

TERM FEES

Term fees have been issued. Please make payment by the due date. Please be mindful and check your emails to ensure delivery of your fee statement.

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.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2023

Prep enrolments for 2023 are well underway with many applications already received. If you have a child who was born between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018 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.



GCPS PLAYGROUP 25 FEBRUARY 2022

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
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

Co-ordinators: Ashleigh Gordon-Cooke
(0459 676 121) &
Lili Sales

Catering for children birth to 5 years

Join our "Good Counsel Playgroup" facebook page for more information.

TUCKSHOP



WED 23 FEB - TANIA
FRI 25 FEB - JACINTA & KYLIE
MON 28 FEB - 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.

2022 SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES



MON, WED, FRI
8.00am - 8.30am
2.00pm - 3.00pm



TUCKSHOP HELPERS WANTED



WED 23 FEB - 1 SPOT TO FILL
FRI 25 FEB - 2 SPOTS TO FILL
MON 28 FEB - 1 SPOT TO FILL



Date: Monday 7 March to Thursday 10 March
Time: 8.15am - 9am, lunch times, 3pm - 3.30pm

Place: Library

All commission earned is used to purchase books for our Library.

CASH ONLY. Thank you.

REMINDER FRIDAY TUCKSHOP ORDERS TO BE PLACED ON A THURSDAY

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.

REMINDER TO PARENTS/CARERS

Seesaw is only for communication with teachers regarding class work and routines. All absences must be reported via the Parent Portal or phoned through to the Office to be put into the system.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

22ND FEBRUARY, 2022

TERM 1 Week 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all parents/carers for your patience and understanding over the past two weeks with regard to the Covid requirements. We all look forward to 7 March to hopefully returning to a more 'normal' schooling day. Our school Covid absences over the past week have been fairly consistent with 14 students and 4 staff as close contacts or testing positive with the virus. From our information, most students have only had mild symptoms and within 24 hours are bouncing back to good health and able to complete school work that has been sent home. It is an opportune time to remind all that the normal bugs, head colds and coughs still exist within the community and just because you cough it does not automatically mean you have Covid. I ask that if your child is away for any reason, please send a message, phone the Office or log an absence on the Parent Portal as we are checking our daily unexplained absences. At Home Learning Packs are available for students once we are notified.

This week we announced to our Year 6 students the Mini Vinnies Executive for 2022. Usually we would do this as a whole school assembly, but for now Mrs C and myself visited the classes. Once we can have assemblies with parents, we will present our students with their badges (hopefully 11 March). Congratulations and thank you to our Year 6 cohort as we had record nominations for Mini Vinnies positions this year.

Our first Mini Vinnies fundraiser will be our Easter raffle in Week 9 which hopefully everyone will get behind and support. The monies raised by our School Mini Vinnies goes to support our local St Vincent de Paul Chapter and assisting two students education overseas.

Last year we raised a huge total of \$3450.00. Well done to all for living out our Good Counsel Primary School Good Samaritan Charism - 'Be compassionate to the person in need'.

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Parental withdrawal from children's education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities.

But the message for parents is clear - become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child's education. Hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep are important aids to learning.

MAKE SURE YOUR KIDS START EACH DAY WELL - That means they should get a good night's sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.

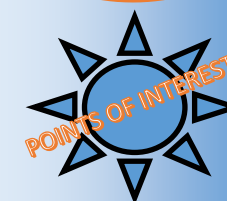
Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school life.

Michael Grose
"Parenting Ideas"

Regards
Liam

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:00PM
Ph: 07 40630600



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School
DIARY DATES
TERM 1
Mon 7 Feb —
Fri 1 Apr

TUE 22 FEB
P&F AGM
MEETING
7.00PM
THEATRETTE



FRIDAY TUCKSHOP
ORDERS IN ON
THURSDAY
PLEASE

DATE CLAIMERS

WED 23 MAR
SCHOOL
PHOTOS

Term 1 Matters...

Congratulations Mini Vinnies...

The following students have been announced in their respective Mini Vinnies Executive positions to enable the commencement of their good works for 2022.

GCPS President <i>Audrina De SABATTA</i>	6D President <i>Ruby JONES</i>	6S President <i>Amira BRAUN</i>
GCPS Vice President <i>Tayla FURBER</i>	6D Vice President <i>Harseerat KAUR</i>	6S Vice President <i>Charlotte GOODES</i>
GCPS Spiritual Advisor <i>Mrs C</i>	6D Spiritual Advisor <i>Havana POSTIC</i>	6S Spiritual Advisor <i>Clair Mc BRIDE</i>
GCPS Secretary <i>Ella TRAVERS</i>	6D Secretary <i>Nathaniel Mc EWAN</i>	6S Secretary <i>Ellyanna YATES</i>
GCPS Treasurer <i>Noah FAY</i>	6D Treasurer <i>Sophia LINDSAY</i>	6S Treasurer <i>Tyson CATELAN</i>

The St Vincent de Paul Society...

was founded in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam, a 20 year old law student at Sorbonne University. Responding to the great poverty in the Paris of his day, he and a group of friends began visiting the port in their homes, bring food and firewood. Soon they formed a society to sustain them in this person to person work and named it after the great apostle of charity, St Vincent de Paul. Many Catholic Schools today have College Conferences operating. Students from across all years come together in the name of social justice to reach out to those in need.

Blessed Frederic Ozanam had two key focuses:

Charity—Providing assistance to individuals, to families on person to person basis

Social Justice—Questioning the structures that create poverty and disadvantage

Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveller who has been attacked. It is justice’s role to prevent the attack. - Frederic Ozanam

The Yr 6 GCPS Mini Vinnies will be commissioned at the Friday Prayer Assembly in the Blue Area, Week 7—protocols permitting. Meetings to have the students involved and launch the group’s activities will be organised this week. Thank you Mini Vinnies for your willingness to be involved.

Project Compassion...

With Friday Prayer Assemblies in the Blue Area still on hold, each classroom will have their presenter introduce this year’s Project Compassion—For All Future Generations, on Friday 25 February. For more information—lent.caritas.org.au

End poverty. Promote justice. Uphold dignity.

Ash Wednesday Liturgies...

The Season of Lent commences with Ash Wednesday liturgies next week. It is a forty day preparation for Easter which this year is at the end of the holiday break. Still within the Covid large gathering protocols, the Ash Wednesday Liturgies remain closed to parents/carers. Yr 6 students and their Prep Buddies will participate in the 9:00am Ash Wednesday Liturgy in Mother of Good Counsel Church with Fr Peter Miller, Mr Kenny and year level staff.

At the same time, the first of the Blue Area Liturgies will be held for various classes and year level staff, again closed to parents/carers. Thank you for your understanding.

Merciful God, be our guide as we strive to help those who are in need.
May your love within us be seen in what we do. Amen.

Let us pray for the needs of the world:

For respect and harmony between all people...Lord, hear our prayer.

For the patience to speak kind words...Lord, hear our prayer.

For the energy to do good deeds...Lord, hear our prayer.

For persistence in choosing to do what is right...Lord, hear our prayer.

For the prayers in our hearts today....

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Yours in Catholic Education—
Mrs C (Maria Caltabiano)*

2022 Calendar—Term 1...

Tue 1/3 Shrove Tuesday
Wed 2/3 Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Thu 17/3 St Patrick’s Green Day
Week 7— Book Fair Mon 7—Thu 10 March
Wed 23/3 SCHOOL PHOTOS
Fri 25/3 3DK Palm Sunday Assembly
Tue 29/3 6S Last Supper
Thu 31/3 5SD Stations of the Cross
Fri 1/4 Term One ends...

School Holidays

Fri 15/4 Good Friday
Sun 17/4 Easter Sunday
Mon 18/4 Easter Monday

Term 2...

Tue 19/4 Term commences
Fri 22/4 ANZAC Prayer Assembly
Mon 25/4 ANZAC Day
Mon 2/5 Qld Labour Day Holiday
Wed 8/6 School Officers Day
Fri 25/6 Term 2 ends...

Term 3...

Mon 11/7 Term commences
Wk 3—Catholic Education Week
Fri 16/9 Term 3 ends...

Term 4...

Tue 4/10 Term commences
Fri 28/10 World Teachers Day
Fri 11/11 Remembrance Day



Sincere Sympathy

*To the Koraba family
Frederick (2ML)
and
Jharra (5W)
at the loss of their
grandfather George “Tony”
Koraba who passed away
peacefully on Saturday.*

Yr 1 Monday Assemblies in class...



Congratulations....

*To Thurston (5W) and
Sophie-Lee (3M) Zadelj on
the arrival of a baby
brother Luca.*



MADONNA KING - COMING SOON

Sponsored by St Monica’s College

P&F Committee - FREE EVENT

When - Wed 23 Feb 2022 7.00pm

Where - St Monica’s College

177 Abbott Street Cairns

Bookings open to all parents/carers

While Madonna mainly speaks about daughters,
she will also talk about teenagers in a more general
context.