

TERM FEES

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

A reminder that each party to the account will receive a fee statement regardless of payment arrangements or concessions, to keep you informed of your current balance.

TUCKSHOP

WED 24 FEB - TANIA
FRI 26 FEB - TANIA
MON 01 MAR - 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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thursday 25 February

Photos are encouraged to be purchased on-line using Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or Latitude pay. Go to www.advancedlife.com.au Enter the school 9 digit code (available on the Parent Portal) and click

ORDER NOW

When ordering online, there is no need to complete an envelope.

Sibling photos online must be completed before midnight Wed 24 Feb (the night before photo day).

If not ordering online, please collect/request an envelope for each child in your family from the Office.

Please note we do not hold cash for change in the Office.

Sibling envelopes (1 per family) are also available from the Office.

No late sibling envelopes or on-line orders will be not be accepted after photo day.

Only siblings from this school will be photographed.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

23RD FEBRUARY, 2021

TERM 1 Week 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Student safety is paramount when arriving and departing our school precinct. We have over 320 students attending school each day in addition to the 360 Good Counsel College students also in the area.

At present our drop off zone on Owen Street in the afternoon is at close to capacity from 2.50pm - 3.10pm. Between 3.10pm - 3.20pm there are very few cars. My suggestion is aim to hit pick up at 3.10pm and you will not need to wait in the line. For safety reasons we ask that you not park behind cars on Grace Street outside Prices Plus. Morning drop off in Owen street works wonderfully.

Rankin Street works very well during morning and afternoon times, however we have recently received several complaints of parents parking on the street to let children out or to enter a vehicle. This is extremely dangerous and needs to stop immediately before we cause an injury to a student or a serious accident.

From today, the two parking bays on Rankin Street outside the front gate will be utilized as only pick up/drop off in the morning and afternoon. Parents will be able to utilize these parks in the heavy traffic times. I will be contacting our council to arrange some permanent signage. Please do not drop off or pick up your child while in the traffic line as it is a dangerous act.

School photos are on this Thursday. Students are asked to wear their normal day uniform with black school shoes. Hair ties and scrunchies should be school

colours. We attempt to get photos completed for classes before they have play time to keep them neat and tidy. Our staff photo will take place at 8.35am just prior to the bell. Orders can be done online at anytime or you can collect a photo envelope from the Office. Sibling photo envelopes are also available from the front office.

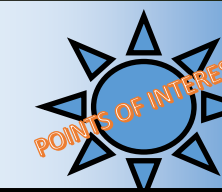
As of last week, our whole school attendance was at 78.1%. I do realise we had a bout of upset tummies and some isolated chicken pox throughout the school but please aim each day to get your child to school. The attached Attendance Matters statistics are confronting.



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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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DIARY DATES

TERM 1

WED 27 JAN -
THU 1 APR

WED 24 FEB
SCHOOL BANKING
8.00-8.40AM
BREEZEWAY
PLEASE QR SIGN-IN

THU 25 FEB
SCHOOL PHOTOS
SEE PG 4 FOR
INSTRUCTIONS -
PHOTO ENVELOPES
AND SIBLING
ENVELOPES ARE
AVAILABLE FROM
THE OFFICE

SEE PGE 4 FOR
AFTER SCHOOL
FITNESS
YR 4-6



PLAYGROUP 26 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

FOUND

1 x child's reading glasses
1 x black school shoe (single)

GCPS - AFTER SCHOOL FITNESS

BLUE COVERED AREA 3.00 - 4.00PM



TUE - YEAR 5
WED - YEAR 4
THU - YEAR 6

Will run until the second last week of
Term 1 (final day 25 Mar)

CAIRNS CITY REDS BASEBALL CLUB

www.cairnsreds.com
COME & TRY BASEBALL



20TH MARCH

9.00am - 12.00pm

Walker Road Sporting Precinct
Edmondton

Regards
Liam

Ash Wednesday...

Thank you Fr Peter Miller for celebrating the Ash Wednesday liturgies with the Prep, Yr 1 & 2 and GCC Yr 11 Buddies, and the Yr 4, 5, 6 students. Reflective time with students



focussed receiving the ashes, and what the season of Lent means to them.

Lent...

This morning, a GCPS dad suggested (with a grin on his face) that I ask his daughter what she was giving up for Lent? How good that she had taken the discussion home. Loved it! Here are some thought provoking suggestions from <http://www.appleseeds.org/lent-reflect>:

What to Give Up—

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.*
- Give up pessimism — become an optimist.*
- Give up harsh judgments — think kindly thoughts.*
- Give up worry — trust Divine Providence.*
- Give up discouragement — be full of hope.*
- Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.*
- Give up hatred — return good for evil.*
- Give up negativism — be positive.*
- Give up anger — be more patient.*
- Give up pettiness — become mature.*
- Give up gloom — enjoy the beauty that is all around you.*
- Give up jealousy — pray for trust.*
- Give up gossiping — control your tongue.*
- Give up sin — turn to virtue.*
- Give up giving up — hang in there!*



Project Compassion...

Project Compassion is underway at school with the various class activities which include: Jobs at Home, Chef Compassion, Walk-a-thon and others. Thank you for your support.

Faith in the Future...

This year's 200 years of Catholic Education celebrations have CES inviting schools to submit their school's entry with students singing the beautiful song "Faith in the Future" by Fr John Galea. Let's see how well we can sing our way into the CES video with a clip of our best effort. Find the song on: <https://200years.catholic.edu.au/resources-2/>

Thank you to Tayla, Jarrod, Brodie, Gurnoor and Lincoln, who brought us Friday's Prayer Assembly, introducing the celebrations and the song.

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

Term 1...

- 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 1.3 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

School Holidays

- Mon 4.10 Queen's Birthday Holiday

Term 4...

- Tue .5.10 Term commences
- Wed 11.11 Remembrance Day
- Fri .29.10 World Teachers Day

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.

Information evening —

Monday 1 March, 7pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church

Social and Emotional Learning Certificate recipients for Week 4



Friday's Introduction to 200years Catholic Education in Australia



*Congratulations....
Pippa Harley (Prep S) and
family on the arrival of a
baby brother, Jack.*

SAVE THE DATE

**Student Council
Fluoro Disco
Fri 26th Mar
2021
More details to
follow**



Sincere Sympathy

*The Sinton families - Declan, Travis,
Hannah & Sophie, and Ben, Elise and
Evie, — for the loss of their great
grandfather Ben Panozzo.*

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...

1 DAY
per fortnight

1 DAY
per week

2 DAYS
per week

3 DAYS
per week

That equals...

20 DAYS
per year

40 DAYS
per year

80 DAYS
per year

120 DAYS
per year

Which is...

4 WEEKS
per year

8 WEEKS
per year

16 WEEKS
per year

24 WEEKS
per year

and over 13 years of schooling that's...

nearly
1.5 YEARS

nearly
2.5 YEARS

nearly
5 YEARS

nearly
8 YEARS

Which means your child's learning progress might be

