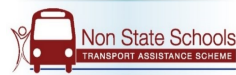


TERM FEES

Term 2 fees have been issued, and 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.



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?

Apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during May. Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st May.

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.

TUCKSHOP



WED 19 MAY - TANIA
FRI 21 MAY - TANIA
MON 24 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



Australian Library and Information Association **SCHOLASTIC** **LIANZA** #N552021 #1MillionKidsReading

National Simultaneous Storytime ...from space!



Well, the wait is finally over! Tomorrow is **National Simultaneous Storytime**.

This event is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALAI).

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

This year the book – Give Me Some Space written and illustrated by Philip Bunting will be featured.

This will be an extra special presentation as it will be read by Dr Sandra Walker from the International Space Station. Yes, it will be read literally from Space!

The students of GCPS will have the opportunity to view the book reading tomorrow and classes will also complete some of the associated resources. It should be an enjoyable and interesting time, especially for any of our **'astronauts-in-waiting'**.



Congratulations and well done to Theo (Yr 3W) and his dad Chris who were the very first to read together in the library during National Family Reading Month.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

18TH MAY, 2021

TERM 2 Week 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are coming to the end of our construction of the shade covers and replacement stage on the oval. After several design changes, the structure looks great and will provide an area for students to sit at lunch times, during PE lessons and whole class activities. The raintree stump remains at the centre of the stage and will be used as a seat once we have coated the top with a protective resin. Next week the synthetic grass will be reinstalled to the high traffic area in front of the seating and stage, once that is complete our whole oval will be open for business.



We have had reason to speak to several students over the past two weeks regarding social issues relating to "outside school chat rooms". When parents have been notified of the issues they had little idea of what their child was doing with an unsupervised device. Our children today are more digitally literate and have an urge to explore. This is a positive, however students need to be accessing age appropriate material, games and sites. On many of these, there are age restrictions which are set for a good reason.

From the lunch time conversations that I hear, some of our students are being exposed to or sourcing material way beyond their age. I ask all parents to do a

'tech check' over the next few weeks and re-set some boundaries where things may have become a little slack over the past few months. Some guiding questions which may help raise your child in a digital age :-

- Is your child having too much technology time?
- How much of this time is unsupervised?
- Are you being a good role model? If you are gaming, are your children watching? What games are they playing? Are they age appropriate?
- Is their technology in the bedroom? Are devices stored in an accessible/central place in the home?
- Are you using technology purely to babysit?

Parents need to set some boundaries and take control. This will be difficult but certainly worth it for your child.

For more useful information on how to keep your children safe in the digital space, follow Susan McLean who is one of Australia's authorities on assisting parents with technology use.

Mrs Caltabiano's appraisal - If you have a few spare minutes, please complete the appraisal survey for Mrs C. It was sent via email on 5th May. Last chance as the survey is set to close tomorrow 19 May.

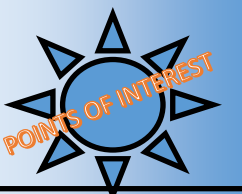
The Student Council will be travelling with me on Monday to St Monica's Cathedral for the celebration of 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia.

Regards
Liam

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:00PM



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DIARY DATES
TERM 2

MON 19 APR -
FRI 25 JUN

PLEASE QR CODE
WHEN ENTERING THE
PREMISES

WED 19 MAY
SCHOOL BANKING
8.00-8.40AM
BREEZEWAY

MRS C's APPRAISAL
CLOSES
TOMORROW
WED 19 MAY

THU 27 MAY
YR 6H & 6S
BIGGEST MORNING
TEA



Friday's 2ML Prayer Assembly... Thank you 2ML students and teachers Mrs Rosanne Mifsud and Mrs Sue Lynch for the Forgiveness Prayer Assembly.



Thank you Fr Kerry... for celebrating the Class Liturgy of the Eucharist with 6S students last week, as prepared by Mrs Amanda Speziali. Thanks also for celebrating the Class Liturgy of the Word with 3D students yesterday as prepared by Mrs Andrea Devaney. Thank you parents/carers and grandparents for your support.



Term 2...

Wed 19/5 3W Class Liturgy
Fri 21/5 Yr1 Pentecost Assembly
Mon 24/5 200y Catholic Education
Fri 28/5 3W Prayer Assembly
Fri 4/6 National Reconciliation Prayer Assembly (date ch)
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...

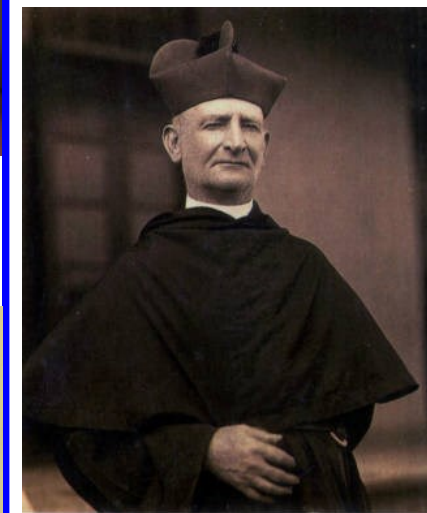
Mon 12/7 Term commences
Tue 27/7 Cath. Ed. Week Liturgy
Wed 28/7 Math Olympiad #4
Wed 11/8 ICAS Writing & Digital Tech.
Wed 18/8 ICAS English
Mon 23/8
Wed 25/8 ICAS Science/Spelling
Wed 1/9 ICAS Mathematics
Fri 3/9 CTJ Pupil Free Day
Fri 17/9 Term 3 ends

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



Remembering...

We remember Father Michael Martin Clancy OSA—First Parish Priest of Innisfail, instrumental in the building of Mother of Good Counsel Church which was blessed and opened 24 August 1928. Fr Clancy died digging a trench while the retaining wall of the church was being built on 20 May 1931 (90 years ago).



Week 4 SEL Award Recipients



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2021

Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action*, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To our new supporters, please remember the importance of privileging and amplifying First Nations' voices as you add your voice to calls for reconciliation and justice. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures. 2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process.

[Find out more about National Reconciliation Week](#)

#MoreThanAWord #NRW2021

Good Counsel Primary will be celebrating with a Prayer Assembly moved from Friday 28 May to Friday 4 June due to unforeseen circumstances.

Comprehension is Important...

Your child's comprehension is a vital component of them learning to read. A lot of the time parents listen to the home reader and then mark it off as complete. Getting into the habit of asking some questions at the end will help your child with their comprehension skills.

They don't have to be difficult questions, here are a few that you may like to ask:

- What was your favourite part of the book and why?
- How did you feel when you read that story?
- What did you learn from this story?
- What was the problem in the story?
- Which character did you like and why?



Safeguarding Children Conference 2021

Saturday 29 May
Pullman Reef Hotel
8.00am to 3.00pm

Safeguarding Children
Catholic Education

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

student voice
Brisbane Catholic Education

Including students from Catholic Education

- Leadership & Staff Sessions
- Parent & Volunteer Sessions
- Diocesan Sessions

This is a free event.
Registrations are open from 23 April 2021.
For more information and to register, please visit:
www.cns.catholic.edu.au/sec2021

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