


TERM FEES

 Term 2 fees have been issued, due date 14 May 2021. 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.

Congratulations

To Jharal (4D) & Frederick (1G) Koraba on the recent arrival of a baby brother **Jarome**.



Student Travel Rebates Semester 1

BUS FARE ASSISTANCE -

Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary? Does your family spend more than \$40/week* on fares to and from school (* \$30/week if you hold a concession card)?

Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or associated with the school?

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY - Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?

Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during May. Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st May.

Sincere Sympathy to..... Mrs Sue Ah Say (2AL) and Olivia Ah Shay (2ML) and families on the passing of their mother and great grandmother.

TUCKSHOP

WED 12 MAY - TANIA
FRI 14 MAY - TANIA
MON 17 MAY - 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



Take the Reading Challenge! THIS MAY

Hey kids (and parents too) May is **National Family Reading Month** so you are all invited to participate in the 'Family Reading Challenge'. All you have to do is to make reading a priority and a part of your daily routine by reading a book each day during May (this does not include your home reader).

Then simply colour in a book on the **Reading Rocket** to log each day you have read in May and blast off into a galaxy of endless stories and adventures!

Prep to Year 3 students will find this in their homework bags as of today. Any Year 4 to 6 students can collect one from the library if they would like to participate.

This is an initiative of Scholastic and more information can be found at scholastic.com.au/ncom.au/nfrm

To help you on your way the library will be open from 8.00 - 8.30 on Monday to Wednesday for the month of May. So please come up and enjoy some quality family reading time together. If you wish to take advantage of this reading opportunity all adults have to do is the usual Covid sign-in at the school gate and then use the hand sanitizer which will be provided at the library door.

The challenge begins today Tuesday 4th of May so you might like to try to read extra books to cover the first 3 days we have missed.

Good luck with the challenge. HAPPY READING!

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTING ACTIVITIES AT GCPS

Sessions will run from 3:00 - 4:15pm on the oval or in the blue covered area. All sessions will start in Week 5 of Term 2 and conclude in Week 9.

Monday afternoons - Year 4 Rugby League skills with Leon Hallie

Tuesday afternoons - Prep - 6 AFL Auskick program and Year 4 girls netball.

Wednesday afternoons - Year 5/6 Touch Football

Thursday afternoons - Year 5/6 Athletics

Your child may bring a change of clothes to train in and footy boots if they wish. **There will be a cost and sign on required only for the AFL Auskick Program** (details in last week's newsletter). For all other sessions no permission slip will be required, your child may simply come along to the sessions. We would like to see students attend each week to get the most out of their chosen sport program.

Thank you for your support - Hayley Russell



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

11TH MAY, 2021

TERM 2 Week 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter Week 4 of the Term, it is an opportune time to re-establish some expectations for students to make Term 2 as successful as possible. The following 7 ideas are from Michael Grose's - *Parenting Insights* book. They are practical ways to get the best out of primary school aged children.

Commit to your child going to school every day and on time One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day - and gets there on time. Kids spend more time asleep than at school, so we need to maximise every day to get full value.

Help kids start each day well A good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and some words of encouragement from you will help set a positive tone for a day of learning. This may mean that you organise your morning routine so that kids have plenty of time to get up, eat and get ready for the day.

Establish work & study habits The most successful students are those that develop regular study habits that suit their lifestyle, their study style and their school's expectations.

Make sure your child gets enough sleep Many children and young people are sleep deprived which impacts on their wellbeing and their learning. A good night's sleep consolidates learning, as well as assisting future learning. Children need between 10-12 hours of sleep each day, while teens need a minimum of nine hours. Help kids get sufficient sleep by having a regular bedtime and get-up time each day. Have a 45 minute wind down time each night, and remove screens and mobile phones from bedrooms.

Insist kids exercise The old saying about 'a healthy body and a healthy mind' is so true. Exercise releases the chemicals

needed for learning and wellbeing. Yet kids today get less exercise than those of past generations, which is an impediment to learning and mental health. Health professionals recommend a minimum of 60 minutes of exercise per day for kids of all ages. Encourage your child to play sport; promote free and active play and look for ways to make moving part of their daily lives.

Focus on being friendly Schools are very social places requiring kids to negotiate many different social situations each day. Yet we often only focus on academic learning. There are strong links between social success, and academic success and wellbeing. Encourage kids to be open and tolerant; to be friendly; to be sensitive to others; to be involved in plenty of activities and to be social risk-takers. These are all characteristics of socially successful kids. At the same time discourage anti-social behaviours such as over-competitiveness, self-centredness and lack of sharing.

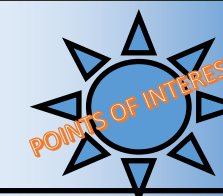
Develop self-help skills Successful students are often well organised, self-directed and self-motivated. Personal organisation seems to come more naturally to girls than boys, however both genders benefit from coaching in this important area. You can foster organisational skills and self-direction by developing simple, age-appropriate self-help skills related to their every day lives. Such skills as making lunches, packing school bags, and organising after school schedules can be great lessons that impact on how kids perform at school. Hopefully these practical hints can help your child's learning at GCPS.

GCP School Banking is set to cease at the end of July following a QLD Government decision based on the findings of an ACIS Report into banking. For our students who utilised the Commonwealth Dollarsmites accounts, this will be a

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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DIARY DATES

TERM 2

MON 19 APR -
FRI 25 JUN

PLEASE QR CODE
WHEN ENTERING THE
PREMISES

SEE LAST WEEK'S
NEWSLETTER FOR
THE MAY READING
CHALLENGE

WED 12 MAY
SCHOOL BANKING
8.00-8.40AM
BREEZEWAY

6S CLASS MASS

COLOURING
COMPETITION -
TO THE TO OFFICE
BY FRI 14 MAY
See details on
digital newsletter

Term 2—2021

disappointment. Personally, I find the decision confusing and hope that we receive communication from the State Government. The Commonwealth Bank will be sending information out to clarify how private banking can continue. The shame is that school banking which has been operating in schools for some 90 years teaching kids to “save”, will now be closing. Many thanks to Tania, Amanda and Brenda and their recent helpers who have volunteered to provide this service to our families for a number of years.

Regards *Liam*



Thank you Fr Kerry...

Last week's 6H class mass saw the sun shine through the stained glass chancel window providing a transcendent glow.

Classroom visits this week with 3W, 3D, 4D and 4F—thanks for taking the time Fr Kerry—very much appreciated.

6S Class Mass...

6S students will be celebrating their class mass on Wednesday 12 May at 11:15am. Parents/Carers are welcome to support the children. Thank you Mrs Amanda Speziali for preparing the students.



Friday's 2ML Prayer Assembly...

Please join with 2ML as the children present their Forgiveness Prayer Assembly on Friday.

What does the Bible say about forgiveness?

The Lord's Prayer (The Our Father)

The Lord's Prayer, in which Jesus taught about forgiveness, is one of the most important prayers in Catholic Christianity. It is the responsibility of humanity to forgive sins, as Jesus gave the disciples the commandment to go out, teach and forgive sins.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. **Matthew 6:14-15** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. **John 20:23**

Just as God sent his Son to forgive sins, so Jesus has passed that commandment on to his followers. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides>

Yours in Catholic Education Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C. APRE

Term 2...

Wed 12/5 NAPLAN Language Conv.
6S Class Mass 11:15am
Thu 13/5 NAPLAN Numeracy
Fri 14/5 2ML Prayer Assembly
Mon 17/5 3D Class Liturgy
Wed 19/5 3W Class Liturgy
Fri 21/5 Yr 1 Pentecost Assembly
Mon 24/5 200y Catholic Education
Fri 28/5 National Reconciliation Prayer Assembly
Fri 4/6 3W Prayer Assembly
Wed 9/6 School Officers Day
Thu 10/6 School Performance
Fri 11/6 Prep Prayer Assembly
Wed 16/6 Math Olympiad #3
Fri 25/6 Term 2 ends

Term 3...

Mon 12/7 Term commences
Tue 27/7 Cath. Ed. Week Liturgy
Wed 28/7 Math Olympiad #4
Wed 11/8 ICAS Writing & Digital Tech.
Wed 18/8 ICAS English
Wed 25/8 ICAS Science/Spelling
Wed 1/9 ICAS Mathematics
Fri 3/9 CTJ 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
Fri 29/10 World Teachers Day
Wed 11/11 Remembrance Day
Mon 29/11 Leadership Assembly
Fri 3/12 Term 4 ends

Breaking 'stuff' at Tech Heads



Mini Vinnies Mother's Day Raffle Winners...

1st—Estralita Cavallaro
2nd—Lisa Livingston
3rd—Laityn Binder
4th—Navreet Basra
5th—Torah Puccini
6th—Shelby Puccini
7th—Ava McEilhnney
8th—Kumok Zammit



Week 3 Social & Emotional Learning Award Recipients & Mother's Day...

