



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21/02/2017
Term 1 Week 5



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OFFICE HOURS
8.00AM—3.20PM

POINTS OF INTEREST

Religious Life of the School
& School Photos—pp 2 & 3

DIARY DATES

TERM 1
MON 23RD JAN -
FRI 31ST MAR

WED 29 FEB

CHOIR
PRACTICE
8.40AM -9.20AM



SCHOOL
BANKING
8:00AM
IN THE
BREEZEWAY

WED 1 MAR

ASH WEDNESDAY
LITURGIES
PREP - YR 2 9.00AM
YR 3 - 6 10.00AM

FRI 3 MAR

3WH PRAYER
ASSEMBLY 8.40AM

ARTS COUNCIL
"TOO COOL FOR
BULLIES"

P& F MEET & GREET
BBQ - 6.30PM
& STUDENT
COUNCIL DISCO" -
7.00PM



BEACH
THEME

Principal's Column

Dear Parents,

In the Church Calendar today, we celebrate Shrove or Pancake Tuesday. It is the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Shrove Tuesday is a reminder that Christians are entering a season of penance or fasting. The word 'shrove' derived from the past tense of the word "shrive" which means to bear confession - clear away any wrong doings people had done.

In a way people were cleansed and they tidied up their lives. People often cleaned out their pantries in preparation for Lent by cooking the fat, flour and any meat they had before their time of 40 days fasting during Lent.

Lent begins tomorrow with Ash Wednesday. It is a season in the Church year of preparation for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Lent is a time marked by prayer, fasting and doing extra for others.

At our Ash Wednesday liturgy tomorrow, the students will received an ash cross on their forehead symbolising the dust from which we were made. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, kept from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

Students in Prep - Yr2 will be joined by their Year 11 Good Counsel College buddies and sit with them during the liturgy at 9.00am. This is a great tradition at Good Counsel Primary School and our Year 11 students look forward to returning to us and buddying up with our little ones. It brings back memories for them of when they were in Primary School. For our junior students, they love having a big, big buddy from Year 11.

Students from Years 3 - 6 will have their liturgy at 10.00am. Parents are most welcome to attend both liturgies.

During the time of Lent in 2017, let us listen to the words of Pope Francis when he calls us to forgive each other.



Congratulations to the "Green Machine" made up of students from Good Counsel Primary / Radiant Life and St Rita's, on your winning the Innisfail Rugby League Gala Day. An outstanding performance considering no team scored a try against the boys. We now move on to take on the best in Cairns on Friday March 17.



Well done to Daniel Keough, Brendan Verri and Storm Jia for being selected to play in the Innisfail District Rugby League Team on March 19 & 20 at the Peninsula Trials.

Congratulations also to Rylee Jones and Tess Wilson for being selected in the Innisfail District Netball team to compete at the Peninsula Trials on March 24.

This Friday the Student Council have organised their first Disco. Our Parents & Friends executive will be putting on their Meet and Greet BBQ so come along and join in the fun. See attached flyer for more information.

BBQ starts at 6.30pm
Disco starts at 7.00pm
BYO Drinks
Theme: Beach

Regards *Liam*



Welcome to Week 6...

Last Friday's Prayer Assembly featured Project Compassion's 2017 theme of **Love Your Neighbour**. Congratulations to the 4PD students and Mrs Amber Di Carlo and Mrs Rosemarie Pensini for the presentation.

Students –If you are interested in the following—please see your teacher. **4PD COLOURING IN COMPETITION—Gold Coin Entry Fee** All money to go towards Project Compassion—To be judged by Mini Vinnies Executive— Due Friday 3 March 2017. Winners Announced the following Friday 10 March 2017. Prize for best entry in each grade level and overall major prize.

Thank you to all the class teachers for organising your own Caritas class activities —eg. Chef Compassion, Walk-a-thon & general donations etc.

Mini Vinnies Thank You...

Saturday evening's Mass saw several Good Counsel Mini Vinnies in the St Vincent de Paul Choir represented by: Isabella Marmara, Jasmin Ham, Kaitlin Onaindia, Leah Peake and Maddison Swain.

A number of younger children joined the choir voices and have been recognised on Monday Assembly as Honorary Mini Vinnies: Alexis Onaindia, Ashton Vecchio, Isabelle Peake, Jack Brunetto and Jonah Sugars.

Thank you to the GCC children who were also present: Emma Onaindia, Joseph Marmara, Kate Brunetto, Rhiannon Marmara, Savannah Vecchio and Shyrol Antony. Thank you to parents for supporting their attendance.



Ash Wednesday Ceremonies...

Wednesday 1 March—9:00am—Prep, Yr 1 & Yr 2 students & GCC Yr 11 Buddies. 10:00am Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 students. Parents/carers and extended family welcome to join with us in preparation for our Lenten journey.

Sacramental Program...

We keep the children enrolled in the Sacramental Program for Reconciliation in our prayers: Oliver Nutting, Jordan Ozzi, Ryan Millard, Mia Terry, Stevie-Rose Wallis, Ashton Vecchio, Alexis Onaindia, Mathew Johnson, Behnjamin Johnson, Aiden O'Brien, Chelsea Scullen, Sheri Evans, Aidan Van Bael, Jason Schramm, Gavin Shannon, Jared Spinella, Isabella Booth, Jake Tabone, Ayden Edgerton, Aidan Lo, Karleigh Costa, Callum Scullen. Joshua Lowrey.

Who Am I? Week 5 Winners...

Elizabeth was Mary's cousin. Congratulations to Audrina De Sabbata and Kaitlin Onaindia.

Where is it? Competition Week 6...

Answer the question correctly, add your name and class. Drop off to Mrs C's Office before Friday 3pm to be in the Draw for a frozie: This is the name of a desert and a mountain. After the Exodus, the Israelites came here. On this mountain, Moses received the Ten Commandments.

I is for Idea... Do you have Ideas?

When you think of another way to do something, you have an idea.

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

TERM 1 DATES 2017

Wed 01.03 Ash Wednesday Ceremonies

9:00am Prep—2 & GCC Yr 11

10:00am Yr 3—6

Fri 03.03 3WH Prayer Assembly

Performance—*Too Cool for Bullies*

P&F Meet & Greet BBQ 6:30pm

Student Council Disco 7:00pm

Tue 07.03 Caritas Just Leadership Day

Fri 10.03 Colour Captains Prayer Assembly

Fri 17.03 6H St Patrick's Prayer Assembly

Sun & Mon 19/20.03 RL Peninsula Trials

Fri 24.03 3B Palm Sunday Assembly

Netball Peninsula Trials

Tue 28.03 6B Last Supper Assembly 8:30am

Wed 29.03 CROSS COUNTRY

Thu 30.03 5GS Stations of the Cross 8:30am

Fri 31.03 Brief Friday Assembly 8:40am

3pm Term 1 ends

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Easter Mon 17.04

TERM TWO

Tue 18 April - Fri 23 June (10 weeks)

Tue 25 April ANZAC Day

Mon 01 May Qld Labour Day Holiday

TERM THREE

Mon 10 July - Fri 15 Sept

TERM FOUR

Mon 2 Oct Queen's Birthday

Tue 3 Oct - Fri 1 Dec



Mark Thao & Mrs C dabbling with Chess.



**SEL CERTIFICATE
RECIPIENTS WEEK 5**

CONFIDENCE
Elizabeth Wolbers
Bennet Benoy
Jason Schramm
Rylee Jones

ALL KEYS
Tony Yang
Ainsley Cavallaro
Stevie-Rose Wallis
Sheri Evans
Liam Purcell

BRENDAN ZAHMEL
GETTING ALONG
Tommee McCarrroll
Aaliah Jia
Harlow Juhas
Matthew Morales

ADDLER INGRAM
MAX COSTELLO
TAYLA FURBER
BRODIE MASINA
ORGANISATION
Belle Gallagher
Zaviah Di Carlo
Sam Hooper

PERSISTENCE
Kaiya Green
Chaise Di Carlo
Nash Juhas
Justin King
Jonah Sugars
Reagan Vang
Ruby Kukulies
Shyron Antony
Apologies to
Kyanna Pike - All Keys
& Coen Mercer - Persistence
who were left out of last
week's column.

OUT AND ABOUT SCHOOL.....



LENT: FASTING & FEASTING...

Lent can be more than a time of fasting; it can be a season of feasting. We can use Lent to fast from certain things and to feast on others. Lent is a season in which we can:

*FAST from judging others—
FEAST on the Christ dwelling in them.*

*FAST from emphasis on differences—
FEAST on the unity of life.*

*FAST from apparent darkness—
FEAST on the reality of light.*

*FAST from thoughts of illness—
FEAST on the healing power of God.*

*FAST from words that pollute—
FEAST on phrases that purify.*

*FAST from discontent—
FEAST on gratitude.*

*FAST from anger—
FEAST on patience.*

*FAST from pessimism—
FEAST on optimism.*

*FAST from worry—
FEAST on trust.*

*FAST from complaining—
FEAST on appreciation.*

*FAST from negatives—
FEAST on affirmatives.*

*FAST from unrelenting pressure—
FEAST on unceasing prayer.*

*FAST from discouragement —
FEAST on hope.*

*FAST from bitterness—
FEAST on forgiveness.*

*FAST from self-concern—
FEAST on compassion for others.*

*FAST from thoughts that weaken—
FEAST on promises that inspire.*

*FAST from the shadows of sorrow—
FEAST on the sunlight of serenity.*

Gentle God, during this season of fasting and feasting, gift us with your Presence, so that we can be gift to others in carrying out your work. Amen.

tUckshop



LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM
9AM—11.00AM

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 29 FEBANNE McAVOY
FRI 03 MARMICHELLE BORG
MON 06 MARHELP 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



Digital Parenting: Educating-Protecting-Empowering

Being presented by the
ALANNAH & MADELINE FOUNDATION

Parenting Session

Venue: St Rita's South Johnstone

When: Thursday March 16 2017

Time: 7.00pm

FEAST OF THE SENSES

World's Longest Banana Split.....

When we will Attempt it and by Whom...

- on Saturday 25 March 2017 – the day before Market Day at Callendar Park, Innisfail – home ground of Brother's Leprechauns at around 4:00pm. Gates to open at around 2:00pm
- a ticketed event requiring approximately 8,000 people to assist in the making – one metre per person.

For more information phone 0447 037 476 or email manager@feastofthesenses.com.au

To purchase tickets go to
<http://www.feastofthesenses.com.au/content/tickets/>

TERM FEES

Term 1 fees were issued last week via your email on file and payment due by 3rd March 2017. Please check your emails for fee statements.

Should you not receive your Invoice 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.

A reminder 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.



GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP
GOOD SAMARITAN HALL
(Access VIA OWEN STREET)

FRI DAY MORNINGS 9.00AM - 11AM

Cost - \$2.00 per family
BYO - Morning Tea for children

Co-ordinators:
Mrs Amy McElhinney & Mrs Rosanne Mifsud

Join our "Good Counsel Playgroup" facebook page for more information.

SCHOOL BANKING



For more information see the Banking Co-Ordinators at school in the breezeway on a Wednesday morning.