



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

PREP 2021 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.

NOTICE

PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING



Semester 1 2020 Family Thresholds

For families who are part of the **Bus Fare Assistance Program**, we wish to advise that the NSSTAS Reference Committee has ratified that the weekly family threshold for Semester 1 2020 will be:

\$25/week for non-concession card holders and \$20/week for concession card holders

Online parent applications can be made for Student Travel Assistance - Semester 1, 2020 via the [Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme \(NSSTAS\)](https://www.nsstas.qld.edu.au/) website. Applications are due Friday 29 May 2020.

TERM FEES

Please note Term 2 fees have been issued via email. Please contact the Office via phone should you not have received your invoice.

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.

TUCKSHOP



**WED 27 MAY — TANIA
FRI 29 MAY — TANIA
MON 01 JUN — 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.

UNIFORM OPENING HOURS

**MON - WED - FRI
8.00am—8.30am
11.00am—12.30pm**

PARENTS

**ALL LATE STUDENTS MUST PRESENT TO THE OFFICE TO BE GIVEN A LATE SLIP TO BE MARKED PRESENT.
PLEASE - PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GO TO CLASSROOMS**

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CORONAVIRUS SPECIAL
DIGITAL EDITION NO. 5
OUT NOW!

FOR ALL EDITIONS, VISIT:
[WWW.CNS.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU/RAISE](https://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/raise)

<https://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/Raise/coronavirus/edition5/>



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

26TH MAY 2020

TERM 2 Week 6

Dear Parents/Carers

We will all mark Monday the 11th & 25th May as important dates in our school year 2020, when all students returned to school for face to face teaching. For many parents and carers it was a blessed relief when they could again drop their children to school and have their lives back again. To all parents and carers who became teachers overnight - well done on your efforts during remote learning.

Yesterday there was a buzz around the school with children reacquainting themselves with their friends and parents eager to drop students back to the care of their class teachers. For our students who have been here for the past 5 weeks, they were happy to have their full circle of classmates back on site, not just seeing them on the Google screen. There was an eagerness to return to classrooms and at 8.20am students were permitted to go in early and get set up ready for the day. Students had an opportunity to share some of their remote work and get their desk ready for learning. Re-establishing routines, structured lessons and teaching over the next four weeks will be the key focus. Teachers will be revising concepts and getting some solid teaching in prior to the mid-semester break.

Students in Year 5 were very pleased to view their classroom refurbishment that occurred over the Easter break. Their classrooms have been extended with an additional pod created to allow for two fantastic teaching spaces. Our Year 6S class has moved into their new facility which is just amazing. Yesterday was the first day that students used this classroom facility. Smiles all round.

Prep parents/carers - Please be aware that the Prep carpark is now open beside the school shed. Please be careful when utilising the parking bays as students will be

accessing the path and gateway. Be mindful of double parking others in when dropping off and picking up.

A reminder to all parents/carers for the remainder of Term 2:-

- ♦ Drop off, say goodbye and depart
- ♦ No access to classrooms
- ♦ Please email/phone or Seesaw teachers regarding student issues
- ♦ Ring prior to entry to the school administration

National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The vision for reconciliation is based on five dimensions, historical acceptance, race relations, equality and equity, institutional integrity and unity. For our GCPS community, reconciliation links wonderfully with our school values of :

*Welcome all as we welcome Christ
Be compassionate to the person in need
Serve God by being neighbour*

When we come together as a community and display mutual respect and understanding, we shape a better future for all Australians.

Regards *Liam*

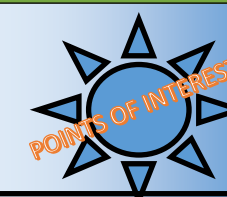


PREP 2021 IS NEARLY FULL. IF YOU ARE INTENDING TO ENROL SIBLINGS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION ASAP

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:20PM



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DIARY DATES
TERM 2
Mon 20 April —
Fri 26 June

SCHOOL BANKING POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



P&F MEETINGS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MONDAY & FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES IN CLASSROOMS ONLY
THANKYOU STUDENT LEADERS

Winter...

June supposedly marks the beginning of winter, though judging by this week's temperatures, it would appear have made an early start. Winter is experienced differently for every community—attend to the patters of the environment in our area and as we look for ways of connecting our thoughts and prayers with the rhythms of the season. Some trees will lose their leaves but of course, they are not dead. The easiest guide here at school, is the big tree on the oval. Let's keep an eye on it throughout the months ahead.



The Lent-Easter cycle is complete, the Church returns to Ordinary Time after Sunday's Feast of Pentecost. The liturgical colour is green, the colour of life and hope.

Did you know this about Pentecost... Acts 2:13.

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th.

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and that the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

Happy Birthday, Church...

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament. For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers.

in Catholic Education Maria Caltabiano (Mrs C.)

TERM 2 2020

Sun 31.05 Pentecost Sunday
Live-streamed Mass 9:00am
<https://www.youtube.com/channel>

Wed 10.06 School Officers Day
Fri 26.06 Term 2 ends

School Break

Monday 29 June—Friday 10 July

Term 3...

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

School Break

Mon 21 September—Mon 5 October

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



National Simultaneous Storytime...www.alia.org.au/nss

Wednesday 27 May 2020—
National Simultaneous Storytime is on tomorrow with activities for classes Prep—Yr 3 planned during the day in the Library/Theatrette .

Thanks Mrs Farina.



Sincere Sympathy..... To Mercy Tagget and family for the loss of her sister-in-law Carol, in the Philippines.

National Sorry Day—26 May...

Today heralds the beginning of National Reconciliation Week. **National Sorry Day** remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'...let us find a quiet moment to be still and reflect via perusing one of the following...You are encouraged to please read today's ABC News also <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-05-26/national-sorry-day-from-mount-isa-indigenous-teenagers/12283140>

Sorry Day Prayer

written by the Aboriginal and Islander Commission National Council of Churches in Australia 2002.

Almighty and loving God,

you who created ALL people in your image,

Lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past. You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so that sins will be forgiven.

We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced.

We live in faith that all people will rise from the depths of despair and hopelessness. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have endured the pain and loss of loved ones, through the separation of children from their families.

We are sorry and ask God's forgiveness.

Touch the hearts of the broken, homeless and inflicted and heal their spirits.

In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable.

Lord, you are our hope.

Amen.



Reconciliation Week action plan virtual launch on Thursday 28 May—more news from our Indigenous Liaison Officer—Lorraine Naqicatabua, next week.

Monday & Friday Classroom Assemblies...

Thank you to the School Captains, Student Councillors and Sport Captains who led their assigned class in Prayer and School Song at 8:40am yesterday. Thanks to the teachers for having the linked resources ready to go. Same again on Friday please!



Ned (Polding Sports Captain) in Room 17, leading 5W students and Miss Worth in the Sign of the Cross.



Kyra (Marcellin Sport Captain) in Room 15, leading 5GS students and Mrs Gallagher in the Lord's Prayer.



Heleana (MacKillop Sports Captain) & Tyrell (Marcellin Sports Captain) in Room 14, leading 6S and Mrs Speziali in the National Anthem—*Advance Australia Fair*.