



## 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

## TUCKSHOP



WED 19 OCT - TANIA - 1 HELPER NEEDED

FRI 21 OCT - TANIA - 1 HELPER NEEDED

MON 24 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

RAVIOLI (MEAT) - LRG \$4.50

GARLIC BREAD .50¢

## CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE

Chocolate/Vanilla, Strawberry/Vanilla & Raspberry frozen yoghurts

## 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

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St Rita's School, South Johnstone P&F

## MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

November 1, 2022 • 10:00 AM  
The Ballroom, Innisfail Shire Hall

\$55 per TICKET

CATERING BY ROSCOE'S : RAFFLES : FASHIONS  
CASH BAR : CALCUTTA : SWEEPS : ENTERTAINMENT AND MORE

Bookings Essential  
Purchase tickets online  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CCVYN>

For enquiries call 4065 9500 during school hours  
or 0466 944 868

The theme If you wish to join us: 1920s Speakeasy & the Great Gatsby  
/spi:ki:zi/ - an illicit liquor shop or drinking club

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## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

18 OCTOBER 2022

TERM 4 Week 3

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

Driving to work this morning, the early news (on the ABC of course) stated that NAPLAN Literacy results were not improving, particularly in Grammar/Punctuation across Australia from Years 3 to Year 9. Our school data at Good Counsel Primary School is bucking the trend and I can happily report that our results are overwhelmingly positive and there is a strong upward trend in our data across Year 3 & 5 in Literacy and Numeracy. The NAPLAN reports for parents/carers were sent home last week with an explanatory letter of how to read the results. Staff spend time analysing our school and individual results, comparing them to our Diocesan scores to see where we can improve. Our individual student results are also examined to look at how we support our students into the future with intervention to improve their learning. A future focus will be on extending our brighter students and ensuring growth in the upper bands continues.

Obviously a very pleasing result, but this does not just magically occur. Well done to our teachers and support staff who are committed to quality teaching and learning from Prep - Year 6 as well as our students dedication to their learning.

Over the past week, we have had some outstanding results from students representing our region in Athletics, Dancing and Rugby League. A huge congratulations to Braxton D'Urso from Year 5 who attended the State Track & Field Championships. Results - 1st - 200m, 3rd 100m, 6th Long Jump & 6th 100m Relay. He also won his heat in the 800m and competed in the High Jump. He is now off to the Nationals. Elle Gracie and Siena Torrisi also competed in Brisbane. Elle placed in the top 20 in Shot Put and 17th in Discus. Siena placed 12th in Discus. An amazing result by all three athletes, well done.



We also had a troupe of dancers from Graham Academy of Dance perform at the Bend the Air in Brisbane with students placing 1st and 2nd in one section and 1st in another, qualifying them for the National Finals. An amazing achievement!



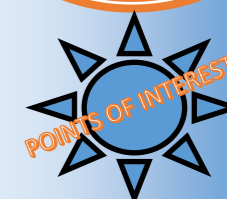
Congratulations also to our Good Counsel Primary 9's Rugby League Team, who competed in the inaugural FNQ Super 9's competition. After winning all 4 gruelling pool games against Ravenshoe SS, Tolga SS, Mt Molloy SS & Tully SS, we took on the size of West Cairns in the final. At full time the scores were 16 all, however we lost as they were the first try scorer. Runners up, well done kids.



Regards Liam

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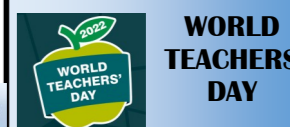
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School  
DIARY DATES  
TERM 4  
TUE 5 OCT -  
FRI 2 DEC - MIDDAY

FRI 21 OCT  
GOLD COIN  
SOCKTOBER DAY -  
WEAR YOUR CRAZY  
SOCKS



THU 27 OCT  
YR 4 HERBERTON  
EXCURSION

FRI 28 OCT



SAVE THE DATE  
THU 1 DEC  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT

## A photograph of four young women, likely members of a school choir or band, standing behind a wooden podium. They are all wearing matching blue polo shirts with yellow and white diagonal stripes on the sleeves and a small circular logo on the chest. The woman on the far right is speaking into a microphone. The podium is decorated with a string of white beads. The background shows a window with a metal grille.

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies Executive who presented on Friday—Tayla, Clair, Charlotte and Audrina. Thank you also to each class as they in turn led the school in the Hail Mary.



Many thanks to the Mini Vinnies and helpers who have assisted at the Book Stall over the past few weeks. Lots of pre-loved library books have found new homes with students. Book sales have peaked, so tomorrow will be the final day with the remaining books down to 10 cents each. Approximately \$70 has been raised—thank you GCPS Mini Vinnies, staff and students.

Parents and extended family are invited to join with the children of Prep H and Prep S for their Year Level Liturgy in Mother of Good Counsel Church at 10:00am . Thank you Miss Julia Honnef and Mrs Jess Sinton for the preparations, and thank you Fr Kerry for being available to celebrate with the children.

Please join with us as the Sports House Captains present the annual Socktober Assembly, this year's focus being—Ethiopia.

## 2022 Calendar

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

## SOCIAL TEACHING

Participation and Subsidiarity  
The Common Good  
Dignity of the Human Person  
**Solidarity**  
Preferential Option for the Poor  
Stewardship



Congratulations.....  
To Scarlett Butcher (1S) and  
family on the birth of a baby  
sister Saylor.



**SOCKTOBER®**  
for Mission Month

Throughout Socktober in 2022, students will learn about Ethiopia and support children and their families in need. Although it is a beautiful and deeply historic place, Ethiopia's challenges, including conflict, poverty and famine, have troubled its people for centuries. The growing influence of climate change will only serve to exacerbate these issues, and we are called to act now to work with local communities to support children and families in need, to preserve their dignity and to safeguard their future.

Since the time of Jesus Christ, the people of Ethiopia have lived under the rule of kings, emperors, foreign dictators and presidents. The country's modern history began with the Kingdom of Axum, which incorporated what are now the surrounding republics of Eritrea, Sudan and Yemen. Ethiopia gained independence from Italian rule in 1896, and in 1930 one of the key figures in the nation's history, Haile Selassie, rose to become Emperor, a position he held until a revolution in 1974, except for a brief period of exile during the second Italian occupation from 1936 to 1941.

Catholic Mission is working with the Lideta Catholic Cathedral School to provide scholarships to students from low-income families, who otherwise could not attend. Priority is given to orphans, children of single mothers, children with parents who are unemployed or on a low-income, and children of parents who are no longer working and have no access to a pension. As a haven for students, the school's vision is to produce graduates capable of becoming future leaders in Ethiopia.

Your support through Socktober can help ensure that all children in the region, regardless of their situation, can attend school and gain a quality education that will support them in the future.

**Friday—please wear your sports uniform, your favourite crazy coloured socks and with your gold coin donation, we will support Catholic Missions, supporting vulnerable children facing malnutrition and food insecurity in Ethiopia.**



*To Mercy and family  
on the recent passing  
of her aunt in the  
Philippines, Sabina  
Paquiabas.*



*To Adrienne Worth (5W) and Alex Worth (1W) and families on the recent passing of their maternal grandmother Lucy Della Mattea..*