

## TERM FEES

**Term 2 fees are now overdue. Please make payment. 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.**



### 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](http://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 3&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 26 MAY - TANIA  
FRI 27 MAY - TANIA  
MON 31 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**



**1G are looking for  
cardboard rolls  
(please no toilet paper rolls)**



Sincere Sympathy to.....  
Mrs Lorraine NaqCatubua  
on the passing of her  
sister Valerie Davies.

### REMINDER

#### FRIDAY TUCKSHOP ORDERS

**To assist with the running of tuckshop on a Friday, being the busiest of days, we ask that any tuckshop orders for a Friday be put in on a Thursday morning.**

**Please complete a brown paper bag for each order, enclose the money and put in the tuckshop crate in the classroom on Thursday morning.**



Sincere Sympathy to.....  
Mrs Donna Vecchio and  
family on the passing of  
their mother and  
grandmother.



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

25TH MAY, 2021

TERM 2 Week 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday, 24 May on the Feast Day of 'Our Lady Help of Christians' (Patron Saint of Australia), we celebrated across Australia 200 years of Catholic Education. Marking this significant milestone is both an acknowledgement of our history and an aspirational view to our future.

In October 1820, Irish Priest, Fr John Therry put his 'Faith in the Future' when he founded the first Catholic School in Australia. That school founded by a former convict George Marley, was in Hunter Street Parramatta and had 31 students. Since the first school in Paramatta, Catholic Schools have educated millions of children in Australia. Today, 1 in 5 students attend Catholic Schools which represent 768 000 students in 1751 schools across the country with 40% located in regional, rural and remote communities. Over 98 000 teachers and staff educate these students daily.

In our own school setting here at Good Counsel, our history tracks back to 1903 when three Sisters of the Good Samaritan Order sailed into Innisfail or Geraldton as it was known then, to open the Sacred Heart (Convent) School here on Rankin Street.

Yesterday, our Student Council was invited to St Monica's Cathedral in Cairns to celebrate Mass with Bishop James and representatives from our 29 schools in the Cairns Diocese. At the same time around



Australia, 200 years of Catholic Education was being recognised by all 33 Australian Dioceses. All 178 000 students will receive a Prayer Card today in class as a memento of the significant milestone in Catholic Education.

In conclusion, let us take stock of words penned by Pope Francis in his recent encyclical - *Fratelli tutti* 'schooling is the right of all children and that a good education can make an enormous difference in the lives of young people, setting them up for life (SS 109 & 130).

We (parents and staff) at Good Counsel Primary are entrusted with the responsibility of shaping our students so they too like the millions before them can have Faith in their Future as Fr Rob Galea sings 'live, love, reach out to the world bringing joy, hope and peace in God's name, as your people, we have Faith, Faith in the Future'. Taken from the 200 year theme song by Fr Rob Galea link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67mfp4\\_lork](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67mfp4_lork)

Congratulations to our GCPS students representing the Cassowary Coast District in sports over the next month in Peninsula trials.

U/12 Boys Soccer - Declan Sinton, Phoenix Di Carlo and Luca Franco.

U/12 Girls Soccer - Kirby Dewar, Sienna Di Carlo and Mia Di Carlo.

Cross Country - Quinn Devaney, Travis Sinton, Sienna Torrisi, Archer Ingram, Sienna Di Carlo, Lexi Evans, Declan Sinton, Isabelle Peake and Lydia Ungil.

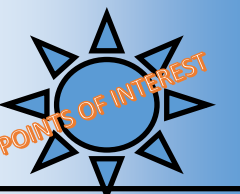
See attached timetable for our 2021 Athletics Carnival.

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 26 MAY  
SCHOOL BANKING  
8.00-8.40AM  
BREEZEWAY**

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

### DATE CLAIMER

FRI 18 JUN

SPRINTS &

BALLGAMES

MON 21 JUN

HIGH JUMP

LONG JUMP &

SHOT PUT

TUE 22 JUN

**WHOLE SCHOOL  
CARNIVAL**





**Pentecost Prayer Assembly...** Thank you Yr One students for teaching us about the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples 50 days after Easter Sunday. Thank you Mrs Guli and Mrs Slater for the preparation.

*Holy Spirit, thank you for the gift of hope. We can't see the future.*

*But we prepare the soil and gather compost,*

*knowing that the cycle of life is bigger than our plans.*

*Psalm 128 says that our children are like slips of olives around our table.*

*May we give thanks for the vision of our parents and their parents.*

*May your love bring us to a mature and timeless faith, one that serves without needing to control. Amen.*

### Term 2...

Fri 28/5 3W Prayer Assembly  
Fri 4/6 National Reconciliation 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  
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

### Congratulations....



To Mrs Ah Shay and family on the recent arrival of your grandson Braxton.

**Thank you Fr Kerry...**for celebrating Wednesday's class liturgy with 3W, and the class liturgies of the Word and Eucharist this term. Today's class visits to the Yr 5 & Yr 6 wraps up the term's commitment to the school. Thank you for your time, patience, knowledge and good humour shared with the children and teachers.

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



### Desiderata

*GO PLACIDLY amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.*

*As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.*

*Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.*

*Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit.*

*If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.*

*Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.*

*Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery.*

*But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.*

*Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection.*

*Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.*

*Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.*

*Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.*

*But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.*

*Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.*

*You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.*

*And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.*

*Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be.*

*And whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.*

*With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.*

*Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.*

By Max Ehrmann © 1927







## GCPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2021

### FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE – AT SCHOOL

<b>8:45am – 9:15am</b>	March Past and War Cries
<b>9:15 am – 9:45am</b>	5-8 year old sprints
<b>9:45am – 10:40am</b>	Prep – Year 6 Relays
<b>10:40 – 11:00am</b>	Morning Tea
<b>11:00am – 1:00pm</b>	Prep – Year 6 Ballgames
<b>1:00pm – 1:40pm</b>	Big lunch (P&F BBQ)
<b>1:40pm – 2:40pm</b>	Colour Team Tug o'war Class vs class tug o'war
<b>2:40pm</b>	Presentations

### MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE – AT SCHOOL

Time at GCPS	Age Group	High Jump	Long Jump	Shot Put
8:40 – 12:20	9/10 yr olds	Students will	rotate through	each event
12:20 – 3:00	11/12 yr olds	Students will	rotate through	each event

### TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE – CALLENDAR PARK

<b>8:45am - 9.00am</b>	8 to 12 year olds walk to Callendar Park
<b>9.00am – 10.30am</b>	Sprint Heats followed by sprint finals 8 -12 year olds
<b>10.30am –11.30pm</b>	9-12 year olds 200m heats followed by 200m finals
<b>11:30pm - 12:30pm</b>	9-12 year olds 800m
<b>12:30pm</b>	Students walk back to school
<b>1:40pm</b>	Presentations at school