



GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

BREAK-UP
FRIDAY 24 NOV -
9:00AM-11:00AM

Cost: \$2-00 per family
BYO—Morning Tea for children

PLAYGROUP RECOMMENCES
FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

See our facebook page for details

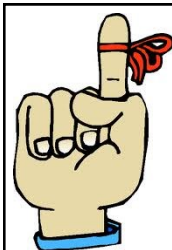
TUCKSHOP

WED 22 NOV LINDA CROATTO
FRI 24 NOV DONNA GIUENI
MON 27 NOV LINDA CROATTO

Regular times for sale of uniforms are:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
8.00 - 8.30am and 11.00am - 12.30pm



Congratulations
To the Borg family Ella
(Prep C) On the recent
arrival of a baby brother
Rowan.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION
Monday 27 November 2017
Mass 6pm - Dinner 7.30pm
Payment due by
Wednesday 22

Library books



All library books should now
have been returned to the
GCPS Library. Please return
urgently if you have any
books. Thanks Mrs Farina.



TERM FEES

Term 4 fees have are now
overdue. Please make payment
as soon as possible. Please be
mindful and check your emails to
ensure delivery of your fee statement.

A reminder that every family will receive a fee
statement regardless of payment
arrangements or concessions, to keep you
informed of your current balance.

Please be aware for direct deposits into the
school's bank account it is imperative to use
your 973.....Reference located at the bottom
of your invoice to ensure that monies are
credited against the correct account and not
delay payments. **Also, please email**
remittance to avoid payments being
overlooked.

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Thursday 30th Nov - 6.30pm
Blue covered area

What to wear:- School shorts/skorts
school shoes & Christmas shirt
(Preps to wear their white printed
Christmas t-shirt).



Cassowary Coast District
Junior AFL Football Club

Would like to invite you to an **EXPRESSION** of
INTEREST DAY. With recent events such as
District Girls AFL, Cardwell welcome to AFL day,
School AFL Gala days, School AFL programs and
continuous AFL in Mission Beach over the last 2 years we have
now formed a District AFL Club. The Cassowary Coast Crows.
With an aim to play in the Cairns League in 2018 and beyond.
So bring your Parents/Carers down. Have a kick, a snag and ask
some questions. We are only to happy to help.

When : Sunday the 2nd of December Cost: Free
Time : 12:00pm - 2:00pm Where : Goondi Bend Oval
Please contact us on 0456-628-331 or at cccrowsfc@gmail.com



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

21st November, 2017

TERM 4 Week 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in the midst of the busiest time of
the school year. Teachers are finalising
reports and over the next week I get the
chance of reading each one. Our aim is for
all students to have shown improvement
over the semester and this will be the result
of listening and participating in class,
working hard to achieve a set learning goal
and completing all assessment tasks.

Only last week I came across an interesting
article about 'Reports' and thought it
appropriate to share this week prior to
reports being sent home next week.

**"Could try harder" "always does her
best" "lacks concentration"
"easily distracted" "a pleasure to
teach"** Do these comments, taken from
a batch of student reports sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for
parents. Pleasure and pride if they are
performing well, but considerable angst
when children are not progressing as you
hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for
children too. Will my parents be
disappointed or proud? This is the main
concern of most children. Kids of all ages
take their cues from their parents, so your
reaction to their school report can affect the
way they see themselves as learners and
as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope
containing the report do a little self-check to
see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. *Are your expectations for your son or
daughter realistic and in line with their
ability?*
Expectations are tricky. If they are too high
then kids can be turned off learning. Too
low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch
your expectations in line with your child's
abilities.
2. *Do you believe that children learn at
different rates?*
There are slow bloomers, late developers
and steady-as-you-go kids in every
classroom, so avoid comparing your child or
siblings, your friends' children and even
yourself when you were a child. Instead
look for individual progress.

3. *Are you willing to safeguard your child's
self-esteem rather than deflate it?*

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for
learning, so be prepared to be as positive
and encouraging as possible. Regardless
of the format, school reports should provide
you with an idea of your child's progress in
all subject areas, their attitude and social
development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you
open your child's report:

Focus on strengths – Do you look for
strengths or weaknesses first? The
challenge is to focus on strengths even if
they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core
subjects.

Take into account your child's effort and
attitude to learning. If the report indicates
that effort is below standard, then you have
something to work on. If your child is
putting in the required effort, then you
cannot ask any more than that, regardless
of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic
performance to form a picture of your child's
progress as a member of a social setting.
How your child gets along with his/her peers
will influence his/her happiness and well
being. The skills of independence and
co-operation are highly valued by
employers, so don't dismiss these as
unimportant.

Take note of student self-assessment - Kids
are generally very honest and will give a
realistic assessment of their progress. They
are generally very perceptive, so take note
of their opinions.

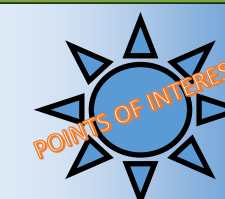
Discuss the report with your son or
daughter - talking about strengths first
before looking at areas that need
improvement. Ask for their opinion about
how they performed and discuss their
concerns.

After reports are read and discussed
celebrate your child's efforts with a special
activity or treat. In this way you will
recognise progress and remind them that
the holidays are just around the corner
when they can forget about assessment,
tests and reports for a while.

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:20PM



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of the School

DIARY DATES

TERM 4

3rd Oct - Fri 1st Dec

THU 23 NOV
GCP TALENT EXPO
1.30PM

FRI 24 NOV
PREP & YR 1
ASSEMBLY

MON 27 NOV
LEADERSHIP
ASSEMBLY 8.35AM
YR 6 GRADUATION
MASS 6PM

THU 30 NOV
WHOLE
SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT 6.30PM

FRI 1 DEC
YR 6 COUNT
DOWN - 11.50AM
SCHOOL

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Last week we held our Annual GCPS World Cup Soccer Championships. Each team played off to ultimately crown the champion Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 winners. The champions for 2017 were Year 3/4 Spain and Year 5/6 Australia, and the overall World Cup Champions Australia. Thank you Mr Brunetto for organising and officiating (with those yellow and red cards). See photos page 3.

Congratulations to our Math Olympiads participants for 2017, especially the patch and pin recipients. Congratulations to Jack Brunetto 5GS for his 22 out of a possible 25 problem solving achievement.



This Thursday we will host our second "Talent Expo". We have 20 items from Instrumental Music students, Martial Arts displays, dance routines and vocals. This is a great chance to see future stars on the 'big stage' at GCPS, 1.30pm Thursday afternoon.

Leadership Assembly - Monday 27 Nov 8.35am - Handover from current 2017 School Leaders to our new leaders for 2018.

Regards *Liam*



Mini Vinnies Class Christmas Hampers...

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies Executive for handing out the hamper baskets on Friday to all classes. Thank you to everyone who has already commenced donating items for their class hamper. Mr Jim Arnell—President of the Innisfail Vinnies will accept the Hampers at the Christmas Concert.

Thank you to all the Yr 6 Mini Vinnies for an amazing job in once again this year. Your efforts for this year (and with Christmas Raffle still to come) raising close to a \$1000 to support the St Vincent de Paul charity, assist in educating two overseas students and raise awareness of for social justice in our school.

Yr 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner...

Our Year 6's celebrate their Graduation Ceremony next Monday with Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church 6pm and Dinner at Brothers at 7.30pm.

*Yours in Catholic Education—
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C.
APRE/APA/SEL*

2017 TERM FOUR CALENDAR

Thu 23.11 GCPS Talent Expo 1:30pm
Fri 24.11 Prep & Yr 1 Prayer Assembly
Mon 27.11 2018 Leadership Assembly 8:40am
Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6:00pm
Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 7:30pm
Tue 28.11 Yr 2 Poetry Recital Theatre
Thu 30.11 Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Fri 01.12 End of School Mass 9:00am MoGC

2018 TERM 1

Mon 22.01 Term 1 commences (10 wks)
Fri 26.01 Australia Day
Wed 14.02 Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Thu 29.03 Last day of Term 1
Fri 30.03 Good Friday
Sun 01.04 Easter Sunday

Sacramental Program 2018

Enrolments forms are now available for the Sacramental Program for 2018. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 in 2018 (or an older grade) then please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40616633 or call in to fill in an enrolment form.

The Sacramental Program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Eucharist. Once enrolments have been finalised in the New Year, a brochure will be posted to you outlining what the Sacraments are about and important dates of which to take note.



The Story of the Jesse Tree...

Jesse was the father of the great King David of the Old Testament. He is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. In Church art a design developed showing the relationship of Jesus with Jesse and other biblical personages. This design showed a branched tree growing from a reclining figure of Jesse. The various branches had pictures of other Old and New Testament figures who were ancestors of Jesus.



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING GETTING ALONG

Kobi Dotti
Mackenzie Livingstone
Hayley Schramm
Cecilia Loh
Gabrielle Costa
Ellecia Rosendahl
Jemimah Conroy
CONFIDENCE

Ava Jones
Mason Zadelj
Claire Daley
Jacob Bradford
Aaliya Briggs
William Kris
Kaiya Green
Dhasheen Gill
Maggie Wolbers
Luca Franco
Tayla Furber
Adam Redding
Finlay Edmondson

Meg Hurney
Ned Negri
Jase Braun
Rylie Abberdan
Blake Swanson

ORGANISATION

Amaya Hutchinson
Aliah Jia
Dakota Cavallaro
Frankie-Rose Tagget
Darnel Stagg

EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

Max Costello
Kyra Locastro
Zac Gracie

PERSISTENCE

Alannah Cini
The Spain World Cup Team
Anthony Giandomenico
Antonio Loh
Finn Dryden

ALL KEYS

All of 2A
Colleen Purcell
Karleigh Costa
Charlotte Boevink
Delayne Balderson
Harry Morrison



Team Spain above. Mr Kenny & Math Olympiads Patches, Pins & Trophy Winners. Mr Brunetto & Team Australia.

