

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

**TUCKSHOP**



**WED 1 FEB - TANIA  
FRI 3 FEB - TANIA  
MON 6 FEB - TANIA**

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL TUCKSHOP ORDERS ARE WRITTEN  
OUT ON A PAPER BAG WITH THE AMOUNT  
OF MONEY ENCLOSED & CLEARLY NAMED.**

## UNIFORM SHOP

**2023 OPENING HOURS**

**MON, WED, FRI  
8.00 - 8.30AM OR  
11.00AM - 12.30PM**



**BOOGAN STARS** *Thursday* **March 2nd**  
**AGES 3-11**

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**COME & TRY DAY**

**FROM 5:15PM-6:00PM**

Mini Stars Coaching starts Thursday March 9th

**LOCATION: CASTOR PARK SPORTSGROUND  
CASTOR PARK MOURILYAN**



**GCPS PLAYGROUP**  
**GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP**  
**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**

**31 JANUARY 2023**

**TERM 1 Week2**

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,

It was wonderful to have a full school for Day 1 of Week 2 yesterday. The place was a buzz of very enthusiastic learners all engaged in each classroom. Class rules and expectations have been set, students have worked out their lunch time seating and play arrangements and hopefully know how they are getting home each day.

Our after school sporting trials for students in Year 5/6 are in full swing as well as our netball teams. Students are about to begin trials for cricket, touch and rugby league.

At the beginning of each year parking is an issue. A couple of friendly reminders from our local police force and School Administration;

- Do not park on Grace Street on either side of the crossing where it indicates 'no parking' - this does block the view of driver's who cannot see students, parents and staff at the crossing
- When using our Rankin Street Pick-Up zone - do not park and then leave your vehicle to enter the school grounds during the Pick-Up / Drop-Off times. This zone is designed to allow traffic to flow through
- Do not park on the road on Rankin Street and call students to your car. Please park or join the Pick-Up line
- Be patient at the Owen Street Pick-Up zone - The top supervised Pick-Up area is for Good Counsel Primary School students and their Good Counsel College siblings (if any)
- Below the crossing is for Good Counsel College students Pick-Up ONLY
- A Reminder that Rankin Street is a 40km/h zone

Yesterday our Year 6 students hosted their first in class assembly welcoming new students, presenting January birthday awards and notices. An amazing job by all. It was wonderful to present all our Prep students their welcome award -

lots of smiles in the photos.

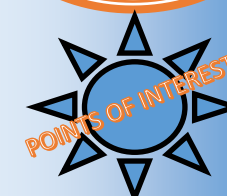


This Friday we will have our opening School Mass in Mother of Good Counsel Church starting at 9.00am. We will have a special welcome to our 12 new students and all 50 of our Prep students during the mass. Parents/Carers and Grandparents are most welcome. Please sit in the assigned seating.

Regards *Liam*

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



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School  
DIARY DATES  
2023  
TUE 24 JAN -  
FRI 31 MAR**

**TUE 31 JAN  
YR 5 TEACER/  
PARENT MEETING  
5PM THEATRETTE**

**WED 1 FEB  
TEACHER/PARENT  
MEETINGS  
THEATRETTE  
YR 2 - 3.15PM  
YR 6 4.30PM**

**THU 2 FEB  
TEACHER/PARENT  
MEETING  
THEATRETTE  
YR 4 5.00PM**

**FRI 3 FEB  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
MASS 9.00AM  
MOGC CHURCH**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS  
THU 23 FEB  
MORE INFO TO  
FOLLOW**

**Junior STEAMers**

Guided, interactive after school activities

**CODE BUILD  
DESIGN EXPLORE**

**Ages 8+**

**Innisfail Library**  
Starts  
Wednesday 9th February  
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Cassowary Coast Libraries  
Bookings Essential.  
Scan the QR code for our events page



**JOIN NOW!**

**SURF LIFE SAVING**

The Surf Life Saving North Qld Sign on day  
will be held on the Esplanade Ettu Bay on  
**5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 between 10am - 2pm**



The Presentation of the Lord—Feast Day 2 February...

Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple to be presented to God. Parents present their children to God in church just as Jesus' parents presented him to God in the Temple. Baptism is the first sacrament Catholics receive. When Mary and Joseph arrived with baby Jesus, a holy man named Simeon was in the Temple. He was waiting for someone who would save him and all the people of Israel. He was waiting for a saviour. Simeon knew the minute he saw the baby Jesus that he was the one he was waiting for—a Saviour for all people. Simeon recognised the birth of Jesus as a great gift. Catholics, recognise, just as Simeon did, that Jesus is the greatest gift ever given. Followers of Jesus are also asked to be "gifts" to others by caring for them. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/presentation-of-the-lord-sunday-connection/>

We Pray...

For gentleness towards those around us—Lord, hear us.  
For all teachers around the world—Lord, hear us.

For enthusiasm to let Christ's light shine—Lord, hear us.  
For the prayers in our hearts today—Lord, hear us.  
Lord, hear our prayers.

Beginning School Mass...

This Friday 3 February at 9:00am in Mother of Good Counsel Church we will celebrate the commencement of the school year with a Eucharistic Liturgy, and welcome our Preps and all the new to the school staff and students. Thank you Fr Kerry for being available to celebrate with us. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend, realising that seating will be limited with a whole school mass.

Sacramental Program...

Enrolment forms are now available for 2023. Forms were distributed last year, please return if you haven't already done so. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 this year, or an older grade, then please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 4063 0650 or drop in to fill in an enrolment form. An information meeting will be held in February (date to be advised) outlining what the Sacraments are about and important dates.

Mini Vinnies Induction Ceremony...

The Yr 6 Mini Vinnies will receive their badges during the assembly that will be held in the Blue Area on Friday 10 February.

Yours in Catholic Education,  
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE

PREP ENROLMENTS 2024

Prep enrolments for 2024 are well underway with many applications already received. If you have a child who was born between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019 please go onto the Good Counsel Primary School website and complete the Application for Enrolment online. If you have any queries please contact the Office.



2023

Term 1...

- Fri 3.02 Beginning School Mass—9:00am
- Fri 10.2 Yr 6 Mini Vinnies Induction
- Wed 22.2 Ash Wednesday Liturgies
- Thu 23.2 SCHOOL PHOTOS
- Fri 24.2 5W Good Samaritan Charism
- Fri 3.3 Harmony Day
- Fri 10.3 Sports Captains
- Fri 17.3 St Patrick's Green Day & 6S Assembly
- Fri 24.3 3DK Palm Sunday Assembly
- Tue 28.3 6D Last Supper
- Thu 30.3 5SD Stations of the Cross
- Fri 31.3 Term One ends

School Holidays

- Fri 7.4 Good Friday
- Sun 9.4 Easter Sunday

Term 2...

- Mon 17.4 Term commences
- Mon 24.4 ANZAC Prayer Assembly
- Tue 25.4 ANZAC Day
- Mon 1.5 Qld Labour Day Holiday
- Fri 23.6 Term 2 ends

Term 3...

- Mon 10.7 Term commences
- Fri 1.9 Pupil Free Day
- Fri 15.9 Term 3 ends

Term 4...

- Mon 2.10 King's Birthday Holiday
- Tue 3.10 Term commences
- Fri 10.10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Fri 1.12 Term 4 ends

At  
**Good Counsel Primary**  
we identify with the  
**Good Samaritan Charism**

Welcome others  
as we would  
welcome Christ

Be compassionate  
to the person  
in need

Serve God  
by being  
neighbour

The Prep students set out on their scavenger hunt to tick off the various items/people on their clipboard list.

Such eagerness—so precious. Welcome children to the GCPS family, may your GCPS educational journey commencing now be supported by our Good Samaritan values.

