



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

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICES CAIRNS**

### LIBRARY INFORMATION



PLEASE SEE INFO SHEET  
(on website under Library)  
REGARDING  
LIBRARY BORROWING  
FOR TERM 2

### ON SITE PARENT INFORMATION



PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL  
AHEAD IF YOU NEED TO  
COLLECT YOUR CHILD EARLY

**Prep**  
Enrol now

### PREP 2020 REMINDER

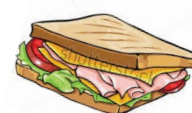
If you have a child who was born between  
**1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016** please go onto the  
Good Counsel Primary School website and  
complete the Application for Enrolment online.  
If you have any queries please contact the  
Office on 4063 0600.  
Interviews by way of a Zoom meeting will be  
organised shortly.



### 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 06 MAY — TANIA  
FRI 08 MAY — TANIA  
MON 11 MAY — 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.

## Book Club

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Follow the link to view the latest Book Club issue online.



**Orders close Friday 8 May**

You will be notified when  
your order is available for  
collection from school.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

COLLECTION OF SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR OFFSITE  
STUDENTS - WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION  
FROM THE BREEZEWAY 6 MAY BETWEEN  
9.00AM—3.00PM.

STUDENTS ONSITE WILL BE GIVEN PHOTOS TO TAKE  
HOME.

PLEASE CONTACT ADVANCEDLIFE DIRECTLY BY  
GOING TO THEIR WEBSITE  
[WWW.ADVANCEDLIFE.COM.AU](http://WWW.ADVANCEDLIFE.COM.AU) AND ENTER THE  
9 DIGIT CODE SPECIFIC TO OUR SCHOOL SHOULD YOU  
HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH PHOTOS.

PLEASE NOTE THEY ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO  
COVID19 BUT WILL ADDRESS ISSUES ON THEIR  
RETURN.



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

5TH MAY 2020

TERM 2 Week 3

Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter Week 3 of the term, Remote Learning is from all reports becoming a little more manageable. There is hope on the horizon with the Premier announcing yesterday that there is a plan to reopen schools in a staggered roll out. It is proposed that Year 11/12 and Prep/Year 1 students may return to school next Monday 11 May and for Years 2-10 to return on Monday 25 May. Notification of all openings will be sent through once CES has confirmed the information.

School, when it opens will still have many regulations and restrictions regarding assemblies, parental access to the school site, excursions and the length of teaching during the school day. When school is open fully we expect we would have between 10% - 15% of students remaining at home due to immune compromised family members and a plan on continuing their remote learning is yet to be finalised.

The feedback from my Parent Zoom meetings parents/carers who are remote learning at home is that everyone is rising to the challenge of supervising the education of their children. Well done to all! Many thanks again to the teachers for their tremendous work preparing, organising materials, assessing, giving feedback and making weekly connections with their students. To our School Officers who have worked full days with the remote learners here at school, continued thanks. Everyone has been amazing.



School photos will be  
available from school  
tomorrow 6 May.

Students at school will bring the photos home and parents of remote learners can collect their order from school in the breezeway on the tables between 9.00am - 3.00pm.



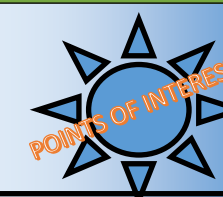
To our mothers we wish you all a very happy 2020 Mothers' Day this Sunday. We have all had a bit of a hollow feeling here at school as we will not have our annual Mothers' Day Morning Tea, raffle and class items. Things will be different at home this year celebrating Mothers' Day - 2020 will certainly one to remember.

**NOTIFICATION  
OF WEEK 4'S  
POSSIBLE STAGGERED  
CLASS OPENINGS  
WILL BE CONFIRMED AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE VIA  
EMAIL DIRECTLY FROM  
GOOD COUNSEL  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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OFFICE HOURS  
8:00 AM—3:20PM



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School

**DIARY DATES  
TERM 2**

Mon 20 April —  
Fri 26 June

**SCHOOL BANKING  
POSTPONED  
UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**



**WED 6 MAY**

**9.00AM - 3.00PM  
COLLECTION OF  
SCHOOL PHOTOS  
FOR OFFSITE  
STUDENTS**

Regards Liam



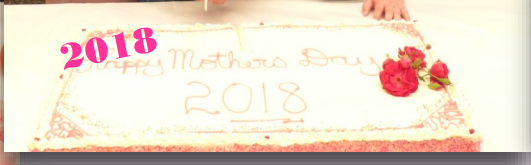
Remembering Mothers' Days past...



**For Our Mothers**

On Sunday 10 May,  
we will celebrate Mothers' Day.  
We remember our mothers with love  
for the tender way they care for us.  
Let us pray for our mothers  
and the generations of mothers before them.

You care for us, O God,  
as a mother cares for her children.  
Bless and protect and strengthen  
all the mothers, (and carers) of the world.  
Through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen!



**A Prayer on Mother's Day**

Loving God, thank you for mums and children and for  
all the joy of family life.  
Be with those who grieve because  
they have no mother.  
Be close to those who struggle  
because they have no children;  
be near to those who are sad because they are far  
apart from those they love.  
Let your love be present in every home  
and help us to have eyes to see and ears  
to hear the needs of all around us. Amen.



**M-O-T-H-E-R**

"M" is for the million things she gave me,  
"O" means only that she's growing old,  
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,  
"H" is for her heart of purest gold,  
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,  
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,  
Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"  
A word that means the world to me.

Howard Johnson

TERM 2 2020

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

SMILING...

"Sometimes your joy is the source of  
your smile, but sometimes your smile  
can be the source of your joy," is one  
of the profound remarks of the  
Vietnamese Buddhist thinker Thich  
Nhat Hanh. And not only of our own  
joy, but that of others. There is no  
simpler or more expressive way of  
communicating goodwill than by  
smiling. Whether or not we know the  
person to whom we present it, a smile  
is always a gift worth giving.

1001 Pearls of Wisdom

Love thy Neighbour...

It was an ancient rabbi who asked his  
students how they could tell when  
night had ended and day was on its  
way back. "Could it be when you see  
an animal in the distance and can tell  
whether it is a sheep or a dog?"

"No!" answered the rabbi. "Could it be  
when you look at a tree in the distance  
and can tell whether it is a fig tree or a  
peach tree?"

"No!"

"Well then," the students demanded,  
"when is it?"

"It is when you look in the face of any  
woman or man and see that she or he  
is your sister or your brother. Because  
if you cannot do that, then no matter  
what time it is, it is still night!"

I AM A TEACHER—DR CHARLES BURFORD

(Adapted by Charles Burford From The Prose of John W. Schlatter)

I am a Teacher.

I was born the first moment that a question leapt from the mouth of a  
child.

I have been many people in many places.

The names of those who have practised my profession ring like a hall of  
fame for humanity...Socrates, Confucius, Moses and Jesus.

I am the people who drew and held me to teaching.

I am also those whose name and faces have long been forgotten but  
whose lessons and character will always be remembering in the accom-  
plishments of their students. I have wept for joy at the weddings of for-  
mer students, laughed with glee at the birth of their children and stood  
with head bowed in grief and confusion by grave dug too soon for bodies  
far too young.

Through the course of a day, I have been called upon to be an actor,  
friend, nurse, and doctor, coach, finder of lost articles, money lender,  
taxi driver, psychologist, substitute parent, salesperson, politician and  
keeper of the faith.

Despite the maps, charts, formulas, verbs, programs, stories and books,  
I have really had nothing to teach, for my students really have only  
themselves to learn and I know it takes the whole world to tell you who  
you are.

I am a paradox. I speak loudest when I listen the most. My greatest gifts  
are in what I am willing to receive from my students.

Material wealth is not one of my goals, but I am a full-time treasure  
seeker in my quest for new opportunities for my students to use their  
talents and in my constant search for those talents that sometimes lie  
buried in self-defeat and apathy.

I am the most fortunate of all who labour.

A physician is allowed to usher life into the world on one magical mo-  
ment. I am allowed to see that life is reborn each day with new ques-  
tions, idea and friendships.

An architect knows that if she builds with care, her structure may stand  
for centuries. A teacher know that if he builds with love and truth, what  
he builds will last forever.

I am a warrior, daily doing battle against peer pressure, negativity, fear,  
conformity, prejudice, ignorance and apathy.

But I have great allies: Intelligence, Curiosity, Wonder, Individuality,  
Love, Passion, Creativity, and Spirituality.

Love, Hope and Laughter all rush to my banner with irrepressible sup-  
port.

And so I have a past that is so rich in memories. I have a present that is  
challenging, adventurous and fun because I am allowed to spend my  
days with the future.

I am a teacher.....and I thank my God for it every day.