

Learning at home

This is a totally different context from your child being at school. Not all children are independent learners and some will require a great deal of help and support from you as their parent. It will not be possible for your child's teacher to personally instruct all students individually, every day with every task, whilst remote learning is happening. Here are some tips you as a parent/carer can do if and when your child needs learning support:

- * Read the instructions to your child.
- * Focus on the verbs as these will indicate what your child needs to actually do.
- * Have them read the instructions to you.
- * Ask you child, "What does this mean?" Have them verbalise to you what they think the task is asking and meaning.

Additional assistance you can provide your child whilst learning from home

Establish a daily routine (wake up at the same time)

Support them to connect to this site, their class online platforms (Seesaw and/or Google Classrooms), and their class meetings

Check communication regularly

Take breaks, encourage fun and play

Have discussions with your child. Ask their opinions on topics.

Read daily to your child.

Listen to your child read daily.

Involve them with cooking - there is a lot of mathematics in these tasks.

Play a board game or do a jigsaw puzzle.

Let your children make up games.

Organise a craft corner

TERM FEES

As the economic impacts of the COVID-19 response are being increasingly felt by our school communities, Catholic Education in Cairns is fast tracking a range of fee concessions to commence from the start of Term 2.

TUCKSHOP

WED 22 APR — TANIA
FRI 24 APR — TANIA
MON 27 APR — 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.



ACCESS TO THE FRONT OFFICE IS LIMITED. PLEASE PHONE THROUGH WITH YOUR QUERIES. PLEASE PHONE AHEAD FOR EARLY COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

School Banking - Message from Commonwealth Bank

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

[The Beanstalk](#): offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

Veronica Howarth
Head of School Banking
Retail Banking Services



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

21ST APRIL 2020

TERM 2 Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Change for anyone is always challenging and for the past month 'changes' in the way we operate, educate, connect and live have been thrust upon us in order to provide safety for our communities. The Covid-19 Pandemic has forced our Good Counsel Primary School community to think differently in order to provide an education for students of essential workers (on site) and for those students who are being supervised at home. Yesterday was day 1 of Term 2 and for at least the next 5 weeks, schooling will be different for all. Teachers today began to connect remotely with Google Meets and Seesaw. Our roll out of Remote Learning Packs went very smoothly yesterday with all but three collected.

Thank you to all families who completed their three Agreements regarding the use of technology while involved in Remote Learning. Many thanks to all families for following our staff directions and spending minimal time on the school site whilst picking up Remote Learning packs. This request will continue as we wish to minimise the amount of face to face contact with parent/carers. Access to the front Office is limited to the early collection of students only - and you will need to phone ahead. For all other enquiries please phone/email the Office.



Over the next 5 weeks there will be challenges with Remote Learning, as you navigate the Continuity of Learning site on the Parent Portal, please keep the following in mind:-

- If you have difficulty understanding a set activity, please Seesaw your class teacher
- If you are having technical difficulties with devices at home, please email helpdesk@cns.catholic.edu.au

- Remote Learning as set out by QLD Education should be for approximately 3 hours per day
- Provide downtime for your children as their brains will need a break.
- If you are in Prep—Yr 2 and require an iPad, please email me directly at principal.innisfail@cns.catholic.edu.au as we look into supporting you
- Additional optional activities have been provided (on the Continuity of Learning site)
- If your child is sick they are not required to do the remote learning that day
- Please respond each day to your teacher's request for roll marking either via Seesaw or Google Meet
- Student Google Meets are for teachers to connect with students
- This Thursday I will be providing three opportunities to Zoom meet with Parents/Carers to field any questions and run through a few protocols regarding Remote Learning. I will send out Zoom invites to Prep - 2, 3-4 and 5-6 Parents/Carers if you wish to join after 1.00pm
- Do your best - if you have given the activity a go and cannot finish it, leave it. Try again later.
- Keep calm - you are not a trained teacher
- Lastly, if you or your child is not coping with Remote Learning, please contact Carmel (School Counsellor) by email at cparisi@cns.catholic.edu.au or myself

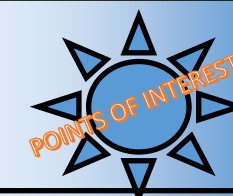
Remember, our teachers have done an amazing job of organising Remote Learning. Our School Officers are working as the supervisors of 100 students whose parents are essential workers. Together we will get through these difficult and changing times.

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

WELCOME TO REMOTE LEARNING



**SCHOOL
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UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

**ANZAC DAY MARCH
CANCELLED**

**MON 27 APR
MOGC
FEAST DAY**

ANZAC DAY—Saturday 25 April 2020...

As we recall the good old days of last year, we now find ourselves with online ANZAC commemorations with special thanks to Mr Bryan Grech, APRE at St Michael's in Gordonvale. Please take the time to access the link when it is shared with you on Friday, so that if you choose, those at your place can come together for a small ceremony to remember this day. Mr Kenny and School Captain Meg Hurney will lay a wreath to honour the ANZACs at the Cenotaph on Friday.

We pray for our world, and those in it who today strive to bring peace to others through their loving service to their communities: especially those who serve in the military and those helping their communities in any way during these times of pandemic. Hear us, loving God.

Response: Lord, make us people of peace.

The Ode...

The Ode recited at Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemorations is the fourth stanza of Laurence Binyon's For the Fallen, first published in the London Times in 1914.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Mother of Good Counsel live streaming...

Thank you to Father Kerry for the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter and Sunday Masses on the MoGC You Tube channel, over the break. Please take the opportunity to go online for the Sunday morning weekly mass, and special events.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW5SXjzKUuWN98GReYbQUwA>

ANZAC DAY Mass to be livestreamed at 8:00am from Mother of Good Counsel Church Innisfail.

Monday 27 April — Feast of Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, Patron Saint of our Parish...

Currently, we are in discussion with Father Kerry to celebrate this special event live streamed from Mother of Good Counsel Church through the Parish's You Tube channel. You will be advised of the time, if this goes ahead.

The picture of Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, from Genazzano, Italy in the Alban Hills, not far from the city of Rome, lies the little town of Genazzano, where the miraculous image of Our Lady of Good Counsel is venerated. The story of the picture dates back to 1467. Pilgrims assembled on the feast of St. Mark were startled by a mysterious rustling sound and strains of sweet music. Looking toward the sky, they beheld what seemed a soft cloud. Slowly it descended and rested in front of the unfinished wall of the church dedicated to the Mother of God under the title of Good Counsel. The picture rests suspended in the air without any visible means of support to maintain its stable condition, and this for five centuries! Although painted on a piece of plaster no thicker than an ordinary visiting card, the image has withstood the ravages of time. The artist of the painting is unknown.

It is said that the figures themselves represent Mother and Child after they had returned from the temple where Mary heard the sad prophecies of Simeon. Mary's eyes are half-veiled as though she were lost in contemplation, taking counsel with her God. The little Child does not return the gaze of the beholder, as happens in so many pictures, rather He draws our eyes upward to Mary as if to tell us to look for Counsel there, in the very Seat of Wisdom. It is a picture to be loved, a plain and common picture, a pious image to be copied and hung in the homes of the poor. That is all the sweet Mother of Good Counsel asks for her picture: a home in our midst, a family to guard and watch over, hearts that will love and honour her.



TERM 2 2020

Fri 24.04	ANZAC Ceremony online in classrooms
Sat 25.04	ANZAC Day Online Ceremony at home
Mon 27.04	Patronal Liturgy online Link & time TBA
Mon 4.05	Qld Labour Day Holiday
Sun 10.05	Mothers' Day
Wed 10.06	School Officers Day
Fri 26.06	Term 2 ends

Term 3...

Mon 13.07	Term commences
Fri 4.09	Pupil Free Day
Sun 6.09	Fathers' Day
Fri 8.09	Term 3 ends

Term 4...

Tue 6.10	Term commences
Wed 11.10	Remembrance Day
Fri 23.10	Qld Teachers Day
Fri 4.12	End of School Year Mass Term 4 ends

At the end of the day...

Each day is your gift of time to us, Lord. At the end of the day, perhaps I need to ask:

- ◆ Did I get it right?
- ◆ Did I matter to someone?
- ◆ Did I live my humanity?
- ◆ Did I feel compassion?
- ◆ Did I accept a challenge?
- ◆ Did I forgive?
- ◆ Would I have lived the day differently?
- ◆ What would Jesus have said or done in my place?
- ◆ Did I pray?

At the end of the day, there are two questions that matter to God:

'Did I love with all my heart, with all my mind and with all my soul?'

and—

'Did I love others as I love myself?'

For only then was the day lived well.

Prayer:

God of all that was, that is and that will be; we give You thanks for all opportunities to do Your Will with each new day. Be with us as we trust our day to You. Help us to remember Jesus' two commandments of love in the course of each day.

Amen.

Helping hands...

Home learning packs were distributed yesterday, thanks to the fabulous organisation and the many helpers. Thanks to Parents/Carers for the smooth collection.

