</i> |

Week 7 Colour Points House Winner
School—Polding Overall —MacKillop

Hawaiian Disco...
 Thank you everyone
 for a happy Hawaiian
 night of sharing food,
 friendship, music



tuckshop



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

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 18 MAR CONNIE BARNES
FRI 20 MAR ALEX PUCCINI
MON 23 MAR 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**



CASUAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

We are seeking interested persons for a casual position, approximately 1.5 hours per day, on a rotating roster, school days only. Positions available throughout Innisfail and surrounding areas.

Approved applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment and pass a blue card application.

Pay rate starts at \$27.52 per hour.

Please call 07 4045 8516 for an application package.

TERM FEES

Term fees are now overdue.

***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.**

There are
some simple
steps you can
take to defend
yourself and
your family
against
dengue fever.

Tip it

Tip out any water that's pooled in things like pot plant bases, plastic containers and tarpaulins.

Store it

Store anything that can hold water in a dry place or under cover, including tyres, gardening equipment, toys, buckets, trailers or boats.

Throw it

Throw out any rubbish lying around your yard like leaves in gutters, old palm fronds and unused containers or tyres.

Check around your yard every week. Stop the mosquito breeding and...



DEFEND AGAINST DENGUE

For more information on dengue fever visit the website:
www.health.qld.gov.au/dengue



Congratulations
Daniel Brant -
Green Dress Day
winner!



**CHANGES TO BOOKCLUB
CASH & CHEQUES WILL NO LONGER
BE ACCEPTED AS PAYMENT FOR
BOOK CLUB.**

PAYMENT IS BY CREDIT CARD ONLY.

Orders are entered online at

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

**You do not need to return order slips to
your child's teacher.**

**Orders processed after the closing date
will be delivered to your home address
rather than the school and incur a
postage and handling fee.**

CRANKY BEAR—PREP & YR 1

**TERM 1 PAYMENT OF \$6.40
IS DUE BY FRIDAY 27TH**