

TERM FEES

Term 1 fees are now overdue. 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.

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 17 MAR - TANIA
FRI 19 MAR - TANIA
MON 22 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



PREP ENROLMENTS 2022

Prep enrolments for 2022 are well underway with many applications already received.

If you have a child who was born between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017 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.



POSITIONS VACANT

Casual School Crossing Supervisor at both Goondi & Innisfail State Schools.

- * School Crossing Supervisors must be able to work in all-weather conditions, 1 hour & 30 min
- On a rotating roster basis (1 week on and 1 week off)
- * Relief opportunities on your rostered days off
- * Pay Rate \$31.11 per hour
- Commencement of employment for the successful applicant is dependent on:

The favourable outcome of a health assessment
A positive Notice Blue Card (you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)
Please call Michelle at Transport & Main Roads for an Application package on 07 4045 8557.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

16TH MARCH, 2021

TERM 1 Week 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reflect, twelve months ago, we were facing major changes to our routines for schooling at the end of Term 1 due to COVID. Things in our lives have certainly changed with hand sanitisation stations at every doorway, COVID sign in at all public venues and face masks on flights. The major learning from 2020 at school was that our students can cope very well with change. Most embraced home learning because it was what had to happen and when the whole school resumed, they worked with the new routines that continue today. Well done to our students, staff and parents for working with the continuing COVID changes.

This week we began PTO (Parent Teacher Online) bookings for parent/teacher interviews regarding your child's progress during Term 1 of 2021. These interviews give an opportunity for discussion about progress made in the first 7 weeks of school and also where improvements could be made. Discussion points could include daily attendance, class work, assessment, home reading and home work, behaviour/focusing in class. It is an expectation that all families engage in parent/teacher meetings. If for some reason the times do not work, please contact your child's teacher directly. Let us work together to improve the outcomes for all children.

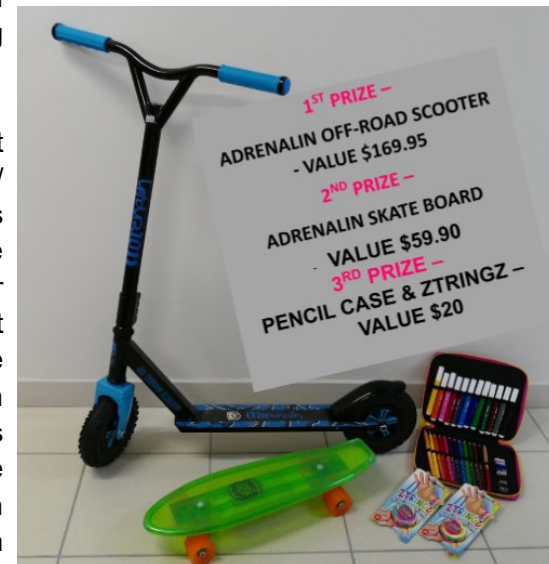
Tomorrow we celebrate St Patrick's Day by dressing in green. This tradition has continued for over 1000 years and is observed on the anniversary of his death in the 5th Century. The short story is, Patrick was born in Roman Britain in the late 4th Century and at the age of 16 was taken as a slave to Ireland. Patrick escaped to become a Missionary and is credited with

bringing Christianity to Ireland. He became a legendary figure and is considered the Patron Saint of Ireland. Approximately 30% of Australia's population is believed to have some Irish ancestry today, as many came to Australia as convicts, and between 1840—1914 over 300000 Irish settlers migrated to Australia to escape the famine in their homeland.



Happy St Patrick's Day!

The Student Council have 50¢ tickets for the Fluoro Disco raffle on sale now to be drawn at the Disco on 26 March.



P&F BBQ Dinner - Steak & Fish Burgers \$5.00
Sausage on Bread \$2.00
BYO - Soft and not so soft drinks
Coffee on sale \$3.00 a cup

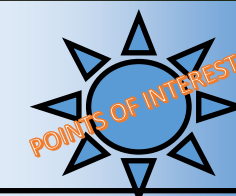
Congratulations to Zyon Toms and Declan Sinton who were selected in the Under 12 Rugby League Cassowary Coast District team last week. The boys will now train and play in the Peninsula Trials in Cairns on Wednesday 28 April.

Regards
Liam

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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

WED 17 MAR
GREEN DRESS DAY

SCHOOL BANKING
8.00-8.40AM
BREEZEWAY
PLEASE QR SIGN-IN

SEE PGE 4 FOR
AFTER SCHOOL
FITNESS
YR 4-6

ATTACHED IS AN
EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST FLYER FOR
GCPS FAMILIES
ONLY
REGARDING
PLAYGROUND
REDEVELOPMENT



PLAYGROUP
19 MAR 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



Date: Monday 15 March to Thursday 18 March
Time: 8.15am – 9am, lunch times, 3pm - 3.30pm
Place: Theatrette

All commission earned is used to purchase books for our Library.
CASH ONLY Thank you.

GCPS - AFTER SCHOOL FITNESS
BLUE COVERED AREA 3.00 - 4.00PM

TUE - YEAR 5 Will run until the second last week
WED - YEAR 4 of Term 1 (final day 25 Mar)
THU - YEAR 6

Harmony Day...



Thank you to our many presenters of the Harmony Day Prayer Assembly last Friday. Good Counsel Primary is indeed the place wherein 'everyone belongs' and we create harmony in our world by treating others with kindness and respect, and sharing qualities that help us build strong relationships. **God of wisdom and understanding, you love and accept everyone. Help us to have open hearts and open minds so that we may rejoice in the gifts of all, celebrating a diverse and warm community where everyone is and feels valued. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Project Compassion...



Thank you once again to all students who have given so generously to Project Compassion over the past weeks.



Scripture...

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:4-7

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, as we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do. The Spirit has given us each a special way of serving others.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Shamrock...



The shamrock is an iconic symbol of [Irish heritage and culture](#). It appears on the flag of Erin Go Bragh, meaning "Ireland Forever", was utilised by [St. Patrick](#) as a symbol of Irish identity, and can be found on the uniforms of Irish sports teams, and on the tail of the national airline, Aer Lingus. Any Saint Patrick's Day event anywhere in the world is incomplete without it. The word shamrock comes from the Gaelic word Seamrog, meaning "little clover". A clover is the commonly used name for any number of plants belonging to the genus Trifolium, meaning "having three leaves."

Even among botanists, there is some disagreement on what species is the "true" shamrock, but most agree that the White Clover is probably the original shamrock of Irish symbolic heritage. While trying to convert the Irish into Christians,

St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the holy trinity with each leaf representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The three leaves of a shamrock are also said to stand for faith, hope and love. A fourth leaf is where we get the luck from. The four-leafed clover, or "lucky clover", is an uncommon variation of the three-leafed clover; widely considered to be a symbol of good luck. Because they are a mutation, they are rare; not found in the same abundance as the shamrock, and thus, considered lucky.

The traditional Irish symbol of a shamrock does NOT include the fourth leaf.

See you in green tomorrow. In the meantime ...

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Maria Caltabiano— Mrs C APRE

Term 1...

Wed 17/3 St Patrick's Green Day
Week 8— Book Fair Mon 15—Thu 18
Fri 19/3 St Patrick's Assembly
Wed 24/3 Math Olympiad #1
Fri 26/3 Palm Sunday Assembly
P&F Meet & Greet 6:30pm
Fluoro Disco 7pm
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 1 9/4 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
Mon 29/11 Leadership Assembly
Fri 3/12 Term 4 ends

**GCPS CROSS
COUNTRY
31 MARCH 2021
9.00AM START**

**Lap running began today—
each Tuesday & Wednesday
until Cross Country for fun,
fitness and points.
Cross Country Distances:**

**Prep—6 year old 500m
7—8 year old 1km
8—10 year old 2km
11—12 year old 3km**



Harmony Day Prayer Assembly—Everyone Belongs



Week 7 Social and Emotional Learning recipients



**Open till Thursday 18 March
8.15am – 9am, lunch times, 3pm - 3.30pm
Theatrette CASH ONLY—
Thank you to the Year 6 assistants.**

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY FAMILIES ONLY

As part of our Prep/Year 1 Playground redevelopment, we will remove the old equipment and prepare the site for our new structures. School will remove the equipment which will be stored on site until it is sold off.

If you are interested in re-utilizing the equipment for home use, it will be sold 'as is' and in the condition it is once removed. The equipment will be sold as three separate components.



COMPONENT 1 - High platform, blue slide, ladder, chain bridges, three low platforms and monkey bars



COMPONENT 2 - Yellow slide, tunnel, platform and ladder



COMPONENT 3 - Sensory wall

We are hoping to remove the equipment by Week 4 of next term to prepare the site for a June holiday installation of the new equipment.

If you are interested, please view the equipment on site and place a value on components you are interest in purchasing.

Please email your expression of interest to myself – lkenny@cns.catholic.edu.au