



### GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP GOOD SAMARITAN HALL

(Access via Owen Street)

**EVERY FRIDAY MORNING—9:00AM-11:00AM**

**Cost: \$2-00 per family**

**BYO—Morning Tea for children**

**FRIDAY 23 MARCH LAST ONE  
FOR THIS TERM**

**Co-ordinators: Mrs Amy McElhinney &  
Mrs Rosanne Mifsud**  
**Join our "Good Counsel Playgroup"  
facebook page for more information.**

### TERM FEES



**Term 1 fees are now overdue. 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 21 MAR KEIRA MURDOCK  
FRI 23 MAR LINDA / HELP NEEDED  
MON 26 MAR LINDA / HELP NEEDED

**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**



### IMPORTANT NEWS STUDENT ABSENCES

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE**

**We request that all student absences be reported directly to the school via the following options only:**

- 1. Our new Parent Portal - recently launched (please see email from school)**
- 2. Phone call to the School Administration on 4061 2994.**

**Please do not use SEESAW for reporting student absences.**

### Lap Running

**Fri 23 Mar will be the final day for lap running!**



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE**

**20th March 2018**

**TERM 1 Week 9**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are in Week 9 of Term 1. Schools are busy places, but the last two weeks at Good Counsel Primary School has been a hive of activity inside and out of the classroom.



Last week we had students representing our school in the Development Cup Rugby League in Cairns (placed second, congratulations); over thirty students performed at the St Patrick's Concert at the Shire Hall (they were amazing); thirteen boys from GCPS trialed for the Innisfail U/12 soccer team with six being selected; many of our students attended the *Good Counsel on Show* at Good Counsel College last Saturday; three of our students represented Evelyn (Ravenshoe, Mt Garnet & Malanda), and lastly four of our students represented Innisfail at the U/12 Peninsula Rugby League Championships held at Callendar Park.



This Friday, we have Ruby Kukulies representing Innisfail District at the U/12 Peninsula Netball Championships, good luck Ruby! Lastly U/12 District Girls' Touch trials will be held this Friday March 23 at Goondi State School 3.30 - 4.40pm.

Over the past two weeks and up until the end of next week, parents will have been into school to meet with their child's teacher. These meetings have been very positive thus far with new goals set for students ready to start next term. Your assistance in following up that homework is done and checking that your child is completing daily reading is an expectation of you as a parent. If you establish homework time at an early age, it will assist you with work and study habits as your child progresses through primary school into secondary and beyond.

This Friday we begin our build up to the Church's season of Easter with 3B's presentation of Palm Sunday at the weekly assembly. Tuesday next week will see 6W present the Last Supper and Thursday 5GS will bring the solemn events of Stations of the Cross.

Cross Country - Lap running continues this week in the lead up to next Wednesday's Interhouse Cross Country at Warrina Lakes. This is a morning where students take to the course at Warrina Lakes running 500m, 1 kilometre, 2 kilometre or 3 kilometre events. It is certainly a spectacle of colour with students running in their coloured shirt. Make sure you have marked the date on your calendar - Wednesday March 28.

Regards *Liam*

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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

**FRI 23 MAR**  
**3B PALM SUNDAY**  
**PRAYER ASSEMBLY**  
**U/12 PENINSULA**  
**NETBALL TRIALS**

**TUE 27 MAR**  
**6W LAST SUPPER**

**WED 28 MAR**  
**CROSS COUNTRY**  
**WARRINA LAKES**



**SUN 8 APR**  
**ARMANI FUN DAY**  
**INNISFAIL**  
**ESPLANADE**



**CURRENT COUNT**  
**19,700 POINTS**  
**KEEP VOUCHERS**  
**COMING!**  
**FINISHES MAY 11TH**

### GCPS Reading Wealth Games

We have had some very enthused competitors for the *GPS Reading Wealth Games* with some students having completed three entire events receiving bronze, silver and gold in each event. That amounts to a marathon amount of reading, well done. So far 203 medals have been awarded across the school with 5GS ahead on the leaderboard.

#### Competition training tips:

\*start at bronze \*if you have lost your event sheet ask Mrs Farina for a new one \*books read can be from home, town library or home readers \*keep reading over the holidays \*younger children can be read to \*collect your medals from the Library before school or during class borrowing time.

*This challenge is a fantastic opportunity to foster your child's love of reading and encourage them to read and borrow books they might not normally choose.*

**Ready, Set, Read!**



### St Patrick's Prayer Assembly

Thank you Ms Maree Helm and 6H students for bringing the Shamrock song and St Patrick's prayers to us on Friday. Kodi—fabulous as a leprechaun! Thank you to all staff and students who dressed in green for the occasion. The gold coin donations raised \$158 for the Innisfail St Vincent de Paul Society.

### Palm Sunday...

Praising another helps us focus on their strengths and gives us a positive outlook. When we praise God, we feel blessed and humbled that one so great could love us so much. Praise prayer brings us closer to God. Let us praise God along with the students of 3B on Friday as they bring us the Palm Sunday Prayer Assembly 8:40am.



### Why do we have so many ceremonies at Easter?

The Easter Triduum refers to three days in the Church's calendar which express the central mystery of the Christian faith. It begins on Holy Thursday as we focus on Jesus' farewell words and deeds at the Last Supper. Good Friday is when we ponder the events of his suffering and death. It finishes with the Easter Vigil when we celebrate the liberation of humankind through Christ's resurrection. This three-stage sequence of worship allows us to take in an enormous mystery in small parts and to relate it to our own lives—the sorrows, joys, successes and failures. Of all the Church's celebrations throughout the year, the Easter Triduum is considered the high-point. [www.cathfamily.org](http://www.cathfamily.org) Check out the Parish Bulletin on line for liturgy times. <http://www.gcparrish.org.au/Docs/2016/161218%20Parish%20Bulletin.pdf>

### The Last Supper...

Join with us in the Blue area Tuesday 27th at 8:30am for the first of our Holy Week liturgies—The Last Supper. Thank you 6W for your preparations.

### Stations of the Cross...

Join with us in the Blue area Thursday 29th at 8:30am for the second Holy Week liturgy—Good Friday. Thank you 5GS for your preparations.

### Project Compassion...

Thank you classes for the ongoing Project Compassion activities. Thank you once again, parents/carers and students for your participation and generous donations in support of the children, who in turn are supporting others in this year's Project Compassion— **FOR A JUST FUTURE.**



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

### 2018 TERM 1

- Fri 23.03 3B Palm Sunday Prayer Assembly  
Peninsula Netball Trials
- 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

### 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

### SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING Weeks 7 & 8

#### SKILLS FOR LEARNING

- Noah Kirkman
- Khloe Kaminski
- Navreet Basra
- Simra Surha
- Emma Day
- Bray Puccini
- Vivianne Ungil
- Uleela Johnson
- Annabelle Smith

#### ORGANISATION

- Emilee Pickard
- Shaelah Surha
- Alexis Onaindia

#### GETTING ALONG

- Justin King
- Denai How Kee
- Aaliya Briggs
- Bella Poljak

#### CONFIDENCE

- Lucian Di Carlo
- Xavier Zadelj
- Darren Rockley
- Ceira O'Brien
- Madeleine Hill
- Kyra Locastro
- Rylie Abberdan
- Tyson Catelan
- Zoe Kukulies
- Cooper Ingram
- Lachlan Elliott
- Caleb McEwan

#### PERSISTENCE

- Seth Sciacca
- Matthew Morales
- Addler Ingram
- Chaise Di Carlo
- Siena Torrisi
- Kolby Andrews
- Michael Pollard
- Amie Blankensee
- Leo Briggs
- Reagan Vang
- Connor Onaindia
- Jordan Ozzi
- Luca Franco
- Torah Puccini
- Maeve Edmondson
- Elizabeth Smith
- Angela Carman
- Lucia Gullo

#### ALL KEYS

- Abigale Hudson
- Ella Sciacca

#### EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

- Gurnoor Virk
- Cayleb Bourke



### SEL Award recipients—

for two weeks due to Week 7's flooding disruptions.

**GCPS Choir** showcased their singing voices at St Patrick's Concert at the Shire Hall on Friday 16 March. Thank you Mrs Genevieve Sugars for the preparation and practice throughout Term 1. Thank you parents/carers for your support.

### Queen's Baton Relay—

Congratulations Mrs Amanda Romano for the Saturday run.

