## **TERM FEES**

Please note Term 4 fees are now overdue. Please contact the Office via phone if you not have receive 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.



GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP
GOOD SAMARITAN HALL
FRIDAY MORNINGS 9.00 - 11.00AM

(Access via Owen Street)

Cost: \$2.00 per family

BYO: HAT MORNING TEA & WATER BOTTLE

Co-ordinators: Amy McElhinney & Katie Cavallaro & Ashleigh Strachan

Catering for children birth to 5 years

Join our "Good Counsel Playgroup" facebook page for more information.



## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Monday 30 November 2020 Class Photo - 5.45pm

Mass 6pm - Dinner 7.30pm

Payment due by Wed 25 Nov 2020

Please be mindful of the COVID restrictions on family members attending, mentioned in the Graduation letter.



Congratulations......

To Audrina DeSabbata (4D) and family on the arrival of a baby sister Georgia Grace.

#### TUCKSHOP



WED 11 NOV — TANIA FRI 13 NOV — TANIA MON 16 NOV — 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



Congratulations to Beau Westcott 4D who recently competed in the Surf Championship in Mackay representing FNQ.

4th - Sprint

4th - Flags

8th - Beach

8th - Swim

8th - Ironman

## Advancedlife

School extra-curricular group photographs were taken recently are now available to view and purchase at **advancedlife** 

Good Counsel Primary School Community Portal.

Simply click on the link above or visit the

Advancedlife website.

## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL ONLINE ORDER CODE IS TGB 9TD 7P1

Important Information:

- Extra-curricular group photos can only be purchased online DO NOT return payment to school
  - Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are ordered
- Past years' photographs including sports, extra-curricular and representative groups are also available on the Advancedlife website.

For any question/queries please contact http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact



# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER** 

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

10TH NOVEMBER 2020

TERM 4 Week 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day. This is a memorial day observed since the end of World War I in Commonwealth Countries around the world, to remember the members of all Armed Forces who have died in the line of duty. The date and time is significant, as the end of hostilities in WWI occurred 'at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month'. The official ending of the war was on 28 June 1919 with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. Remembrance Day is observed in the United Kingdom, South Africa, New Zealand, Canada, India and Kenya. During Remembrance services tomorrow, there is the sounding of the 'Last Post' (cavalry trumpet call) followed by a minute's silence and the sounding of the 'Reveille' (trumpet call to wake up). To conclude observations the 'Ode of Remembrance' is read.

The Ode is taken from the poem 'For the Fallen' written by Laurence Binyon and was first published in *The Times* in September 1914.

#### ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

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.

Remembrance Day is not about the glories of war, but remembering originally the 330 000 Australians who served in WWI and the more than 60 000 who died. We now also remember the additional thousands who served in following wars and peace missions and all who have

died working in the defence forces.

## Lest We Forget

One of our key goals at school this year has been to increase our school attendance rates. COVID-19 has put a rocket through our data, however we have had a slight improve on our 2019 results. Our aim in all Catholic Schools in the Cairns Diocese is to attain a minimum of 90% of students attending 90% of the time. We currently sit at 75% for 2020.

There are many reasons for non-attendance, some are family reasons, student wellbeing, economic or cultural reasons. Reasons such as 'the weather if fine and the water is flat' or 'it's my birthday' are not a reason to be away from school. It needs to be highlighted that if your child is sick then they should be at home. Attendance needs to be viewed in light of the following graphic.

A student misses:	That equals	Which is	Over 13 years of schooling	Equals finishing in
1 day a f'night	20 days a year	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1.5 years	Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks a year	Over 2.5 years	Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks a year	Over 5 years	Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks a year	Nearly 8 years	Year 4
That's not counting the Arrived Late and Left				

Let us aim for better attendance for our students in 2021.

## **NO DRESS UP TOMORROW.**

Regards Líam

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OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM—3:00PM



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## DIARY DATES

TERM 4
Tue 6 Oct —

Tue 6 Oct – Fri 4 Dec

MONDAY
ASSEMBLIES
IN CLASSROOMS
THANKYOU
STUDENT LEADERS

WED 11 NOV SCHOOL BANKING 8.00 - 8.40AM

TUE 10 NOV
P&F MEETING
7PM THEATRETTE

WED 11 NOV PREP INFORMATION EVENING 6PM

> FRI 13 NOV PRE-PREP LONG DAY SESSION #6





## Colour House Sports Captains Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations on a job well done with the Prayer Assembly and throughout the year. May the Year 5 students aspiring to the positions in 2021 take pride in the Sports Houses of Clancy, MacKillop, Marcellin and Polding and show good leadership as our 2020 Captains have done.

## Thank you Fr Mathew & Fr Kerry...

Many thanks for the Year 4 Mass All Souls Mass and the Year 3 Grandparents Liturgy since the last newsletter. Thank you to all who have taken the opportunity to support the children at Mother of Good Counsel Church during these COVID restricted times. Yr 2 classes will celebrate their liturgy on Monday 16 November at 10:00am.

## Remembrance Day Commemoration...

While the School Captains place a wreath at the RSL Cenotaph on Fitzgerald Esplanade tomorrow, Good Counsel Primary students will hold a commemoration at school.

## **Mini Vinnies Class Hamper Prayer Assembly**

Ceira O'Brien, President of GCPS Mini Vinnies will lead the Mini Vinnies in the appeal for the annual generous support of this worthy cause. Letters will handed to students during the assembly on Friday.

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C

#### 2020 Term 4...

Tue 10.11 P&F Meeting 7.00pm

Wed 11.11 Remembrance Day

Commemoration 10:50am

Prep 2021 Information

Night 6:00—7:00pm

Fri 13.11 Mini Vinnies Hamper
Prayer Assembly
PRE-PREP DAY
8:35am—1:00pm

Mon 16.11 Yr 2 Liturgy 10:00am

Tue 17.11 Yr 3 Excursion

Fri 20.11 Billy Slater League Tag Callendar Park TBC

Mon 30.11 Yr 5 Leadership Assembly
Yr 6 Graduation Mass
MoGC Church 6:00pm

Fri 4.12 End of School Year Mass Blue Area 9:00am Term 4 ends

#### **2021 Term 1...**

Mon 25.01 Pupil Free Day

Tue 26.01 Australia Day

Wed 27.01 Term 1 commences

Thu 1.04 Last day of Term 1

2.04 Good Friday

3.04 Easter Saturday

4.04 Easter Sunday

Term Break 2/4 to 18/4



Mini Vinnies State of Origin Raffle—Tickets 50c Drawn Wed 18/11

#### **NO DRESS UP FOR ORIGIN**

O God, lover of the poor and needy, open our eyes to the needs of others. Make us serve them truly after the example and command of Christ our Lord.

Amen.



#### **ALL KEYS**

Charlize Di Carlo
Paige Camilleri
Bodhi Puccini
Emily Rajeev
Harper Andrews
Sebastian Gordon-Cooke
Seth Sciacca
Phoenix Di Carlo
Cameron Barnes

Ceira O'Brien

#### CONFIDENCE

Alexander Weber Ahlee Smith Brady Devaney Robyn Saro Brock Stephenson Sofia Xiong Nisha Salva Ryan Maccarone

#### **EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE**

Shelby Puccini Alex Pensini

## PERSISTENCE

Ella McAvoy
Braith Petersen
Claire Daley
Elly Yates
Tayla Furber
Ziggy Barker
Jayden Lacaze
Isabelle Peake
Scarlett Tabone

#### **GETTING ALONG**

Sabrina Pollard Ben Sinton

## ORGANISATION

Lilly Koenig Zoe Mahoney Charlotte Cook

## **SKILLS FOR**

**LEARNING** 

Indiana Salvestro

