

TERM FEES

Term fees have been issued and due 5th March 2022. 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



Bringing Up Great Kids

Innisfail Term 1

The Bringing Up Great Kids program supports parents and carers to:

- Learn more about their own parenting style
- Identify important messages they want to tell their children
- Learn about brain development in children and its influence on their thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- Understand the meaning behind children's behaviours, and how to respond to children's underlying feelings and needs

3 Week Program Commencing 11th March - 25th March

Fridays 10am - 12pm
Venue: Innisfail VPG (158a Edith St)

Babes in arms welcome, light refreshments provided

Bookings essential
Contact Alana

0488 321 605
alana@vpginc.com.au



TUCKSHOP HELPERS WANTED

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

WED 2 MAR - 1 SPOT TO FILL
FRI 4 MAR - 4 SPOTS TO FILL
MON 7 MAR - 1 SPOT TO FILL

TUCKSHOP



WED 2 MAR - TANIA
FRI 4 MAR - TANIA
MON 7 MAR - 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



Date: Mon 7 March to Thu 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.



GCPS PLAYGROUP

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

1ST MARCH, 2022

TERM 1 Week 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 2 March is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent for 2022. The 40 days of Lent prepare us for one of the most important events on the church's calendar, Easter, when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus.

During this period of 40 days of preparation, we take time to reflect, pray and fast. The Liturgical colour of the church and our classroom prayer tables is purple signifying a solemn time. For young people at school we focus on helping our neighbour, thinking about our actions and contributing to project compassion which helps others in need.

The celebration of Easter reminds us that Jesus died for us and in his rising we have been given a great gift of love that enables us to live life renewed.

With the very unusual start of the 2022 year, we can as of next week welcome all parents/carers back on the school site. Thank you to all for your patience and understanding during the restrictions period. Covid still remains ever present in the community and each day in our school life with our Covid staff and student absences through positive cases or close contacts around 15 daily. Staff or students who display symptoms at school will continue to be sent home with a RAT.

Changes to current 'Back to School' Plan: - From Week 7, Monday 7 March

- * Masks are not mandatory, but can be worn by staff or students should they choose.

- * Parents/Carers of all year levels may enter our school site to drop off/pick up students
- * School assemblies on Fridays will resume
- * Excursions can take place
- * Volunteering in classrooms can commence if requested by the teachers

Unlike previous years though, if you are wanting to volunteer at Good Counsel Primary School for classroom activities including reading activities, tuckshop helpers etc, you will have to confirm your vaccination status during our school check-in procedures.

For most of our parents/carers this will be as simple as showing the ticked vaccination certificate on your QLD check-in app. I also remind volunteers that prior to working on site it is a requirement to complete the online training using this [link](#).

Teachers who want 'before school assistance for listening to students read' will contact individual classes via SeeSaw.

Things are certainly returning to some sort of normality. See you all next week.

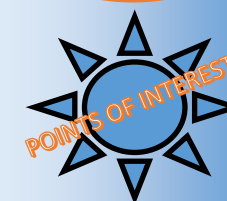
Regards
Liam

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OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM—3:00PM

Ph: 07 40630600



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DIARY DATES

TERM 1

Mon 7 Feb —
Fri 1 Apr



FRIDAY TUCKSHOP
ORDERS IN ON
THURSDAY
PLEASE

MON 7 - THU 10 MAR
BOOK FAIR

SCHOOL FEES DUE
5 MAR 2022

ALL ABSENCES TO
PARENT PORTAL OR
PHONE OFFICE
NOT VIA SEESAW

DATE CLAIMERS

WED 23 MAR

SCHOOL
PHOTOS

Project Compassion...

End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity
For All Future Generations—
God of hope and compassion,
You remind us of the need to care for our global family.
Teach us how to show your love to others.
Help us to understand the challenges faced by many families and communities in our world today.
Be with us as we try to change, to be young people who put our compassion into action.
May we respond with love and hope, now and for all future generations.
We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Ash Wednesday Liturgies...

Tomorrow’s Ash Wednesday liturgies commence with the Prep and Yr 6 students in Mother of Good Counsel Church with Fr Peter Miller, Mr Kenny and year level staff. Thank you Yr 6 for being role models to your Prep Buddies. At the same time, the first of the Blue Area Liturgies will be held for Yr 2, 3 and 4 students, followed at 10:05am for the Year 1 and 5 students. Thank you staff for the supervision.

From the holy gospel according to Matthew 6:1, 5-6

Jesus said to his disciples:
“When you do good deeds, don’t try to show off.
If you do, you won’t get a reward from your Father in heaven.
“When you pray, don’t be like those show-offs who love to stand up and pray in the meeting places and on the street corners.
They do this just to look good.
I promise you that they have their reward.
“When you pray, go into a room alone and close the door.
Pray to your Father in private, and he will reward you.”
The gospel of the Lord.

The Twelve Apostles...

Thank you to 1S students who have worked together to create the 12 Apostles as part of their Religion studies on ‘Identify the Nature of Jesus’ Mission and Ministry. Thank you Mrs Slater and Mrs Tambua.

Yours in Catholic Education—
Mrs C (Maria Caltabiano)

2022 Calendar—Term 1...

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

2 MARCH

8.00am Mass—Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail

Blessing & Distribution of Ashes for Parishioners

(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Do you want to Fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

1. Fast from Hurting Words and say Kind words.
2. Fast from Sadness and be filled with Gratitude.
3. Fast from Anger and be filled with Patience.
4. Fast from Pessimism and be filled with Hope.
5. Fast from Worries and Trust in God.
6. Fast from Complaints and contemplate Simplicity.
7. Fast from Pressures and be Prayerful.
8. Fast from Bitterness and fill your heart with Joy.
9. Fast from Selfishness and be Compassionate to others.
10. Fast from Grudges and be Reconciled.
11. Fast from Words and be Silent so you can listen.

www.catholicgallery.org/article/pope-francis-lent

Mrs P preparing for the Puppeteers...



Preps working those motor skills...

Preps with their morning activities around the school to improve their gross and fine motor skills.

