



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 1



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POINTS OF INTEREST

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DIARY DATES

TERM 4
(9 WEEKS)
TUE 6TH OCT -
FRI 4TH DEC

TUE 13 OCT
P&F MEETING
7.30PM THEATRETTE

WED 14 OCT
NO CHOIR PRACTICE

FRI 16 OCT
PRE-PREP SESSION #2

MON 19 OCT
PUPIL FREE DAY

CYBER SAFETY
GUEST SPEAKER
SUSAN McLEAN
THURSDAY 29 OCT
7PM-8.30PM
GCPS THEATRETTE
Most important for
ALL parents of
children of ALL ages

Principal's Column

Dear Parents,

Attached to today's newsletter is a survey regarding options for our new sports shirts. Please read the insert and return to the School Office with your preference of sports shirt to be worn each Friday by the whole school.

Last Tuesday night, over 60 parents attended the Maggie Dent Parent Talk. This was an excellent number in attendance, however as always, I would love to see more people attend to listen to such quality speakers. A brief summary of her session is following. Many of Maggie Dent's books are available for loan from the School Office - Parent Library.

We want our children to be able to manage living in our chaotic world and avoid becoming overwhelmed by the speediness and busyness of modern life. Maggie Dent has some top tips for calming down our children lives and go-slow living.

Now that we are three quarters of the way through the year, how is your family travelling? Are you feeling that you're living life at a good pace, or has the year bolted from the gates and left you scrambling to keep up?

Stress is a new challenge to children's health and social wellbeing in our modern world. The 'hurried child' and the over-scheduled child are modern developments. We have sped up the pace of life and living. We live in an **instant** world where we expect everything NOW. Communication, food, pain relief, results, well-behaved children - you name it, we expect things instantly. This expectation works silently and unconsciously and creates stress when things do not happen straight away.

Children take all of childhood to grow - to learn how to think, learn, process information, behave appropriately, manage their lives, dress themselves, find their way home and learn who they are! We cannot rush this vital development.

Children's brains are immature and unable to cope with the stressors of modern adult living and they often misinterpret adult challenges as being about them or their fault. Consistent stress becomes distress and the brain is seriously affected. Irrational behaviour, unstable emotions, sleeplessness and defiance are potential signs that a child is stressed and struggling. We want our

children to be able to manage living in our chaotic world and avoid becoming overwhelmed by the speediness and busyness of modern life. One of the best ways to do this is by calming our children's lives. So perhaps now is a good time to take stock and implement some strategies in your life to slow things down a little and create a calm environment for your kids and yourself. See below link for more tips:-

<http://www.maggiedent.com/content/lets-take-it-slow-importance-go-slow-childhood>

Next Monday is a pupil free day across the region. Teachers will be attending school and receiving region professional development. Please note this date on the calendar - **Monday October 19 - Pupil Free Day.**

Many thanks to Mrs Naqicatubua for her organisation and planning that was involved in all the activities and celebrations during NAIDOC week. The involvement of Community members certainly added to the significance and cultural learnings of the week's events.

Tonight there is a visit by Billy Slater Melbourne Storm, Queensland and Australian Rugby League Player to Innisfail.

A fun night has been organised by Junior Development Officers. Billy is visiting to promote Rugby League and attend the Billy Slater League Carnival which will involve over 50 teams on Wednesday.

Family Fun Night Calendar Park Innisfail
Gold Coin entry

Come dressed in your favourite
NRL Jersey

NRL Development Clinics - Age 6 - 12 yrs
Catch the high ball competition
Q&A with Billy

Family Fun Activities & Prizes

Annual satisfaction surveys were advertised prior to the holidays. Parents, you have only 2 weeks to have your say. The survey can be opened on the attached link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GCPriamryInnisfailParent2015> or paper copies can be left in the Office. Please take 5 minutes to respond.

Regards Liam

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SPOOKY FREAKY FRIDAY DISCO
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER



NAIDOC Friday Prayer Assembly...

Thank you Mrs Lorraine Naqicatabua for the Welcome to Country for the NAIDOC Assembly. Thank you children for the prayers.

God of all creation.

Help us to look at your world in awe and wonder, so that we will take greater care for your precious gift.

God of all people. Help our indigenous elders to be a voice for their people and help our nation's leaders to make decisions which seek justice and care for all people.

God of all dreaming. Help us to look to our indigenous sisters and brothers for wisdom, and to learn from them about living and working together in community.

God of all time. Care for those who are sick or dying, for those who are sad or alone. Help us to bring light and peace to those around us.

God of all people, continue to guide us as we pray the prayer which unites us all. Amen.

Sock it to Poverty...

I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink Matthew 25:35

This year, Catholic Mission encourages us to *Reach out. Give life.* October is World Mission Month and GCPS will hold our Socktober Gold Coin colour/crazy socks Day next week on Wednesday 21st. The money raised will go catholic mission to children living in poverty in Madagascar.

Please visit catholicmission.org.au/wmm2015 for examples of how donations help children access water, food and education.



Thank you Fr Kerry...

The students of 1G & 1S enjoyed separate class visits to Mother of Good Counsel Church with Father Kerry's excellent guidance. Many thanks from students of 5GH for their classroom chat yesterday too.

Thought for the Day...

You may not know what is going to happen when you try, but if you do not try, nothing will happen....
anonymous

Yours in Catholic Education
Maria Caltabiano Mrs C.

Assistant Principal Religious Education & Administration

2015 Calendar TERM 4

Wed 14.10 Billy Slater League Tag Yr 5 & 6

Fri 16.10 World Mission Month Prayer Assembly
Pre-Preps Day #2
Inter-School Sport

Mon 19.10 CTJ Day—PUPIL FREE DAY

Tue 20/10 4/5H Class Mass MoGC Church 11:20am

Wed 21.10 School Officers Day
6B Reconciliation 11:20am

Socktober Children's Mission Day—
Gold coin Day for crazy/coloured socks

Fri 23.10 Our Lady of the Rosary 5GH Pr. Assembly
Pre-Preps Day #3
Inter-School Sport

Mon 26.10 Life Education Van at School this week

Tue 27.10 6H Reconciliation 11:20am

Wed 28.10 GCC Year 7 Orientation Day

Thu 29.10 Day for Daniel—Wear a Red Shirt
Cyber Safety Sue McLean 7:30pm Theatrette

Fri 30.10 World Teachers Day
Pre-Preps Day #4
Inter-School Sport

Mon 02.11 4PC Class Mass MoGC Church 9:30am

Tue 03.11 P & F Meeting Theatrette 7:30pm

Fri 06.11 All Saints Prayer Assembly
Pre-Preps Day #5
Inter-School Sport

Student Council Spooky Freaky Friday Disco

Tue 10.11 Prep & Yr 1 Liturgy MoGC Church 10am

Wed 11.11 Remembrance Day Ceremony Blue Area

Thu 12.10 Yr 4 Herberton Historic Village Excursion

Fri 20.11 Mini Vinnies Hamper Assembly

Wed 25.11 GCPS Talent Show

Fri 27.11 Preps & Yr 1 Prayer Assembly

Mon 30.11 Leadership Assembly 8:40am Blue Area

Thu 03.12 GCPS Christmas Concert

Fri 04.12 End of School Mass MoGC Church 9:00am



Socktober Crazy Socks

Gold Coin Day

Wed 21 October 2015



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING
Term 4 Week 1 Recipients
Program Achieve:

6H	Allan Yung-Cheng	<i>Persistence</i>
6B	Edward Kuhn	<i>Persistence</i>
5GH	Clara Cini	<i>Persistence</i>
5GH	Teejay Parry	<i>Confidence</i>
4/5H	Elliott Ferguson	<i>Organisation</i>
4PC	Jessika Kenderick	<i>Persistence</i>
4PC	Marcus Cini	<i>Persistence</i>
4PC	Broghan Fisher-Leach	<i>Confidence</i>
3Y	Liam Purcell	<i>Organisation</i>
3Y	Brady Sargent	<i>Confidence</i>
2WH	Mia Terry	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
2WH	Alexis Onaindia	<i>Persistence</i>
2AL	Behnjamin Johnson	<i>Confidence</i>
2AL	Antonio Loh	<i>Persistence</i>
1S	Veral Tiwari	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
1S	Ned Negri	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
1G	Abigale Hudson	<i>Organisation</i>
1G	Jake Vrancic	<i>Organisation</i>
1G	Jemimah Conroy	<i>Organisation</i>
1G	Connor Onaindia	<i>Organisation</i>
PFD	Aken Cora	<i>Confidence</i>
PFD	My Lee Cora	<i>Confidence</i>
PFD	Gurnoor Vick	<i>Persistence</i>
PC	Whole Class	<i>All Keys</i>



The Goondoi Dancers performing for us last week.



Thank you
Mrs Lorraine Naqicatabua, Camilla Ivey & Kellee Odo



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LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM 9AM-11.00AM

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 14 OCT KELLY JONES
FRI 16 OCT ALEX PUCCINI
MON 19 OCT HELP NEEDED
If you can help out at any time even for an hour during

Regular times for sale of uniforms are MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY 8.00-8.30am and 11.00am - 12.30pm \$10 Interschool Sports Shirt now available



NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school in Term 4! Where: Good Counsel Primary Oval When: 1st session Fri 23 October Time: 3.10pm - 4.10pm Cost: \$70 You will receive a football, backpack with a hat, pump and more. Sign up online www.aflauskick.com.au Or Shay Warburtib 40423000



A big thankyou for the support given with the earn and learn program. Total points earned are 15 540.



QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT ORAL HEALTH SERVICES Changes to dental services for students

Cairns and Hinterland Oral Health Services would like to make you aware of some changes to our service. These changes are designed to improve access to our service and ensure we continue to be able to treat your children in a safe and supportive environment.

We have now introduced a Central Booking Service which will now make all dental appointments through a 1300 phone number. When it is time for your child/children to have a dental examination, we will no longer send out forms to complete and return. We will instead send out a postcard with the Central Booking Service phone number on it - 1300 300 850. Please call this number to arrange an appointment.

To ensure we provide the best care in a safe and supportive environment, we now require a parent or legal guardian to attend every dental appointment for a child at primary school and at least the first appointment for children at secondary school. Your child's medical history will be completed at the first appointment.

Thank you in advance for your support during this transition.

TERM FEES

We ask that all outstanding fees now be finalised prior to Term 4 fees being issued next week.. Please check your email for fee statements

Should you not have received your Invoice by email please advise the office immediately.

A reminder that every family will receive a fee statement eg: direct debit, families on remissions etc to keep you informed of your current balance.

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.



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 2, 2015



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
Does your family spend more than \$33/week* on fares to and from school (* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2015.

Late applications cannot be accepted.