

## TUCKSHOP

WED 18 MAR — TANIA  
FRI 20 MAR — TANIA  
MON 23 MAR — TANIA



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



**GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

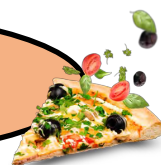
## Mother of Good Counsel YOUTH NIGHT

For ages 9 & Up!

**WHEN ? Friday 27 March**

**WHERE ? MOGC Parish Function**

Feel free to bring a plate to share!



A place where young people come to share the teachings of Christ through games & fun

## TERM FEES



Term 1 fees have been issued and 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. Please email remittance to avoid payments being overlooked.

## GCPS AFTER SCHOOL FITNESS



After school fitness for the upper school has been cancelled for the rest of the Term.

## BEFORE SCHOOL - LAP RUNNING

Lap running on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings has been cancelled until further notice.



Congratulations also to Rose Jordan who travelled to Brisbane to receive her gold medal for the highest exam score for Prep 1 practical with the Australian College of Music.

## PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2020



Parent-Teacher On-line went live last Friday. An email was sent out 13 March, please refer to the attached letter for instructions on how to book an appointment.



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

17TH MARCH 2020

TERM 1 Week 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

Amid the words we are hearing, (Pandemic, Epidemic, vulnerable, infection, isolation) constantly on all news channels, pod casts and face book posts, please remember that the sun did rise this morning and will set tonight. Yes our world has changed over the past two months and will be ever changing as we attempt to control the impact of Covid-19 virus.

We are continuing to promote personal hygiene and are cleaning high traffic areas regularly. We are also working with Catholic Education Services to provide online or off site learning for students who may be self isolating or if school is to close for a period of time in the future. Parents will be notified if these measures are to be enacted.

We have this week asked any staff with flu like symptoms to self isolate and consult medical authorities prior to returning. We ask that parents do likewise with their children. Please read the attached letter which explains changes to school routines, events and activities that we have been directed to cancel or postpone.

Upon reflection, we have lots to celebrate about our wonderful Harmony Day Assembly last Friday. The student heritage artwork and jigsaw pieces were an amazing backdrop for all to see. Many thanks to Mrs Naqicatabua, Mrs Caltabiano, Mrs Speziali and the students who read on assembly. Did you know? We have students from a myriad of cultural and religious backgrounds who attend Good Counsel Primary School - We have Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students as well as many who were born or have heritage from other countries including Japan, Indonesia, Vietnam, Germany, India, China, Saudi Arabia, Philippines, England, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Romania, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Malta and Ireland. The message of Harmony Day is that 'everyone

belongs' - it is a fantastic opportunity to encourage the inclusiveness of the different cultural backgrounds that make up Good Counsel Primary School.

Today is St Patrick's Day so students continued the tradition to wear 'green'. Thankyou to all who came dressed in green. An Irish joke "I'm the unluckiest person in the whole world" moaned Molly O'Flanerty, "I bought a non-stick frying pan and can't get the label off".

Parent Teacher On Line bookings went 'live' on Friday. Bookings for interviews can be accessed via the Parent Portal. If you do not have internet access at home please utilise the parent computer in the Administration area. All interviews will take place in classrooms this year to stop mass gatherings especially on Tuesday 24 March.

Many thanks to all who supported our Book Fair. Good Counsel Primary received over \$800 in book rewards which will add to our amazing library collection. Many thanks to Mrs Farina and Mrs Horsford for their organisation.



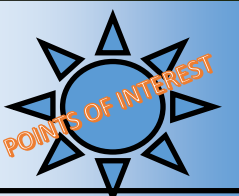
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Cassowary Coast District Sporting teams.  
U/11 Rugby League - Zyon Toms, Darnel Stagg and Leo Briggs  
U/11 Netball - Charlotte Cook, Meg Hurney and Hannah Dryden

Regards Liam

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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

TUE 17 MAR  
AUTHOR VISIT  
ALEESAH DARLISON  
"LAUGH OUT LOUD  
LLAMAS"

P&F MEETING  
7.00PM  
THEATRETTE

FRI 20 MAR  
MEET & GREET  
POSTPONED

PLEASE SEE PG 4  
FOR OTHER  
CANCELLATIONS



## The 2020 Life of the School...



### Harmony Day Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations to all the readers and thanks to Mrs Lorraine Naqicatabua for organising the self portraits and jigsaw pieces art display.



### SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL Wk 7 AWARDS

#### CONFIDENCE

Ricki Di Carlo  
Ella Horsford  
Dominic Franco  
Henco Ferreira  
Kristofer Pervan  
Ben Sinton  
Ruby Jones  
Frankie Tagget  
Jas Preet Singh  
Cameron Barnes  
Charlotte Cook  
Shaelah Surha  
Trinity Lee  
Grace Wone

#### GETTING ALONG

Chloe Pensini  
Dallas Stephenson  
Max Martinez  
Rayhan Jattana  
Amie Blanckensee  
Masaya Kubota  
Hayden Bradford  
Dilnoor Singh  
Bonnie-Ray Terry  
Jasper Kenwright  
Shiloh Paul

#### PERSISTENCE

Vivianne Ungil  
Cody Mc Elhinney  
Navreet Basra  
Max Costello  
Declan Sinton  
Bon Moloney

#### ORGANISATION

Thurston Zadelj  
Kit Moloney  
Brayden D'Urso  
Ellecia Rosendahl



Just Caritas Leadership experience shared.

### SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION RETREAT

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2020

EMAIL WILL BE FORWARDED BY PARISH  
CENTRE WITH CONFIRMING DETAILS

### TERM 1 2020

PTO Interviews as per bookings

Wed 18 & Thu 19.03 Author  
Aleesah Darlinton

Wed 25.03 MATH Olympiad #1

Wed 1.04 GCPS Cross Country TBA

Fri 3.04 Pupil Free Day

### School Holidays

Fri 10.04 Good Friday

Sun 12.04 Easter Sunday



### Book Fair Library Books—

Thank you to all who supported  
Book Fair

St Patrick's Green Dress Day

Oval Fitness laps

Building Works continue







17 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have received some directives related to Coronavirus (Covid 19) from Catholic Education Services Cairns this morning in relation to future school operations, events and activities. This will give us clear direction in relation to activities and events for the coming weeks. This advice is based on information and direction from State and Commonwealth Health authorities and our overall concern for our school communities.

Thank you again for your understanding as we continue to work together to respond to COVID 19. As always, the health and well-being of our students and staff remain our top priority.

The Government has announced major new measures to respond to COVID 19. They are: -

- Non-essential static gatherings of more than 500 people can no longer occur
- Every person who arrives in Australia from any country from 12:00am 16 March must complete 14 days of self-isolation

The government has also repeated its advice that schools remain open for students and staff.

While schools are open, there will be some very important changes. These are being made to maximise the health and safety of students, parents and staff. They are as follows:

- All members of the school community including staff presenting with cold or flu like symptoms will be asked to stay at home
- All school excursions will be cancelled until further notice
- All major arts and sports activities and events will temporarily cease. This includes whole school sporting events and inter-school events
- Lunch breaks will be monitored in regard to seating arrangement
- Schools will avoid large gatherings such as assemblies, masses, liturgies, cultural activities and carnivals and other non-essential school activities

For our school this will mean the cancellation or postponement of the following:

- Weekly Assemblies – Monday/Friday
- Development Cup - 20 March
- P&F Meet & Greet/Student Council Fluoro Disco - 20 March
- Holy Week Prayer assemblies

- Whole School Cross Country event – 1 April

CES has approved an additional **Pupil Free Day** to be taken on the final day of this term 4 April. Schools will use this Student Free Day for planning for *continuity of learning*. As a system, we are investigating options for online/remote schooling should students or staff be required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days or possible school closures.

More advice will be released on how we will provide limited supervision on the planned Pupil Free Day for small numbers of students whose parents cannot make alternative arrangements, particularly those whose parents or carers work in the education or health industry.

For now, school life will continue with an emphasis on improved hygiene, additional cleaning of high use areas and we will continue to communicate the facts to our community when any situation changes. The best advice from QLD Health is to protect yourself and others from infection by practising good hand and respiratory hygiene including:

- Cleaning hands with soap and water
- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing
- Avoiding contact with anyone who has flu-like symptoms

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards,



Liam Kenny  
PRINCIPAL