



## GCPS PLAYGROU

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.

## 2023 YR 7 GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE ORIENTATAION DAY

Thursday 13 October 8.30am—3.00pm

Students must wear their regular school uniform and closed in black shoes. Hats and water botte are a must, no school bag is required. Students must present to GCPS first for the roll to be marked.

Lunch and morning tea provided.

If your child travels to school by bus you **MUST** advise the bus company of changed travel arrangements.

THERE ARE LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE FOR GCC 2023. IF YOU HAVE NOT ENROLLED, ENROL ONLINE [gcc.qld.edu.au](http://gcc.qld.edu.au)



## TERM FEES

Term 4 fees will be issued shortly. 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

## TUCKSHOP



WED 12 OCT - TANIA - 1 HELPER NEEDED

FRI 14 OCT - TANIA - 3 HELPERS NEEDED

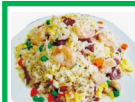
MON 17 OCT - TANIA - 1 HELPER NEEDED

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



## WEDNESDAY SPECIALS

FRIED RICE - LRG \$4.50, SML \$3.50

HONEY SOY CHICKEN \$3.00



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

11 OCTOBER 2022

TERM 4 Week 2

With a sense of the First Nations country upon which Good Counsel Primary is situated, where learning and ceremony have taken place over many thousands of years, we acknowledge the Mamu People and pay our respects to all Elders - past, present and emerging.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Last week seemed like a blur as I was away attending Teacher Professional Development as well as spending a day and night at Year 5 camp. The PD was presented by Dr Lyn Sharratt a Canadian Educator, Author and Consultant who has been working with our Cairns Diocesan schools for the past 4 years. Her work is based around the basics of what matters most in learning, teaching and leading. Her input on Wednesday asked us to focus on classroom practice - how and what we teach and then on Friday, 11 schools showcased how they have improved their classroom teaching to improve their data. This information will be used to continue to improve our teaching here at Good Counsel Primary School, sharing the insights with our staff to ultimately increase student engagement and learning.

On Thursday, I was able to join our Year 5 campers who attended the Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre. They had three days of activities, challenging oneself and working on their team building skills. Activities included team challenges, Rogaining, the vertical challenge, giant swing (my least favourite), canoeing, scoop netting and swimming. The experience of being away with classmates for 3 days and having to challenge yourself is both uncomfortable but also a great achievement once mastered. See picture pg2

Well done to all Year 5s, their teachers and support staff who attended. Thanks also to our 4 dads who attended to make the camp a memorable experience for all.

Year 1s are off for their excursion today to Warrina Lakes. The weather is great and we hope you have a most enjoyable day. This week our Year 7 (2023) Good Counsel College students will attend the College for their Orientation Day. These days for our Year 6 students are very important as at this time of year they are beginning to think about Year 7 and high school. Many of their questions, fears and insecurities related to next year are diminished after attending the Orientation Day.

Our last Pre-Prep Day will be this Friday 14 October. The students are certainly ready and rearing to go for Prep 2023. The work our Prep Team do to prepare our newcomers is amazing and they have settled into our school routine so well. Congratulations!

Eleven of our students attended the North QLD Branch Championships for Surf Life-saving over the weekend at Ellis Beach. Many podium finishes for our students across all age groups and events. A special mention to Aria Di Palma and Brandon Borsato who were awarded U/9 Age Champions and Ariana Nucifora who was chosen for the state team. Well done to all.



Good Counsel Primary School boys cricket team competed at the FNQ Super 8s Cricket in Edmonton last week, taking on the best of other regions across FNQ. Our boys won 120-111 in a very tight final against St Thomas's Mareeba. Well done to the boys.

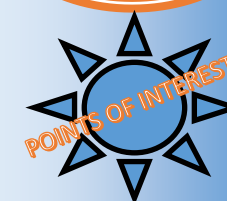


Regards Liam

**PREP 2023 PARENT  
INFORMATION EVENING**  
Wednesday 11 October 2022  
6.00pm—7.00pm  
GCPS Theatrette

secretary@gcps.qld.edu.au  
www.gcps.qld.edu.au

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



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## DIARY DATES

TERM 4

TUE 5 OCT -  
FRI 2 DEC - MIDDAY

WED 12 OCT

PREP 2023

INFORMATION

EVENING

6.00-7.00PM

THEATRETTE

THU 13 OCT

YR 6

GCC ORIENTATION DAY

8.30AM-3.00PM

FRI 14 OCT

PRE-PREP #6

SAVE THE DATE

FRI 21 OCT

GOLD COIN

SOCKTOBER DAY

REMINDER

TERM 4 FEES

HAS YOUR HEALTH

CARE CARD

EXPIRE? SEE OFFICE

URGENTLY



## Student Travel Rebates Semester 2



## Bus Fare Assistance

Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?

Does your family spend more than \$45/week\* on fares to and from school (\* \$35/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?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) during October.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> October.



## Term 4 Matters...



### St Mary of the Cross Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations to 3M students for their class presentation to honour Mary MacKillop—Australia's St Mary of the Cross. Thank you Miss Rose McGregor for preparing the students so well in prayer, song and actions.

### Our Lady of the Rosary...

Friday's Mini Vinnies Prayer Assembly will focus on the Rosary.

Praying the Rosary can be an opportunity to slow down, be quiet and focus on God. It helps us to become comfortable with intercessions to Mary, as in such times that we are praying to ask God for something very important, especially for our loved ones who are unwell.

Praying the Rosary is meant to be a meditation upon the life of Christ and Mary in the Scriptures. Although not every mystery can be found specifically in the Bible, it is an effective way to explore the stories from the Bible.

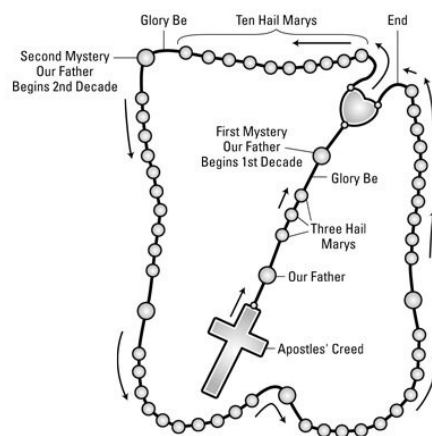
The Rosary is a series of beads on a chain. As we say the Rosary, our fingers move from bead to bead.

The prayers we recite when we pray the rosary are:

The Apostles' Creed, The Our Father, The Glory Be, The Hail Mary and The Hail Holy Queen. Each decade of the Rosary asks us to pray 10 Hail Marys.

The Rosary has four mysteries.

These mysteries are about the life of Jesus and Mary.



The names of these mysteries are:

- The Joyful Mysteries - events of joy, happiness*
- The Luminous Mysteries - events of light, revelation*
- The Sorrowful Mysteries - events of sadness, suffering, sorrow*
- The Glorious Mysteries - events of glory, triumph, victory*

Often the children will tell me that they pray the Rosary with their nanna or nonna. Please join with us on Friday morning as we pray a small part of the Rosary together.

*The Rosary is spiritual medicine.* Pope Francis

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

## 2022 Calendar

### Term 4...

- Wed 12/10 Prep 2023 Information Night 6:00pm Theatre
- Thu 13/10 Yr 7 GCC Orientation Day
- Fri 14/10 Our Lady of the Rosary Assembly—Mini Vinnies Pre-Prep Day 6
- Wed 19/10 Prep Liturgy 10:00am
- Fri 21/10 Gold Coin Mission Socktober
- Tue 25/10 P&F Meeting 7:00pm
- Wed 26/10 Yr 4 Mass 9:00am
- Thu 27/10 Yr 4 Excursion
- Fri 28/10 World Teachers Day
- Tue 1/11 Melbourne Cup Hat /Tie Day
- Thu 3/11 Yr 3 Excursion
- Fri 11/11 Remembrance Day Mini Vinnies Prayer Assembly
- Tue 15/11 Yr 1 Liturgy 10:00am
- Fri 25/11 Prep/Yr 1 Nativity Assembly
- Mon 28/11 Leadership Assembly Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6pm
- Thu 1/12 Christmas Concert
- Fri 2/12 End of School Mass

**Mini Vinnies Book Sale continues this week— 5 books for \$1.00** Many thanks to the Mini Vinnies who are enjoying their role in the pop-up book stall.



### MISSION MONTH—SOCKTOBER—FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER



The Socktober program utilises the Head, Heart, Hands framework to help students think deeply about why they are participating and raising funds for missionary works. Through the rich resources and learning pathways developed for Socktober by Catholic Mission, students first get their heads around the reality of children in developing countries. The gold coin donation for free dress that day will support our annual Socktober commitment. In Mission Week (23-28 October), students celebrate and bring global mission into the classroom and onto the playground. Let's kick some goals together, with the Socktober Shootout on that day.



There will be a **Spelling Bee** in the Library on **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday** at 11:00am for Yr 1 & 2 and 1:20pm for Yr 3 to 6 - starting this Wednesday. Students may participate by entering the competition or by being an audience member. Children will be competing against their own year level. A certificate and a frozie will be awarded to the Champion Speller for each year level.

**No nomination necessary to participate. Just show up!**