



TERM FEES

Term 1 fees will be issued shortly.
Please make payment by the due date. Please be mindful and check your emails to ensure delivery of your fee statement.

TUCKSHOP



WED 3 FEB - TANIA
FRI 5 FEB - TANIA
MON 8 FEB - 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.

REGULAR TIMES FOR SALE OF
UNIFORMS
MON-WED-FRI
TIMES: 8.00 - 8.30AM
11.00AM - 12.30PM



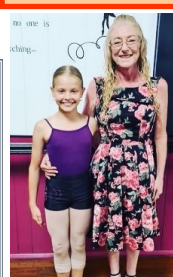
FairPlay



Supporting Qld kids to get active

- Do you have a child aged 5 to 17 years?
- Would you like your child to be more active
- Are you a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card holder?

You may be eligible for you to \$150 for your child's sport or active recreation fees.
Visit qld.gov.au/fairplayvouchers or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) to find out more.



Congratulations to Tayla O'Brien (6S) who recently won a 2021 Ballet Scholarship with Graham Academy of Dance and will be flying to Brisbane to attend the Ballet Coaching Australia 2021 seminar.



HAVE A BLAST! FREE BLAST PROGRAM



- Go to Playcricket.com.au—Search FNQ (club search) or by your postcode to find your nearest Blast Centre (eg FNQ Woolworths Community Program— Innisfail)
- Register your child under Junior Blaster (ages 5-12 can be registered)
- Enter participant details, chose Voucher/promo type (Woolworths Community Program)
- Come along and have a GREAT TIME



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

2ND FEBRUARY, 2021

TERM 1 Week 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well 2021 is off to a great start with 17 new students (Yrs 1-6) settling in over the past week. Our 50 Prep children are learning new routines and becoming familiar with school life at Good Counsel Primary School. This Friday at our opening school year Mass, we will welcome our new students and ask them to proceed to the front of the Alter. Father Kerry will bless us for the new year and wish us all well for 2021. Due to our COVID-19 restrictions, we will have limited parent/carer seating at the back of the church.

Parents/Carers who attend must COVID-19 sign-in and sit socially distanced. Preference will be given to parents of student leaders who are receiving their badges, new students and prep parent/carers. Should you have any queries please contact myself or Mrs C.

We also welcome three staff in 2021. Mrs Denise Kenny is our Teacher Librarian and will be working with Years 3-5 students in class and all students in the library at lunchtime. Mrs Katie Cavallaro joins our Prep team working Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Sandip Kaur will be assisting our Diverse Learners team with students and families who do not have English as their first language. Students have all settled well into learning and we are hopeful this enthusiasm will continue well into the semester.

With regard to building/grounds, all will have noticed the large raintree which unfortunately had to be removed over the holidays. The large branches were

posing a danger with several falling and crashing into the stage area late last year, so our contracted arborist advised we cut it down. The stump will remain as a seat with a concrete stage to surround it. On either side of the tree stump will be two shade structures for students to sit on at play time or during PE lessons. Finally our synthetic grassed area will be replaced to match up with the stage and concrete path. Many other small building upgrades were completed including painting, plumbing, blinds and cabinetry in classrooms and the Good Samaritan Hall over the summer break.

Over the next two weeks we have parent meetings timetabled in to take place in the Theatre. These are an opportunity for parents/carers to meet class teachers and gain an insight into classroom expectations and routines as well as homework requirements. Due to our COVID-19 restrictions, only one parent/carer per class family is to attend. Each class teacher has prepared a document which will be shared outlining the presentation. If you cannot attend, please view the presentation and email or Seesaw any questions that require clarification.

One of our key goals in 2021 is around attendance. So far we have had excellent results with all but one or two sick students absent each day. Keep up the great start to 2021.

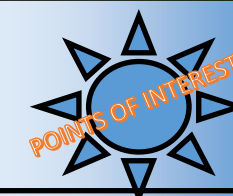
Regards *Liam*

Newsletter will be printed occasionally. It will be emailed each week and will also be available on the GCPS website.
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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:00PM



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DIARY DATES

TERM 1

WED 27 JAN—
THU 1 APR

MON 1- THU 4 FEB
PARENT TEACHER
MEETINGS
REFER TO LETTERS
SENT OUT

WED 3 FEB
SCHOOL BANKING
8.00-8.40AM
BREEZEWAY
PLEASE QR SIGN-IN

FRI 5 FEB
WHOLE SCHOOL
MASS 9.00AM
LIMITED NUMBERS

DATE CLAIMER
THU 25 FEB
SCHOOL PHOTOS



PLAYGROUP 5 FEB 2021

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.

LOST

PANDORA BRACELET— IF FOUND PLEASE SEE OFFICE



Semester 1 2021 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 2021 will be:

\$40/week for non-concession card holders and
\$30/week for concession* card holders
This cost will be charged each term to the family school account.
(* Health Care, Pensioner or Veterans)

If you have any queries regarding this program, please contact your Bus Provider and/or our BFAP Co-Ordinator, Mrs Julie Nicolau.
(Phone: 4063 5300 (Option 2) or email gcc.accounts@cns.catholic.edu.au)



Australia Day Prayer Assembly...

Mr Kenny handed out lots of welcome to Good Counsel Primary Certificates on Friday. Thank you to the Student Council members who did a fabulous job presenting their very first Prayer Assembly, though they missed out on a photo!

Beginning School Mass...

Friday 5 February 9:00am at Mother of Good Counsel Church is the Mass date to celebrate the commencement of the school year, as well as welcome our Preps and all the new to the school staff and students. The Student Leaders will be receiving their badges during this celebration. **Parents/Carers—please read the Principal's page for details.**

2021: Year of St Joseph...

'2021: Year of St Joseph' is shaping up to be a full year as we celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia, 150 years since the 'Coming of the Light', and our Diocesan Bishop James Foley retiring as our Bishop after 27 years.

Sacramental Program...

Enrolment forms are now available for 2021. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 this year, or an older grade, then please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 4063 0050 or drop in to fill in an enrolment form. An information meeting will be held in February outlining what the Sacraments are about and important dates.

First Nations: National Apology Day - Australia - 13 February

Saturday 13 February 2021 holds poignant significance for First Nation people in Australia as it recollects the 13th Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations. A day where the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd formally apologised for the impact that laws, policies and practices mandated by the Australian government had on First Nation Peoples.

Mini Vinnies Induction Ceremony...

Yr 6 Mini Vinnies & Mini Vinnies Executive will receive their badges on Friday 12 February.

Parents/Carers are more precious than gold...

Through the years, parents/carers become teachers, counsellors and comforters and seem to keep going on an endless supply of courage, humour and love—but mostly love. It shows in everything they do from grocery shopping to family outings. It's what overcomes in those moments of spilled milk and muddy shoes and broken windows. Parents/carers never get repaid for all they do but they seem to be fulfilled. And though their rewards consist mostly of hugs, kisses and "I love you!" they are more than thankful for these than for anything else. And as time passes and childhood gives way to understanding, we know beyond a doubt that parents/carers themselves are far more precious than gold.

Prayer for the day...

God of our journey, God of hope, we your children give you thanks and praise, as we begin the 2021 journey together. May all who are part of this community, here at Good Counsel Primary especially all those who are new to our school, find a welcome space to grow and be. May we be grateful for each day, as you give us the grace to begin our journey, with hope and joy. Amen.

*Yours in Catholic Education,
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE*

Term 1...

Fri 5.02 Beginning School
Mass—9:00am
Fri 12.2 Yr 6 Mini Vinnies Induction
Wed 17.2 Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Fri 19.2 200 years Catholic Ed. in
Australia Assembly
Netball Gala Day
Thu 25.2 SCHOOL PHOTOS
Fri 26.2 5W Good Samaritan
Charism
Rugby League Gala Day
Fri 5.3 Sports Captains
Fri 12.3 Harmony Day
Wed 17.3 St Patrick's Green Day
Week 8—Book Fair Mon 15—Thu 18
Fri 19.3 St Patrick's Assembly
Sat 20.3 GCC OPEN DAY
Wed 24.3 Math Olympiad #1
Fri 26.3 Palm Sunday Assembly
Tue 30.4 6S Last Supper
Thu 1.4 5GS Stations of the Cross
Term One ends...

School Holidays

Fri 2.4 Good Friday
Sun 4.4 Easter Sunday

Term 2...

Mon 19.4 Term commences
Fri 23.4 ANZAC Prayer Assembly
Sun 25.4 ANZAC Day
Mon 26.4 ANZAC Day Holiday
Mon 3.5 Qld Labour Day Holiday
Wed 5.5 MATH Olympiad #2
Fri 25.6 Term 2 ends

Term 3...

Mon 12.7 Term commences
Fri 3.9 Pupil Free Day
Fri 17.9 Term 3 ends

Term 4...

Mon 4.10 Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tue 5.10 Term commences
Wed 11.10 Remembrance Day
Fri 29.10 World Teachers Day



Sincere Sympathy.....
extended to Ariana, Isadora
Gabriella and Teo Nucifora on
the loss of their Grandfather
Geoff Stocker.

Welcoming 17 new faces from Yr 1—Yr 6 during last week's assembly



Mr Kenny welcoming the Prep boys and the Prep girls in Week One.



Library News from Mrs Denise Kenny (Acting Teacher Librarian)

Well done to the 10 GCPS students who participated in the very first 'Bee A Reader' Reading Group last Thursday in the Library at lunchtime. These wonderful children voluntarily read silently and uninterrupted for almost 20 min (during playtime). What a super effort!

Great work - Zoe (4D), Elle (4D) Lacey (4F), Leon (6S), Ariana (4F), Savannah (4D), Taylor (5GS), Kit (4D), Trinity (4D), and Emilee (4F).

All students in Year 3 to 6 are welcome to come along. Looking forward to seeing how many busy 'Reading Bees' we will have in the Library this Thursday at 1:20pm playtime.

