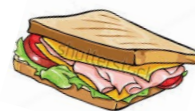


TUCKSHOP

WED 04 MAR — TANIA
FRI 06 MAR — TANIA
MON 09 MAR — JENNIFER RIPPS



PLEASE ENSURE ALL TUCKSHOP ORDERS ARE WRITTEN OUT ON A PAPER BAG WITH AMOUNT OF MONEY ENCLOSED & CLEARLY NAMED.

Tuckshop List and Uniform Price List are available on the Good Counsel Primary School website.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY
8.00 - 8.30am and
11.00am - 12.30pm

Please do not use Seesaw as a tool for going home messages or absences as the teacher may not be in the classroom. Going home messages are to come via the Office and will be forwarded on. Absences are to be done via the Parent Portal or phoning on the morning and will be entered into the system.

GCPS MEET & GREET & DISCO
FRIDAY 20 MARCH
THEME - FLURO
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

DATE: THU 12 MAR - THU 2 APR 2020

TIME: 9am - 11am or 5pm - 7pm

Location: VPG 158a Edith Street Innisfail

Bookings are essential
Please contact Jolene for further
information on 07 4061 7288
or jolene@vpginc.com.au



TERM FEES



Term 1 fees have been issued. 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.

Please email remittance to avoid payments being overlooked.

GCPS AFTER SCHOOL FITNESS

After school fitness for the upper school starts this week until Week 9.

TUESDAY - YR 4
WEDNESDAY - YR 5
THURSDAY—YR 6
Times - 3.00—4.00pm



Date: Monday 9, Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 March
Time: 8.15am – 9am, lunch times, 3pm - 3.30pm
Place: Music corridor
All commission earned is used to purchase books for our Library.
CASH ONLY. Thank you.

Good Counsel Primary School

ONLINE ORDER CODE: TGB 9TD 7P1

Dear Parents,
Photographs can be purchased by following the link above for 7 days from the day photos are taken, after which late fees/additional charges will be incurred.

Online Order link: <https://www.advancedimage.com.au/keycode/keycodefinder.aspx?keycode=TGB9TD7P1>

enquiries@advancedlife.com.au



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

3RD MARCH 2020

TERM 1 Week 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Late yesterday all families will have received an email with a linking SMS from Catholic Education Services regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

The coronavirus (COVID-19), is continuing to be a growing concern for health authorities worldwide and we are seeing examples in a number of countries of its health, social and economic impacts. Catholic Education in Cairns is actively planning to manage the impact of this virus in our schools and our wider school communities if and when this occurs. While we hope to be spared the worst aspects of this health emergency, we must nevertheless be prepared for the challenges ahead.

In addition to the advice of our State and Commonwealth health authorities we would like to advise the measures we will implement for Cairns Catholic schools as part of our duty of care and commitment to the safety of all members of our school communities.

Over the coming weeks we will be heavily promoting hygienic practices at all schools. There will be renewed emphasis on washing hands several times a day, the availability of hand sanitisers, and the correct protocols for sneezing and coughing. A range of material will be supplied to schools in support of this.

Our school cleaners will be issued updated protocols for school cleaning practices that prioritise human contact areas – benches, handles, handrails, toilets etc.

We will share this information with families to encourage matching behaviour at home. Please talk to your children about the importance of the recommended hygiene practices.

We have a variety of means of

communicating with school families including SMSs and emails. We use these broadcast media during emergencies such as cyclones. We will use these channels to communicate with our school families as the coronavirus situation unfolds. Please look out for further communication from us and accept that this communication is an important part of keeping our school communities safe.

From the school side of our operations, we ask for your assistance with the following:-

- * Remain calm and deal with factual information via CES, State & Commonwealth Health authorities
- * Promote hygiene practices at school and home
- * As coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness, symptoms range from a mild cough to pneumonia. If you or family members present with such symptoms, please consult your medical practitioner for treatment
- * For families travelling overseas, please check with all guidelines set by our Government agencies and notify the school if you are planning on an overseas trip in the coming months.

Good Counsel Primary will be focussing on the promotion of personal hygiene, providing additional sanitisation stations and updating protocols for our cleaning staff.

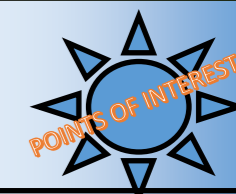
CES has also set up a dedicated face book page - Cairns Catholic Education Emergency Communications, where practical information and alerts will be posted.

Regards
Liam

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www.gcps.qld.edu.au

Ph: 07 40630600
Fax: 07 4061 2271

OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:20PM



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DIARY DATES

TERM 1
Tue 28 January —
Fri 3 April

EVERY WED
SCHOOL BANKING
8.00-
8.40AM



WED 4 MAR
WHOLE SCHOOL
PERFORMANCE
'SCIEN-TASTIC'
12.00 - 1.50PM

MON 9 - THU 12 MAR
BOOKFAIR
IN THE
MUSIC CORRIDOR

FRI 13 MAR
HARMONY DAY

TUE 17 MAR
GREEN DRESS
DAY



3W Kindness Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations to 3W students and Mrs Louise Wone, ably assisted by JCU Practicum Teacher, Miss Teagan Forster.

"Have you ever thought about how important kindness is in our world today? Kindness is a noun. It is the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate. When we show kindness to other people it can have enormous effects. It can show that we have concern and consideration of others. A reading from the Letter of St Paul Colossians: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any one of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL Wk 5 AWARDS

GETTING ALONG

Harlow Juhas
Charlie Fay
Savannah Brincat
Juwel Jobin

CONFIDENCE

Charlize Di Carlo
Paige Camilleri
Aidan English
Ella Borg
William Kris
Abbey Lacaze
Ainsley Cavallaro
Leo Briggs

ORGANISATION

Julia Yang
Darren Rockley
Ryan Maccarone

PERSISTENCE

Ruby Johnson
Ryan Chekamba
Ruby Torrisi
Elise Sinton
Graesen Maxwell
Josie Borg
Ella McAvoy
Samuel Duffus

Mia Ferreira
Uleela Johnson
Mia Puccini
Naomi Boota
Ethan English
Sukhman

Jemimah Conroy
Rose Jordan
Mia Di Carlo

EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

Kobi Dotti
Cooper Healy



Ash Wednesday Liturgies were held at Mother of Good Counsel Church last week. Many thanks to Year 11 GCC students for being buddies to Prep, Yr 1 & Yr 2 students. Thank you Fr Kerry for blessing and distributing the ashes. Thanks also to GCPS parents, staff and students for the solemn participation in both liturgies.

TERM 1 2020

Wed 04.03 Caritas Leadership Day
SCIEN-TASTIC Performances
Fri 6.03 Colour Captains Assembly
Week 7—Book Fair Mon 9—Thu 12
Tue 10.03 P&F Meeting 7:00pm Theatrette
Fri 13.03 Harmony Day—Everyone Belongs
Tue 17.03 St Patrick's Green Day
Wed 18 & Thu 19.03 Author Aleesah Darlinson
Fri 20.03 St Patrick's Prayer Assembly
Development Cup Cairns
Tue 24.03 U/12 RL Girls
Oral Reporting Interviews
Wed 25.03 MATH Olympiad #1
Fri 27.03 3B Palm Sunday Prayer Assembly
Netball Gala Day
Tue 31.03 Last Supper 8:30am
Wed 1.04 GCPS Cross Country
Thu 2.04 5GS Stations of the Cross 8:30am
Fri 3.04 Friday Assembly—End of Term 1

School Holidays

Fri 10.04 Good Friday
Sun 12.04 Easter Sunday

Term 2...

Mon 20.04 Term 2 commences
Fri 24.04 ANZAC Prayer Assembly
Sat 25.04 ANZAC Day Mass 7:00am MoGC
March 8:15am Fitzgerald Esp.
Mon 29.04 Mother of Good Counsel Feast
Day Mass 9:00am
Mon 4.05 Qld Labour Day Holiday
Erf 6.05 MATH Olympiad #2
Fri 8.05 Mothers' Day Morning Tea
Tue 12.05 Wed 13.05, Thu 14.05 NAPLAN
Fri 22.05 Reconciliation Day Pr. Assembly
Wed 3.06 State of Origin Dress Day
Wed 10.06 School Officers Day
Fri 26.06 Term 2 ends

Term 3...

Mon 13.07 Term commences
Fri 17.07 Grandparents Day
Fri 24.07 4B Catholic Ed. Week Assembly
Sun 26.07-Sat 1.08 Catholic Education Week
175 Years—A Spirited Tomorrow
Tue 11.08 Andrew Chinn Concert
Fri 4.09 Pupil Free Day
Mon 24.08 Book Week—
Curious Creatures, Wild Minds
Fri 28.08 Father's Day Prayer Assembly
Fri 11.09 NAIDOC Prayer Assembly
Fri 18.09 Term 3 ends

Term 4...

Tue 6.10 Term commences
Wed 11.10 Remembrance Day Ceremony
Fri 23.10 Teachers Day Prayer Assembly
Thu 3.12 Christmas Concert

Did you know what determines the day Lent begins?

The beginning of Lent depends on the date of Easter.

Easter follows a lunar, rather than a solar, calendar and is celebrated on the Sunday that follows the first full moon after March 21, the vernal (spring) equinox. Therefore Easter cannot fall earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.

All the other moveable celebrations in the Church calendar ultimately depend on the date of Easter.

Most of the Eastern Churches follow the same basic principles but often celebrate Easter on a date different from Catholics and other Western Christians because they continue to follow the calendar of Julius Caesar without the corrections incorporated by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582.

Julius Caesar's calendar calculated the year as 365 days and 6 hours and thus was about 11 minutes and 9 seconds more than the sun's actual course. Although tiny, this excess puts the calendar off by a day, more or less, every 128 years. Thus, the Council of Nicaea already found it necessary to regress the date of the spring equinox to March 21 instead of the original date of March 25.

By the time of Pope Gregory XIII the difference had grown so much that the spring equinox occurred on March 11.

In 1581 with the bull "Inter Gravissimas" Pope Gregory promulgated a wide-spread reform which, among other things, re-established the spring equinox on March 21 by eliminating 10 days from October 1582. Coincidence would have it that St. Teresa of Avila died on that very night of Oct. 4-15.

The error of Julius Caesar's calendar was corrected by deciding that the turn of the century—always a leap year in the Julian calendar—would be so only when the year could be divided by 400, that is 1600, 2000 2400 2800, etc., whereas there would be no leap year in the others.

Most Catholic countries, and even some Protestant ones, accepted the reform almost immediately. Some countries, such as England, held off accepting the papal reform until 1752 while Russia did not adopt it until after the Communist takeover in 1918.

The calculation is still not perfect as there is still a difference of 24 seconds between the legal and the solar calendar. However, 3,500 years will have to pass before another day is added.

Getting back to Lent. This season comprises 40 days before Easter without counting Sundays which, even though they are called "Sundays of Lent," are not days of penance. Church tradition has always excluded fasting and penance on a Sunday.

The tradition of a fast in preparation for Easter goes back to the late third century but it varied in duration. The tradition of a 40-day fast was established in Rome between 354 and 384, although it began after the first Sunday.

As this period was also deemed suitable for the final preparation of candidates for baptism, the baptismal scrutinies were incorporated with the rites of this season. Scrutinies are communal prayers celebrated around the elect to strengthen them to overcome the power of sin in their lives and to grow in virtue.

Later, at the start of the sixth century, the beginning of Lent was moved up to Ash Wednesday in order to guarantee 40 days of effective fasting.

Father Edward McNamara, Professor of Liturgy at the Regina Apostolorum University. <http://www.appleseeds.org/Lent-Begins.htm>