



# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

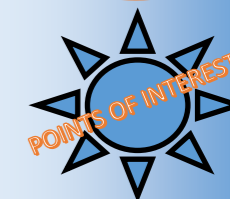
SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

3rd MAY, 2022

TERM 2 Week 3

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OFFICE HOURS  
8:00 AM—3:00PM  
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School  
**DIARY DATES**  
TERM 2  
Tue 19 April —  
Fri 24 June

**WED 4 MAY**  
**PREP MOTHERS' AFTERNOON**  
**2:00-3:00PM**  
**REFER TO PREP INFORMATION**

**THU 5 MAY**  
**MOTHER'S DAY MINI CONCERT**  
**9:00-10:30AM**  
**COFFEE & SCONES**

**FRIDAY TUCKSHOP ORDERS IN ON THURSDAY**

**DATE CLAIMERS**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
**WED 1ST JUNE**

## REMINDER TERM FEES

Thank you to all who have paid their Term 1 Fees.

For families who are not on a Direct Debit and have outstanding fees due, please make payment over the internet with the details on the bottom of the invoice noting your Reference 973..... (also noted on the bottom of your invoice) to ensure that monies are credited against the correct account and not delay payments.

The remittance statement should then be emailed to

accounts.innisfail@cns.catholic.edu.au

Please be mindful and check your emails & junk/spam to ensure delivery of your fee statement.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## TUCKSHOP HELPERS WANTED

FRI 6 May - 2 SPOTS TO FILL  
MON 9 May—1 SPOT TO FILL

TUCKSHOP



WED 4 MAY - TANIA & Sandra Healey  
FRI 6 MAY - TANIA, Rebecca Canino & Sandra Healey  
MON 9 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

2022 SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

MON, WED, FRI  
8.00am - 8.30am



## 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

## Election Statement

**FEDERAL ELECTION:** Read the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Download a copy from [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

## School Transport Assistance

The Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) provides financial assistance for families transporting students to non-state schools in Queensland. The Scheme includes a Bus Fare Assistance program which assists families with the cost of transporting their student on an approved bus service to non-state schools. For students with disabilities, this assistance includes the cost of transportation by means that takes account of their disability.

Applications for the scheme are open from May 1 - 31 (for travel January to June) and October 1 - 31 (for travel July to December). To find out more about eligibility requirements and to apply, visit [www.SchoolTransport.com.au](http://www.SchoolTransport.com.au)

## SCHOLASTIC Book Club

A wide variety of affordable books—starting at \$3.

Book Club is only available online - [Scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://Scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

1. LOG-IN or Register if a new member.
2. Click on ORDER, select our school and your child's class.
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for).
4. Enter the item number from the catalogue.
5. Orders are sent to the school.

ONLINE Orders close THIS Friday 6 May

Dear Parents/ Carers

There were changes to isolation rules that took effect from 6 pm last Thursday night (28 May). These changes relate to Close Contacts. The definition of a close contact has not changed. You are a close contact if you have been with a person (who has Covid-19) for more than 4 hours in a house or other accommodation, a care facility or similar.

**Change 1** – (This took effect just prior to the commencement of the term) If a person, adult, or student, has had COVID 19, they will not be considered a close contact for 12 weeks after they finished their isolation. While they are required to wear a mask for 7 days after their isolation, they are not required to wear a mask for the remaining 11 weeks.

**Change 2** – (this took effect last Thursday night at 6:00pm)

If a person, adult, or child, is considered a close contact by the existing definition, because a family member or someone they reside with has contracted COVID, please note the following:

- They are still regarded as a close contact but.
- They no longer have to isolate if they do not have any symptoms, however.
- For adults and students 12 years old or older, if they are a close contact then they must wear a mask while indoors or on public transport. (Not required for a dedicated school bus services for students.)
- All close contacts regardless of age must perform a RAT or PCR test when they become aware they are a close contact and perform a RAT or PCR on days 2, 4 and 6.
- It is important to remember that if any of these tests are positive, then it should be assumed that the close contact has

COVID, and they are required to follow the normal isolation rules.

If adults or students develop symptoms, then they should immediately isolate, assume they have COVID and get tested. The normal mask wearing rules apply for close contacts and these have not changed:

- Masks must be worn while indoors, while standing or presenting and when a student is unable to maintain physical distancing.
- Mask do not have to be worn while seated. Queensland Health still recommends that mask should be worn by all, even for close contacts who are under 12.
- Masks do not have to be worn by close contacts outside unless the person is unable to maintain physical distancing.
- If there is a medical reason not to wear a mask, then the person needs to maintain physical distancing at all times.

Mask wearing for close contacts is only for 7 days after they become aware that they are a close contact. Queensland Health still recommends that everyone should wear a mask if they are unable to maintain physical distancing.

As a parent or carer, if you become aware your child is a close contact, then you are required by Qld Health to notify the school, but your children can still attend as long as they follow the information above and continue to have no symptoms.

There are two major reasons for these changes. The first is that the vaccination rate in Queensland is now high enough so that close contacts, who do not have

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**Term 2 Matters...**

any symptoms, do not have to isolate so as to control the spread of COVID.

The second reason is that these changes will allow more students to return to school. Mandates regarding vaccination of staff and those adults who provide a service to the school, have not changed.

From Mandates to Traffic - Please be aware that a Seesaw message was sent out last week regarding Traffic Safety around the school precinct. Please read this as we have had some reason for concern with the safety of students at drop off and pick up times. Please also note that the Rankin St Drop Off/ Pick up Zone has now been painted with yellow paint and cars are not to be parked and drivers leave their vehicle during the indicated times. Once again thank you to all who do the right thing regards to student safety.

Congratulations to our students who competed in the Innisfail Dance Eisteddfod over the weekend and also those who played Rugby League last week at the Under 11 and Under 12 Peninsula Trials. Well done to Travis Sinton who has been selected as a Shadow player in the Under 11 team (photo page 3).

This week we look forward to our Mother's Day Mini Concert and Morning Tea on Thursday. We will have our children on stage and various Lucky Door prizes and Raffle tickets on sale. Some excellent Mother's Day prizes to be won. Following the presentations, the students will return to class while coffee, tea and scones are being served.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers this Sunday.

Regards *Liam*

**2022 Calendar—Term 2...**

- Wed 4/5 Math Olympiad #2
- Thu 5/5 Mother's Day Concert 9:00am
- Tue 10—12/5 NAPLAN
- Wed 11/5 6D Class Mass 11:15am
- Fri 13/5 Colour Captains Assembly
- Fri 27/5 First Nations Reconciliation
- Tue 31/5 6S Class Mass 11:15am
- Wed 1/6 School Photos
- Fri 3/6 Yr 1 Pentecost Assembly
- Mon 6/6 3DK Class Liturgy
- Tue 7/6 3M Class Liturgy
- Wed 8/6 School Officers Day
- Thu 9/6 Readers Cup St Andrew's
- Fri 10/6 Prep 10 Day Kindness Challenge
- Wed 15/6 Math Olympiad #3
- 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
- Fri 2/12 End of School Mass



**Wonderful Mother**

*God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He moulded her heart of pure gold;  
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses you see;  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to me.*  
Pat O'Reilly



**And Grandma's too...**

*While we honour all our mothers  
with words of love and praise.  
While we tell about their goodness  
and their kind and loving ways.  
We should also think of Grandma,  
she's a mother too, you see...  
For she mothered my dear mother  
as my mother mothers me.*  
Author Unknown



**Mini Vinnies Prayer Assembly...**

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies Executive for their presentation last week, detailing the Yr 6 Mini Vinnies good works to date with playtime offered up in support of reading with Preps, Yr 1 and Yr 2 students, Class Meetings, Executive Meetings, Bake Sales, and Easter Raffle. Thank you for being engaged with your activities. Thank you to President Audrina for the Mother's Day Keyrings on sale for \$1.00 thanks to Mum.



**Mini Vinnies Raffle ticket envelope included with this Newsletter. Please return envelope Wednesday 4 May with money for tickets required. Raffle drawn after the Concert.**

**Thank you for your support.**

