



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

24/03/15

Term 1 Week 9

SEEK, LEARN
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 25 MAR
CHOIR PRACTICE
8.40AM - 9.20

FRI 27 MAR
RUGBY LEAGUE
CALLENDAR PARK
NETBALL
BESSIE SPILLER
COURTS



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

Dear Parents,

Each morning I attempt to greet each and every student at Good Counsel Primary School as they enter the school grounds. The vast majority walk in with a smile looking forward to the educational challenges that lie ahead. Many are ready to meet their friends, grab a hula hoop, play a quick game of handball or during the past month to complete some laps of cross country training. In the lower school many race to their classroom to change their home reader, read to an adult, then out to play. Parenting expert Michael Grose states that many kids today get too little structured time. Play that is not initiated by adults is more than just mucking around: kids learn and grow through such play. Unstructured play helps children learn how to work in groups, to share, negotiate, resolve conflicts, regulate their emotions and behaviour and speak for themselves.

To find out more about the benefits of positive parenting take that time to visit the website :-

parentingideas.com.au.

The mornings before the bell are a hive of activity and a great way to start the day for all students. Morning duty begins at 8.00am, so bring your children early to allow them to play prior to school.

Over the next two weeks classes are completing assessment before the end of term. Outside the classroom students will be involved in Rugby League and Netball. All the best for competitions this Friday, Sunday and Monday.

Next Monday at assembly we will celebrate the remaining birthdays up until the last day of the Easter

holidays (April 19). Over the next 10 days of Term 1 students from several classes will celebrate and remember the days of Holy Week from the Christian Calendar. This Friday Year 3/4Y will focus their assembly on the events of Palm Sunday - Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Tuesday, Year 6B will re-enact the Last Supper on Holy Thursday when Jesus joined his Disciples for his last meal with them. Finally on Thursday Year 5GH will solemnly take us through the Stations of the Cross. These prayer assemblies tell the story of Jesus' last days as he lived among his people prior to giving his life for us. We are reminded that these particular presentations attract no applause and we return to class reverently and quietly.

Parents are most welcome to stay and attend.

Next Wednesday all students will participate at our Cross Country Carnival. Students are to wear their Friday Colour House shirt. Students from Prep - Year 2 will travel by bus to Warrina Lakes at 8.50am and students from Year 3-6 will walk to the venue.

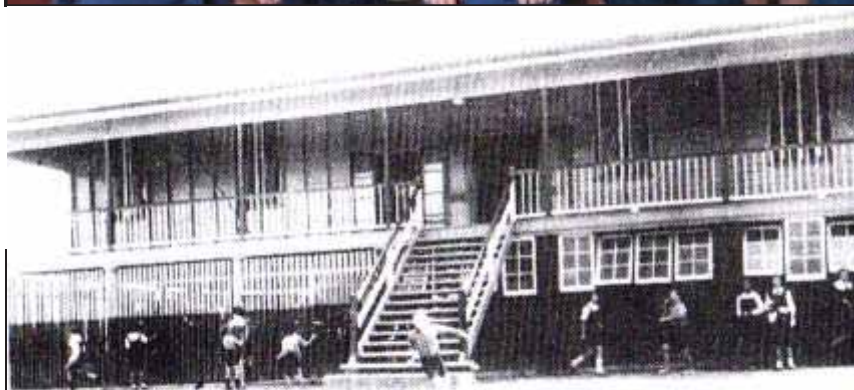
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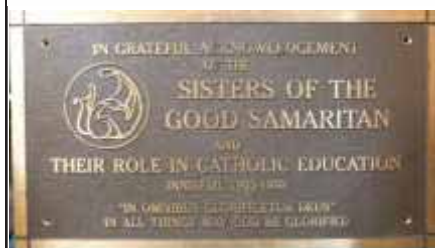
Cross Country Training

This will be the last week for lap running training on the oval. Time **8:00 – 8:30am**. Well done to all who participated.

Mss Bowie



Our School in 1903—The Sacred Heart Convent



Good Counsel Primary School's Charism...

What is Charism? A gift of the Spirit given to persons and taken up by a group to carry out the mission of Jesus. Serving with a special spirit which tells us something special about God. Charism = Greek "gift"

Our school's Charism comes from The Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedictine as inspired by John Bede Polding. In 1903, four Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Benedictine Order came to Geraldton (Innisfail's original name) to begin educating from the Sacred Heart Convent School on the hill in Rankin Street. In 1975 it became Good Counsel Primary—The place where we come to educate and be educated in 2015.

Is this our Charism? *Welcome the stranger as we would welcome Christ... Be compassionate to the person in need ...Speak up against injustice Serve God by being neighbour.*

Thank you to Miss Brooke Hampson and the students of 4/5H for bringing us back to our beginnings with some school history of our Charism. And while our Motto is **Seek, Learn and Serve**, we should strive to "**Listen with the ear of our heart**", as St Benedict's Rule would invite us to do.

The Good Oil is the e-magazine of the Good Samaritan Sisters in Sydney. Keeping you informed of the life and mission of the Good Sams, it aims to stimulate your thinking and nourish your spirit: www.goodsams.org.au

25 March—The Annunciation of the Lord...

Loving God, like Mary, may we say 'yes' to your will and so welcome our Saviour to the waiting world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

2015 TERM DATES...

TERM ONE

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

Sun 30.08 Yr 6 Outback Camp

TERM FOUR

Mon 5 Oct Labour Day

Tue 06.10 Maggie Dent 7:30pm Theatrette

Tue 6 Oct - Fri 4 Dec (9 weeks)



Thank you for your generous classroom donations for Caritas Food For Life.



SOCIAL and EMOTIONAL LEARNING AWARDS 2015 Term 1 Week 9 Recipients

PC	Jayden Lacaze	<i>Getting Along</i>
PC	Sienna Di Carlo	<i>Getting Along</i>
PC	Hailey Fisher	<i>Confidence</i>
PFD	Jonah Sugars	<i>Getting Along</i>
PFD	My-Lee Cora	<i>Getting Along</i>
PFD	Aken Cora	<i>Getting Along</i>
1G	Ceira O'Brien	<i>Persistence</i>
1G	Jake Vrancic	<i>Persistence</i>
1G	Colleen Purcell	<i>Persistence</i>
1S	Lachlan Thomason	<i>Getting Along</i>
1S	Jasdeep Rehal	<i>Getting Along</i>
1S	Violet Davis	<i>Persistence</i>
2AL	Chelsea Scullen	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
2AL	Aiden O'Brien	<i>Persistence</i>
2AL	Stevie-Rose Wallis	<i>Confidence</i>
2WH	Logan Walker	<i>Organisation</i>
2WH	Trent Finta	<i>Organisation</i>
3Y	Nicholas Giandomenico	<i>Confidence</i>
3Y	Liam Purcell	<i>Confidence</i>
3/4K	Jack Brunetto	<i>Organisation</i>
3/4K	Jorjia Mansfield	<i>Organisation</i>
4PM	Emaleigh Willey	<i>Getting Along</i>
4PM	Rylee Jones	<i>Confidence</i>
4PM	Sunpreet Singh	<i>Confidence</i>
4PM	Kyanna Pike	<i>Persistence</i>
4PM	Bianca Brant	<i>Persistence</i>
4/5H	Caylin Walker	<i>Persistence</i>
4/5H	Matthew Schramm	<i>Getting Along</i>
5GH	Cindy Champion	<i>All Keys</i>
5GH	Emma Onaindia	<i>Getting Along</i>
6B	Edward Kuhn	<i>Confidence</i>
6H	Thomas De Roit	<i>Persistence</i>

Week 8 Colour Points House Winners
School—MacKillop
Overall —MacKillop

GCPS Holy Week Liturgies *Palm Sunday*

Friday 27th 8:40am—Palm Sunday 3Y
(Sing It Hosanna)

Tuesday 30th 8:30am—Last Supper 6B
(Do This In Memory of Me)

Thursday 8:30am—Stations of the Cross 5GH
(On a Hill Far Away)



Mini Vinnies Easter Raffle

on sale 8:00-8:30am
supporting the Innisfail
Vinnies.

Tickets: \$1:00 each—
drawn Wednesday
1st April 1:15pm

1st Prize: Large Bunny &
Chocolate Eggs

(donated by Jack Shinn 6H)
2nd Prize: Scrabble Set &
Chocolate *Lindt* Bunny

3rd Prize: Drawing Folder & Chocolate *Lindt* Bunny
4th Prize: Drawing Folder & Chocolate *Lindt* Bunny



tuckshop



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

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 25 MAR HELP NEEDED
FRI 27 MAR AMANDA FERGUSON
MON 30 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.



The Cairns Cursillo Movement is running a Three Day Cursillo:
“A short Course in Christian Living”.

This is a three day experience in Christian and personal growth through a carefully structured series of talks, meditations, discussions, prayer and Masses.

Cursillo offers spiritual growth. It offers you the opportunity to deepen your personal relationship with Christ through support from a group of people who really care about your spirituality. It is an enjoyable and enriching experience which offers you an effective way of living out your adult Catholic Faith.

Adult sharing - Christian living – Building friendships!

“Come and see.”

2015 CAIRNS CURSILLO

Three Day Weekend

Friday evening 5 June to Monday 8 June

Genazzano Lake Tinaroo Conference Centre

Contact the Coordinators for more information:

Maria Mezes - 0422 585 744

Denis Provera - 0448 118 313

cairnscursillo.org

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.

Kurrimine Beach Horse Rides

is offering school students an opportunity to ride a horse on the beach at Kurrimine Beach. The ride is for **one hour** and at the **reduced rate of \$55 per person (usually \$90)**. There needs to be a minimum of 4 people per ride. The riders can be adults or children and either students or family and friends of the student.

Contact Chrissy on 0439593191 to make a booking

**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**