



## TERM FEES

Term 4 fees are now due. Please make payment by the due date. Please be mindful and check your emails to ensure delivery of your fee statement.

## TUCKSHOP



WED 01 DEC - TANIA  
FRI 03 DEC - NO TUCKSHOP

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

Opens next year -

Mon - Jan 17  
Wed - Jan 19  
Fri - Jan 21  
Mon - Jan 24  
8.30am - 2.00pm



## GCPS PLAYGROUP RESUMES 28 JAN 2022

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
9.00AM—11.00PM  
GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP  
GOOD SAMARITAN HALL



## Christmas Pageant Children's Christmas Eve Mass – 6.30pm

If you would like your child to be a part of the pageant, the first practice will be on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 p.m.** in Mother Good Counsel Catholic Church. *Come and be a part of the real meaning of Christmas.* The other dates for practice will be discussed on that day.



If you require further information please contact Angie Pennisi at the Parish Centre on 40 63 0650 or Maria Clark 0448 716 271.

## Saying goodbye to School Banking

Sadly, the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to schools in 2022. For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save. We've had strong support from thousands of schools, parents and teachers across the country who choose to run our program. We're disappointed with the position taken by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and subsequent decisions by some state and territory governments to take that choice away from individual schools and parents. Because of the ASIC review and these government decisions, we're unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we've had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program nationally for all schools, both government and non-government, across the country.

You all have my deep gratitude for supporting the financial wellbeing of the next generation. Angus Sullivan - Group Executive, Retail Banking Services, Commonwealth Bank

## GCPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT THU 2 DECEMBER CONCERT 6.30 for 7.00pm Blue Area



**BYO refreshments & chair if you want to sit on the oval.**

**Mini Vinnies Christmas Raffle Flyer has been inserted in this newsletter. Please place money in the envelope provided for number of tickets required if you wish to purchase and return to school.**

**Tickets \$1.00 each**

**Also available at school each morning from Friday 26 November until Thursday morning of the concert.**

**NO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON CONCERT NIGHT**

## INNISFAIL FITZGERALD—LIGHTING OF THE TREE

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 5.30 - 9.00PM

SEE FLYER ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER ON

GCPS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

INNISFAIL CHRISTMAS CREW STREET PARTY - EDITH ST 5PM  
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## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

30TH NOVEMBER 2021

TERM 4 Week 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very hectic but rewarding Week 9 started yesterday with our Leadership Assembly where our 2021 School Leaders handed over to our 2022 students. Well done to all of Year 5 who put their names forward to nominate for a position. Also to those who will nominate for Mini Vinnies positions in Week One of next year.

Congratulations: -

## 2022 School Captains

Abbey Lacaze and Brodie Masina



## Student Council

Amelia Mahoney, Arianna Solowiej, Rishamreet Randhawa, Tony Pham, Quinn Devaney and Brayden D'Urso



## 2022 Colour House Captains

MacKillop - Torah Puccini, Cooper Healey  
Clancy - Sienna Torrisi, Chaise Di Carlo  
Marcellin - Shelby Puccini, Travis Sinton  
Polding - Taylor Walton, Luca Franco  
(photo on p.4)

Well done to all and a huge thank you again to our 2021 Student Leaders. Our Captains performed one of their final tasks for the year last night as MCs for their Graduation Dinner. Firstly we gathered at Mother of Good Counsel Church for Graduation Mass celebrated by Fr Kerry, with extended family and friends. Following mass, we walked to the Innisfail Shire Hall for dinner, speeches, presentations and dancing. A fantastic night was had by all. A special thank you to the staff who did an exceptional job of setting up, preparing our students and packing up.

The rest of the week we now focus on our Christmas Concert on Thursday night where students are required at school at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Class teachers will send out a Seesaw note with instructions of what to wear that night.

Class booklists and allocations for next year will be sent home Wednesday with Student Reports to be uploaded on Thursday to the Parent Portal. We will again print student reports and hope to have these out by the end of the week.

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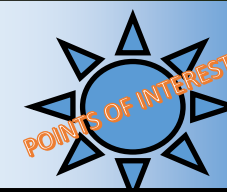


**REMINDER - SCHOOL  
CONCLUDES ON 12PM FRI 3 DEC  
PLEASE ENSURE  
STUDENTS ARE COLLECTED ON TIME.**

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www.gcps.qld.edu.au

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



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## DIARY DATES TERM 4

Mon 5 Oct —  
Fri 3 Dec MIDDAY

**WED 1 DEC  
SCHOOL BANKING IN  
BREEZEWAY**

**THU 2 DEC  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**

**FRI 3 DEC  
SCHOOL CONCLUDES  
MIDDAY**

**WISHING YOU ALL A  
VERY SAFE & HOLY  
CHRISTMAS**





Term 4 Matters...

Before my final Christmas message, can I again thank the fantastic staff of 2021. A great school can only work well with the amazing teachers, school officers and support staff who turn up each and every day with one focus - to educate the students in their care. Thank you one and all for all the little things you do for our Good Counsel Primary School kids. It is certainly appreciated.

Next year will look a little different with several staff moving on. With new faces, the old hands will have the task of teaching them the “GCPS way” and build on their strengths so we continue to strive for excellence in education here at 96 Rankin Street.

We wish our Year 6 students all the best for secondary school and will farewell you when we countdown to the bell at noon on Friday. To the many families who conclude their time with us, we wish you every success in the future. Thanks for the memories.

At this stage, we are still advertising for our Year 5 Class Teacher to replace Mrs Gallagher. If this position is not filled by the end of the week, we will Seesaw parents over the break to let students know who their teacher is prior to school commencing 2022.

We are also farewelling Mrs Leanne Sharrock this week. Leanne has worked as a part time school officer assisting with small groups of students since 2018. You will see Leanne next year from time to time doing some school officer relief work.

School Banking concludes permanently tomorrow, Wednesday 1st December - details on p.4.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas is that calming to our senses amidst the furious activity of daily life at this time of the year. If we were to put into “ordinary terms” the meaning of Christmas, perhaps it might look something like this:

*It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts.  
It's not wrapping presents, it's being present  
and wrapping your arms around the ones you love.  
It's not getting Christmas cards out on time,  
it's sending any card, anytime, at the right time.  
It's not having the best Christmas light display,  
it's displaying the Christ light that comes from your heart.  
It's not Santa coming down the chimney,  
it's Jesus coming down from heaven  
and giving us the gift of Himself.*

Please attempt to take your family to one of the many Christmas services during the festive season. This will continue the true meaning of Christmas.

Merry Christmas to all.  
Regards Liam

2021 Term 4...

Thu 2/12 Christmas Concert  
Fri 3/12 End of School Mass 9:00am  
Term 4 ends  
School Holidays— Monday 6 December

2022 Term 1...

Correction—Monday Pupil Free  
School commences Tue 25/1


Wed 26/1 Australia Day  
Wed 2/3 Ash Wednesday  
Fri 1/4 Term 1 ends  
School Holidays—  
Fri 15/4 Good Friday  
Sun 17/4 Easter Sunday  
Mon 18/4 Easter Monday

2022 Term 2...

Tue 19/4 School commences

MINI VINNIES  
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE  
Tickets \$1 each  
Drawn Thursday 2 December  
Christmas Concert

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS RAFFLE			
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE \$200 Back to School GCPS Booklist Larsens Voucher Donated by GCPS		2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE \$100 Rees & Co Butchers Meat Voucher Donated by Esther Sapelli Plano Tr	
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE \$100 Ron & Dan's Butchers Meat Voucher Donated by the Lacaze family		4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE \$100 Ron & Dan's Butchers Meat Voucher Donated by the Lacaze family	
5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE \$50 SPORTZ LOOK GIFT VOUCHER Donated by SPORTZ LOOK		6 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE \$50 SPORTZ LOOK GIFT VOUCHER Donated by SPORTZ LOOK	
7 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE \$50 VOUCHER Innistrall Food Station Donated by a current School family		8 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE Mango Magic 4 wick scented candle Donated by Kathy's Kandles	
9 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE Ron & Dan's Butchers Christmas Ham ½ leg VOUCHER Donated by the Lacaze family		10 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE Ron & Dan's Butchers Christmas Ham ½ leg VOUCHER Donated by the Lacaze family	
11 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE \$40 GIFT VOUCHER Cheryl-Lee Florist Donated by Nadine Picini		12 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE \$40 GIFT VOUCHER Cheryl-Lee Florist Donated by Nadine Picini	
13 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE Smiggle Bag & Lunch Box Donated by GCPS		14 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE Beat the Forems Board Game Donated by GCPS	
Mini Vinnies Christmas Raffle tickets on sale – Tickets \$1 each – 14 prizes to be won Drawn Christmas Concert Night. If you are interested in being in the Draw, please return the attached envelope with your name, correct money (if possible), and the number of tickets required before Wednesday 1/12 Tickets will be available at school each morning from Friday 26/11 (8:00 – 8:30am) Thank you for your generous support – Mr Liam Kenny Principal			



Sympathies.....  
To Mrs Karen  
Yaroseray (ILO)  
on the recent  
passing of her  
husband Ronald.



Prep and Yr 1 Christmas Presentation with the Class Hampers and the ‘Three Wise Men’.



Leadership Prayer Assembly—Sports Colour House Captains 2022



Graduation—Yr 6 Class of 2021



Check out the Parish website for the  
Weekly Bulletin and mass times:  
[www.gcp parish.org.au](http://www.gcp parish.org.au)

Thank you for your support throughout the school year that was 2021. I look forward to journeying with you in the next educational year if you are returning to GCPS. If you are leaving us, may your new adventures be rewarding, and remember to visit. Best wishes to you and yours for a blessed Christmas and a safe 2022.

Yours in Catholic Education  
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C.



## School Newsletter 2021

### Our Online Store

Larsens newsXpress is excited to advise that we have made major enhancements to our business to improve your shopping experience.

For your convenience we are launching the following in mid December 2021 -

1/ Our website will see the introduction of our Online Store allowing you to place your orders electronically.

2/ We have also teamed up with Zip Pay and Pay Pal to provide easy payment options.

We understand that the end of year school holidays can be a very stressful time, so why not let our very experienced and professional staff take the hassle out of your Back 2 School shop this year.

#### Step 1

Download the relevant booklist from our website

#### Step 2

Select your requirements

#### Step 3

Email you order to us and advise

A) Boy or Girl

B) Pick up date

#### Step 4

Pay on line by taking advantage of the above options

#### Step 5

Pick up from store, It's that easy!

Larsens NewsXpress

YOUR BACK 2 SCHOOL EXPERTS

***Please Note: Due to Covid 19 and concerns regarding stock availability and freight deliveries, we have been proactive in securing adequate stock to meet the Back 2 School demands.***

Don't forget Flexible repayments from \$10/week and NO Interest ever with Zip Pay!



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# Lighting of the Tree

Friday, 3rd December  
@ 5:30pm-9pm

Meet Santa & Mrs Claus  
FREE Rides,  
Entertainment &  
Christmas Movie  
(bring your picnic blanket)

Canecutter Court  
Innisfail



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# INNISFAIL CHRISTMAS CREW STREET PARTY

**EDITH STREET CLOSED FROM 5PM RAFFLE DRAWN @8PM**

