



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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2ND FEBRUARY 2022

TERM 1 Week 2

Welcome to our first official Newsletter for 2022.

The last two years have presented a raft of challenges ... 2022 will present different and ongoing challenges. As always, the health and safety of everyone in our school community is our priority. Next week marks the commencement of our official 2022 school year. The current situation is ever changing, with the Qld Government only announcing on Sunday the Back-to-School Plan. Key features of the plan include:

- Masks are strongly encouraged but not mandated for primary school students in Year 3 and above. Temporary measures for the first four weeks of term (up until 7 March 2022) include:
- Rapid antigen tests available in school for students and staff who develop symptoms while on site (Under this plan, parents would collect their child and administer the test at home, schools do not administer the tests).
- Priority access to rapid antigen tests for students and staff at Queensland Health testing clinics.
- Suspension of school camps, excursions, assemblies, and large gatherings.
- Limiting of visitors on school sites, with exceptions for parents and carers of children with vulnerabilities, and all students attending Prep and Year 1.

GCPS BACK TO SCHOOL ESSENTIALS DROP OFF To work through the newly announced changes in a practical way we will permit Parents/Carers of Year 2- 6 students to attend school with their child/ren this Friday 4 February, between 8.00 - 10.00am to bring your child's 'Back to School Essentials' to their classroom and briefly meet their teacher. This will alleviate the problem of children attempting to carry their belongings in on the first day of school. We ask that Parents/Carers complete their classroom drops and not gather together on the school grounds. Parents/Carers are asked to sign in and wear their masks following the QLD Health Guidelines.

Prep and Year One Parents and Parents/Carers of students with vulnerabilities do not need to conduct their "Back to School Essentials" drop off on Friday as they have been granted access by the QLD Government for the next 4 weeks. Notice on page 2 regarding the Prep stagger start dates.

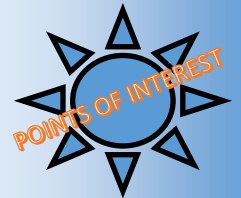
PARENT / TEACHER CLASS MEETINGS In accordance with the new Covid Guidelines all Parent/Teacher meetings that were planned from Week 3 - 5 will now be recorded and sent out to each family to watch in your own time. These meetings will introduce your child's teacher, outline the classroom procedures, curriculum content and homework expectations. After watching the presentation, you may have questions of the class teachers. These will be best sent to the teacher directly via Seesaw.

GCPS CHANGES ON SCHOOL SITE – 07/02/2022 - 07/03/2022 Drop off/Pick up – Only parents of Prep and Year 1 students may (if necessary) walk their child to the classroom or Blue Area and collect them in the afternoon. All other parents (Year 2 - Year 6) are asked to NOT enter the school grounds. These students are to be dropped off and collected at the Rankin Street entry, Owen Street pick up/ drop off zone. Buses will run daily as per normal and teacher supervision will be provided for students catching their bus home each day. Supervision will be increased at drop off and pick up times. We also remind our parents to remember to maintain social distancing outside our school gates.

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:00PM



DIARY DATES

**BEGINNING SCHOOL
VIRTUAL MASS - TBA**

TUCKSHOP

MON 7 FEB

WED 9 FEB

FRI 11 FEB

UNIFORM SHOP

TIMES - ONLY

**AVAILABLE AT THE
FOLLOWING TIMES**

**MON, WED, FRI
8.00 - 8.30AM OR
11.00AM - 12.30PM**

**END OF TERM 1
APRIL 1 2022**

ATTENDANCE IN 2022

With the loss of 8 days learning already in 2022 teachers are thoroughly planned and will hit the ground running next week. It is important that students attend school each day that they are healthy. This year our aim is to have less than 5% of our students who are absent 'Not Explained', therefore we need you to contact the Office or log your child's absence via the Parent Portal if your child is absent. The usual SMS notifications will continue to be sent out as reminders. If your child has Covid symptoms they are to stay at home. Please notify the Office should your child test positive so that we can update our records. It should be stressed that all school staff and students should not come to school if they are sick or showing Covid-19 symptoms. If staff or students are unwell and cannot attend school, they should attend their local Queensland Health testing clinic where they will be given prioritised access to receive a RAT.

If a staff member or student develops COVID-19 symptoms while at school, they will be able to access free RATs provided by the Queensland Government at their school. Under this plan, parents/carers would collect their child and administer the test at home. Please ensure you contact the school office to notify us if you have covid positive cases of students so we can enter them into the roll each day. I thank you in advance for your understanding, patience and support as we navigate our way through the next few weeks and adjust to possibly new ways of doing things.

We look forward to next week when all students return.

Regards
Liam Kenny

Classroom Teachers 2022

CLASS	ROOM	TEACHER/S	DAYS
Prep H	20	Miss Julia Honnef	Mon – Fri
Prep S	21	Mrs Jess Sinton	Mon – Fri
1S	3	Mrs Grace Slater	Mon – Fri
1W	1	Miss Alex Worth	Mon – Fri
2ML	5	Mrs Rosanne Mifsud	Mon, Tue, Fri
		Mrs Sue Lynch	Wed, Thu
2YL	4	Mrs Julie Yang	Tues, Wed, Thu
		Mrs Sue Lynch	Mon, Fri
3DK	7	Mrs Andrea Devaney	Mon, Tue, Wed
		Mrs Denise Kenny	Thu, Fri
3M	6	Miss Rose McGregor	Mon – Fri
4F	18	Miss Teagan Forster	Mon – Fri
4R	8	Mrs Kiara Ridolfi	Mon – Fri
5SD	15	Mrs Renee Sinton	Mon, Tue, Wed
		Mrs Brooke Davis	Thu, Fri
5W	17	Miss Adrienne Worth	Mon – Fri
6D	14	Mrs Amber Di Carlo	Mon – Fri
6S	9	Miss Casey Sheil	Mon – Fri

No stagger start for
Year 1 students in 2022.
Year 1 commences
Monday 7 February.

Stagger Start - Preps Only

Monday 7 Feb - Boys
Tuesday 8 Feb - Girls
**Wednesday 9 Feb -
All students**