



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

01/12/15

Term 4 Week 9



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POINTS OF INTEREST

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DIARY DATES

TERM 4
TUE 6TH OCT -
FRI 4TH DEC
12 NOON FINISH

WED 2 DEC
SCHOOL BANKING
8.00AM

FINAL TUCKSHOP DAY

THU 3 DEC
WHOLE SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
6.00PM FOR 6.30PM
START

FRI 4 DEC
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
9.00AM

SCHOOL CONCLUDES
MIDDAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Principal's Column

Dear Parents,

Last night we celebrated the Graduation of our Year 6 Class of 2016. The evening began with a liturgy that highlighted these students and the journey travelled. A meal was then shared at Brothers where many stories were told, memories celebrated; certificates and gifts presented. Our Year 6 students are a small group of 35; they will be remembered for their competitive spirit, their friendliness and certainly the mature attitude in which they took on the leadership of our school community. We wish all our Year 6 students every success in their future endeavours as they close the chapter on their Primary School education and prepare to enter Secondary School.

Yesterday reports were sent home. The semester report focusses on both what work each student has completed and been assessed on against the Australian Curriculum, but will also give a record of what students need to focus on for their learning to continue. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child/ren and if clarification is required contact their class teacher. This year I am pleased to say that the reports are the most informative I have seen. Thankyou Mrs Gallagher and all teachers for their efforts to provide a comprehensive account of student learning and assessment.

Students have been notified of their 2016 classes today. An information pack with their class, booklist and information related to the start of next year is enclosed in their envelope. Information about starting times for 2016 - see calendar page 3. This information will also be available on our website and published in the Advocate over the holidays.

Next year we will have two Graduate Teachers starting at Good Counsel Primary School. Miss Emily Tibbs comes to us from Cairns where she attended St Theresa's Primary, then St Monica's before attending JCU in Cairns. Emily will be teaching 4T in 2016. We also welcome Miss Kiara Adamson who is from Mareeba. Kiara attended St Thomas's Primary then Mareeba State High before completing her Business and Teaching Degrees at JCU Townsville. Kiara will be teaching 2A in

2016. We will also welcome back Mrs Amber Di Carlo after her Maternity Leave to teach Thursday/Friday with Mrs Pensini in Year 4PD. A full list of teaching staff is attached for your perusal.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Student Leaders who were announced yesterday at our Leadership Assembly:-

School Captains: Thomas Herbert & Kate Brunetto

Student Counsel: Sophie Barnes, Ella Rinaudo, Elizabeth Mansfield, Issac Stagg, Daniel Slater and Cooper Luce

Sports Captains:

Mackillop- Kohen Briggs & Clara Cini
Clancy - Curtis Kibble & Jazlyn Crosley
Polding - Elliott Ferguson & Erin Wood
Marcellin - Pacey Jenkins & Syren Letizia

We are looking forward to all Year 6 students stepping up to take on the leadership of Good Counsel Primary School in 2016.

This week we will be busy with various ceremonies, liturgies and our Christmas Concert. I take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff here at Good Counsel Primary School who work so hard to provide the Best education for our students. Our teachers and support staff do the extra and sometimes unseen things to make our school stand apart from others. This is what makes Good Counsel Primary School a Catholic school.

Thankyou to Fr Kerry and Fr Nathan for their guiding presence in our school and leading class celebrations throughout the year.

As we enter the Advent Season, please make this Christmas special and attempt to take your children to one of the religious celebrations and ceremonies offered at this Holy Time. Mass times for our Parish over the Christmas season are on the back.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and holy Christmas and New Year.

School concludes at 12pm Friday with the Year 6 countdown.

Regards Liam



Prep & Year 1 Christmas Prayer Assembly... Congratulations Prep & Yr 1 teachers and students for the traditional Christmas Star Prayer Assembly—always special. Thank you parents and grandparents who came along to support the littlies.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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



Fabulous talent on display for GCPS Talent Show last Wednesday. Congratulations to all contestants and especially Allan Chuang—Violinist extraordinaire! Thank you judges—Mrs Sugars & Mr Kenny.



GCPS MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS RAFFLE—TICKETS \$1 DRAWN THURSDAY NIGHT'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

1st Prize—\$50 meat tray
2nd Prize—\$50 meat tray
Donated by Andrew Cripps Member for Hinchinbrook via P & F and supplied by Northern Smallgoods.
South Johnstone 3rd Prize—LEGO Star Wars in Christmas Stocking
4th Prize Children's Collection of Classic Stories
5 & 6th Prize—Billy Slater signed Footballs
7th Prize—Basket Ball



HANDBALL RESULTS

48 Teams competed in 2015

<u>Champions</u>	<u>Runners Up</u>
Yr 2 - Ashton & Anthony	Trent & Logan
Yr 3 - Chase & Zavier	Jessie & Jamahl
Yr 4 - Lachlan & Daniel	Stevie & Logan
Yr 5 - Kohen & Teejay	Thomas & Caylin
Yr 6 - Thomas & Joseph	Troy & Josh

School overall Champions - Thomas & Joseph
Congratulations to all who competed

WORLD CUP SOCCER

3—4 Argentina defeated France in the Final
5—6 Portugal defeated Italy in the Final
World Champions Portugal 4 def. Argentina 0
Many thanks to Mr Brunetto and all teams which played over the past month.





SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING Term 4 Week 8

Recipients *Program Achieve*:

6H	Allan Chuang	<i>Confidence</i>
6B	Stuart deBuck	<i>Getting Along</i>
5GH	Erin Wood	<i>All Keys</i>
4/5H	Shannon Bown	<i>All Keys</i>
4/5H	Djay Northage	<i>Organisation</i>
4PC	Breanna Bignall	<i>Emotional Resilience</i>
4PC	Marcus Cini	<i>All Keys</i>
4PC	Rylee Jones	<i>Confidence</i>
4PC	Gurshaan Singh	<i>Confidence</i>
4PC	Baylee Worth	<i>Confidence</i>
4PC	Brendan Zahmel	<i>Confidence</i>
3/4K	Coen Mercer	<i>Persistence</i>
3Y	Belle Gallagher	<i>All Keys</i>
3Y	Charlotte Boevink	<i>All Keys</i>
2WH	Brandon Vue	<i>All Keys</i>
2WH	Zoey Morales	<i>All Keys</i>
2WH	Oliver Nutting	<i>Organisation</i>
2WH	Jamie Pedley	<i>Getting Along</i>
2AL	Charlie Ferguson	<i>Persistence</i>
2AL	Denai How Kee	<i>Persistence</i>
1S	Boston Nunan	<i>Persistence</i>
1S	Harlem Mercer	<i>Persistence</i>
PFD	Whole Class	<i>All Keys</i>
PC	Tayla O'Brien	<i>Persistence</i>
PC	Ellecia Rosendahl	<i>Persistence</i>

Thought for the Day...

"Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends."

Margaret Thatcher



**MINI
VINNIES
CLASS
CHRISTMAS
HAMPER
GIFTS
&
GOODIES
NEED TO
BE IN BY
THURSDAY
MORNING.**

**Thank you
for all
kind
donations
received to
date.**

2015 Calendar

TERM 4...

Thu 03.12 GCPS Christmas Concert
Fri 04.12 End of School Mass
MoGC Church 9:00am

2016 Calendar

TERM 1...

Mon 25.01. PUPIL FREE DAY
Tue 26.01 Australia Day Public Holiday
**Wed 27.01 Tm 1 School commences
All students in Years 2 to Year 6 will
commence on Wednesday 27 Jan
2016. All students in Prep C & Prep
FD, 1G & 1S will stagger start - refer to
your letters**

Wed 10.02 Ash Wednesday

Thu 24.03 Term 1 ends

Fri 25.03 Good Friday

Sun 27.03 Easter Sunday

Mon 28.03 Easter Monday

TERM 2...

Mon 11.04 Term 2 commences

Mon 02.05 Qld Labour Day Holiday

Mon 25.04 ANZAC DAY

Fri 24.06 Term 2 ends

TERM 3...

Mon 11.07 Term 3 commences

Fri 15.07 INNISFAIL Show Holiday

Fri 16.09 Term 3 ends

TERM 4...

Mon 03.10 Queen's Birthday

Tue 04.10 Term 4 commences

Fri 02.12 Term 4 ends



tuckshop



LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM
9AM-11.00AM

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 02 DECHELP NEEDED
FRI 04 DEC NO TUCKSHOP

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
\$10 Interschool Sports Shirt now available

CHRISTMAS CONCERT WHAT TO WEAR:-

Preps— Angel Shirt
Yr 2 - 6 Christmas Shirt,
blue skorts or shorts,
white socks for girls,
Blue socks for boys
and black shoes for all.



All Mini Vinnies hampers will be handed over
to St Vincent de Paul Society on the night.

If you have not already donated by way of
Christmas gifts / non perishable food items
and are able to do so, please bring to school
to be included in the hampers. Your
donations are greatly appreciated.

DATE: Thursday 3 Dec
TIME: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start
Blue covered area
Please bring a chair.

CHRISTMASS EVE - VIGIL MASS 6.30PM
Calling for all parts: Joseph, Mary, shepherds, angels,
animals! Come and be part of the real meaning of
Christmas. Practice for the Children's Gospel is Friday 11th
& 18th Dec commencing at 3.30pm in Mother of Good
Counsel Church, Innisfail.



Contact Maria on 4063 2210 / 0448
716 271
Angie Sheerans 0409 871 636



REMINDER!!!!

TERM FEES

Term 4 fees are now overdue. 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.



2016 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

MON 18 JAN

9.00AM - 2.00PM

WED 20 JAN

9.00AM - 2.00PM

FRI 22 JAN

9.00AM - 2.00PM



LAST DAY UNIFORM REQUIRMENTS

Whole School Mass 9.00am
Regular Check shirt
& Black shoes - because we have
end of year Mass in Church

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER
FINAL DAY FOR
TUCKSHOP FOR 2015