



GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP
GOOD SAMARITAN HALL
 (Access via Owen Street)

RE-COMMENCING FRI FEB 2ND
EVERY FRIDAY MORNING—9:00AM-11:00AM
 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 2018

The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program that encourages students to get into the habit of saving regularly.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking Reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

This year, School Banking is running a Super Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family of up to two adults and three children to Hawaii. If your child does not have an account with the Commonwealth Bank, parents/carers only need to take the Child's Birth Certificate into the Branch to open an account or go to www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking

School Banking runs every Wednesday morning between 8.00am and 8:40am in the breezeway near 1G classroom.



LITTLE ATHLETICS QLD - SIGN ON
 CASSOWARY COAST ATHLETICS, CASTOR PARK, MOURILYAN
 FRIDAY NIGHTS 5.30PM TO 8.30PM
 SIGN ON - 9TH FEBRUARY 2018
 Affiliated with Little Athletics Qld and Athletics North Qld
 For information phone Centre Manager, Tod on 0467641898 . www.la.org.au



TERM FEES

Term 1 fees will be issued shortly. Please make payment by the due date. 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.**

TUCKSHOP

WED 31 JAN LINDA CROATTO
 FRI 02 FEB LINDA CROATTO
 MON 05 FEB LINDA CROATTO

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL TUCKSHOP ORDERS ARE WRITTEN OUT ON A PAPER BAG WITH AMOUNT OF MONEY ENCLOSED

Regular times for sale of uniforms are:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY
8:00—8:30am and 11:00am—12:30pm



Today a familiar sight around schools is the School Crossing Supervisor. Their role is to ensure that pedestrians who cross the road at the school crossing do so in a safe manner. They use a hand-held stop sign to stop traffic and allow pedestrians to cross the road safely. You must stop and wait until all pedestrians have crossed the road and the School Crossing Supervisor has returned to the footpath.

When children's crossing flags are on display, you must stop and give way to any pedestrians on or entering the crossing (regardless of whether a School Crossing Supervisor is present or not).

Around schools, slow down, observe speed limits and obey directions from School Crossing Supervisors. Keep our kids and our School Crossing Supervisors safe.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

30th January 2018

TERM 1 Week 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter Week 2 of the new year, all classes Year 1 - 6 will have their Parent Information meetings. The times for these will be advertised on page 2. These meetings are important to attend if possible as teachers will outline class expectations, homework information, subject information and a chance for parents to ask questions of your child's new teacher. These meetings will either take place in the classroom or theatre. The handouts will be provided to all families if you cannot make the meeting.

'Communication' is an important goal for Good Counsel Primary School again this year with teachers utilising several digital means to keep parents informed about classroom learning and school events. Classes will use Seesaw which is primarily a student learning journal in real time. Teachers, students and parents can communicate with each other. Students will also have access to their secure Gmail and Google Drive accounts to complete assessment tasks from any device at school or home which has internet access. Parents will also have access to the Parent Portal which is a new platform to assist with accessing the newsletter and various information. Access Instructions to the Parent Portal will be available in the coming weeks.

Digital forms of communication of course do not replace the need for face to face visits to school but hopefully assist parents/carers in our busy worlds.

Thank you to all families for making the effort to ensure all students returned last week in correct uniform. They all looked fantastic in their correct black shoes.

I have included an excellent article from Michael Grose's Parenting Ideas related to starting the new school year. It could have some helpful tips:-

Make this year your child's best ever at school

A new school year means a clean slate for students. Here are 7 ideas to help you make the most of the fresh start and make this year your child's best year ever at school.

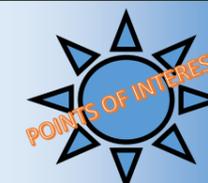
A new school year means a fresh start for students. Regardless of your child's performance last year, they start school with a clean slate. A break offers students the chance to begin new habits and adopt new behaviours. Here are 7 ideas to make the most of the fresh start and make this year your child's best year ever at school:-

- 1. Commit to your child going to school every day on time** - One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day and gets there on time.
- 2. Help kids start each day well** - A good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and some words of encouragement from you will help set a positive tone for a day of learning. This may mean that you adjust your morning routine so that kids have plenty of time get up, eat and get ready for the day.
- 3. Establish work & study habits** - The most successful students are those who develop regular study habits that suit their lifestyle, their study style and their school's expectations. Find out the work expectations from your child's school and help them establish a work routine that matches.
- 4. Make sure your child gets enough sleep** - Many children are sleep-deprived, which impacts on their wellbeing and their learning. A good night's sleep consolidates learning, as well as assisting future learning. Children need between 10-12 hours of sleep each day. Help kids get sufficient sleep by having a regular bedtime and get-up time each day. Have a 45 minute wind-down time each night, and remove screens and mobile phones from bedrooms.
- 5. Insist kids exercise** - The old saying about 'a healthy body and a healthy mind' is so true. Exercise releases the chemicals needed for learning and wellbeing. Health professionals recommend a minimum of 60 minutes of exercise per day for kids of all ages. continued pg2

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:20PM



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DIARY DATES

TERM 1
 Mon 22 Jan -
 Thu 29 Mar

TUE 6 FEB
P&F AGM MEETING
7.30PM
THEATRETTE

FRI 9 FEB
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.00AM

FRI 16 FEB
P&F MEET & GREET 6.30PM & STUDENT COUNCIL DISCO 7.00PM

THEME TO BE ADVISED
BLUE COVERED AREA

THU 22 FEB
WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS



Encourage your child to play sport; promote free and active play and look for ways to make moving part of their daily lives.

6. **Focus on being friendly** - Schools are very social places requiring kids to negotiate many different social situations each day. Encourage kids to be open and tolerant; to be friendly; to be sensitive to others; to be involved in plenty of activities and to be social risk-takers.
7. **Develop self-help skills** - Successful students are often well organised, self-directed and self-motivated. Such skills as packing school bags and organising after school schedules can be great lessons that impact how they perform at school.

Make the most of the opportunity by focusing on two or three areas and you'll find that the rest will fall into place.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Next Tuesday our Parents & Friends AGM will be held in the Theatrette. The P&F Executive and a small but willing band of workers offer their time in a special way for all at Good Counsel Primary. The role of P&F assists with parent engagement activities and participates in social events such as catering at discos and sporting carnivals.

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

Next Friday 9 February we will be holding our welcoming 2018 whole school Mass at the Mother of Good Counsel Church at 9.00am.

Regards
Liam

Parent—Teacher Meetings...

Please refer to Teacher Letters **Week 2**

Tuesday 30/1

5:00pm Theatrette 5GS 5L

Wednesday 31/1

3:15pm Theatrette 2A 2AL

5:00pm Theatrette 6H 6W

Thursday 1/2

5:00pm Theatrette 4B 4PD

Week 3

Wednesday 7/2

3:30pm Theatrette PC PW

2018 TERM 1

- Fri 2.02 5L Good Samaritan Charism Assembly
- Tue 6.02 P & F AGM Theatrette 7:30pm
- Fri 9.02 Beginning School Mass 9:00am
- Mon 12.02 Mini Vinnies Badging Ceremony 8:40am
- Wed 14.02 Ash Wednesday Liturgies Mother of Good Counsel 9:00am P-2 & GCC Yr 11 10:00am Yr 3-6 Church
- Fri 16.02 4PD Project Compassion Pr. Assembly
- Thu 22.02 School Photos
- Fri 23.02 Colour Captains Prayer Assembly
- Thu 1.03 *Look How We've Changed* Performance
- Fri 2.03 Student Council Prayer Assembly Brave Hearts Prep-Yr 2
- Fri 9.03 3WH Prayer Assembly
- Fri 16.03 6H St Patrick Prayer Assembly
- Fri 23.03 3B Palm Sunday Prayer Assembly
- Tue 27.03 6W Last Supper 8:30am
- Wed 28.03 Cross Country Warrina Lakes
- Thu 29.03 5GS Stations of the Cross 8:30am Last day of Term 1
- Fri 30.03 **GOOD FRIDAY— Stations of the Cross**
- Sat 31.03 **Easter Saturday Vigil**
- Sun 1.04 **EASTER SUNDAY**

TERM 2

- Mon 16.04 Pupil Free Day
- Tue 17.04 Term 2 commences
- Wed 25.04 ANZAC DAY
- Thu 26.04 Mother of Good Counsel Feast Day
- Wed 2.05 Michael Mangan Concert 11:45am
- Mon 7.05 Qld Labour Day Holiday
- Fri 11.05 Mother's Day Presentations & Morning Tea
- Tue 15.05 Wed 16/5, Thu 17/5 NAPLAN
- Fri 18.05 1G & 1S Pentecost Pr. Assembly District Cross Country
- Wed 6.06 State of Origin Footy Dress Day
- Fri 15.06 4B Confirmation Prayer Assembly
- Fri 29.06 Last day of Term 2

INNISFAIL SHOW—During the holidays

TERM 3

- Mon 16.07 Term 3 commences
- Tue 31.07 Catholic Education Week Mass Discovering New Horizons
- Fri 10.08 Grandparents Day
- Fri 31.09 Father's Day Prayer Assembly
- Fri 21.09 Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

- Mon 8.10 Term 4 commences
- Mon 22.10 CTJ Pupil Free Day
- Fri 26.10 World Teachers Day
- Fri 9.10 Remembrance Day Prayer Assembly
- Fri 7.12 School ends

Welcome to the Life of the School pages...

GCPS Charism

Good Samaritan Sisters of the Order of St Benedict...

Please join us on Friday for the Charism Prayer Assembly being brought to us by the students of 5L. The informative Prayer Assembly reminds us our beginnings as The Sacred Heart Convent School in 1903. What is Charism?

The word charism, in the tradition of the Church, refers to spiritual gifts used for the service of the whole community. These gifts or graces of the Holy Spirit are given to individuals and groups for the sake of others. In letters to the early Christian communities, St Paul lists gifts or charisms of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 1 Corinthians 12:27-30, Romans 12:6-8, Ephesians 4:11, Galatians 5:22-23). Paul also insists that the virtue of charity is above all other charisms (1 Corinthians 13:13). A Catholic Christian school draws upon this rich heritage of spiritual gifts to formulate its own unique way of being and giving service to all. The central influence on the charism of any school is the person of Jesus Christ. All charisms seek to provide a pathway through which a school community might interpret and give voice to the centrality of Jesus Christ. Schools draw inspiration and direction from the stories of how their founding religious congregation, patron saint or significant people in the school's history exemplified particular gifts of the Spirit in living out the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, in a Catholic Christian educational context, charism can be viewed as a spiritual energy that permeates a particular school based on significant people, values and stories.

Word of the Day Competition...

Mr Kenny's Word of the Day on Monday 22 January was 'aspire'. Thank you to all the students who entered with the correct answer—this week's winner is Chelsea Scullen. Checking your memory once again: What was the Word on Tuesday 30 January? Competition closes Thursday 1 February. (Remember to give the upper case/capital letter to the word **only** if it is a proper noun).

Beginning School Mass—Wk 3 Friday 9 February...

Save the date: Please join with us at 9:00am in Mother of Good Counsel Church as we celebrate our Beginning of the School Year Mass by welcoming our Preps and all the newcomers to the school staff and students. Student Leaders will be receiving their badges.

Mini Vinnies Ceremony—Wk 4 Monday 12 February...

Save the date: Please join with us at 8:40am for the Monday Assembly to welcome Yr 6 GCPS Mini Vinnies and announce MV Leadership.

Thought for the Week...

When you have closed your doors and darkened your room, remember never to say that you are alone, for you are not alone; God is within, and your genius is within— and what need have they of light to see what you are doing?
Epictetus c.55-135BC Greek philosopher

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



Congratulations

On the arrival of a baby sister (Aurelia) for Audrina DeSabbata (2AL).