

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

TUCKSHOP



WED 15 FEB - TANIA
FRI 17 FEB - TANIA
MON 20 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



SCHOOL PHOTOS THURSDAY 23 FEB

Photos are encouraged to be
purchased on-line using Visa, Mastercard,
PayPal or Latitude pay.

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au
Enter the school 9 digit code (available on
the Parent Portal) and click

ORDER ONLINE NOW

When ordering online, there is no need to
complete an envelope. Sibling photos online
must be completed **before** midnight
Wednesday 22 Feb
(the night before photo day).

If not ordering online, please collect an
envelope for **each child** in your family
from the Office.

Please note we do not hold cash for
change in the Office.

Sibling envelopes (1 per family) are also
available from the Office.

No late sibling envelopes will be
accepted after photo day or on-line
orders (after midnight Wed 22).

Only siblings from this school will be
photographed.

Complete ordering instructions on the Parent Portal

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 fees will be issued shortly.

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.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 & Vaylen Mizzi

Catering for children birth to 5 years

Join our "Good Counsel Playgroup" facebook
page for more information.

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.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

14 FEBRUARY 2023

TERM 1 Week 4

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,

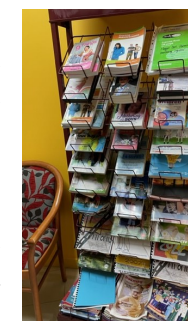
As we enter Week 4 it is a timely reminder
for parents/carers to be involved in your
child's education. Positive parent
participation demonstrates to children that
you value learning. Children are sponges
and copy your views, repeat your
comments, and mimic your actions, so your
positive attitude to school and learning is
catching. Make the most of opportunities
that our school has to offer - attending
parent meetings, sports days, discos and
family nights. Listen to your child read, help
with homework and ensure students get off
to school happy, healthy and with plenty of
sleep, as these are all important aids to
learning. Michael Grose (Parent Ideas
advocate) lists 5 ways to support your child
in their learning;

1. Make sure your kids start each day well.
A good nights sleep, healthy breakfast
and arrive at school early with a healthy
lunch
2. Attend school activities - such as parent
meetings, discos, sports events, class
masses and celebrations. Read the
newsletter and other forms of
communication to stay in the loop
3. Consult with your child's teacher about
homework expectations and practical
ways you can assist your child at home
4. Find out about your school - support
the curriculum offerings, educational
experiences and discipline which
attempts to promote good behaviour in
your child
5. Become an advocate for your child's
school and promote our positive
features in the community

Positive parent participation in school and
learning is a proven criterion for student
success. Be involved!

(Parent Ideas - Michael Grose)

If you are ever chasing some parenting tips,
spend some time looking at the parent



library on the display racks
in the Office. We have a
selection of books & DVD's
for loan by parents/carers,
Principal pick - "Real Kids
in an Unreal World" - *How
to build Resilience and
Self Esteem in Today's
Children.*

During February we have many students
trailing for school sport. Congratulations to
Sam Costello who was selected last week
in the Cassowary Coast Cricket 10-12
years and to Ben Sinton and Brady
Devaney who made the Presidents Cup
team. All three boys will play at the
Peninsula Championships in Tolga this
Sunday/Monday. This week we have
10-12 Touch and Netball selections for
Cassowary Coast. Good Luck to all
participants.

Explained Absences

Thank you to parents/carers for the
marked improvement with the explanation
of student absences each morning prior to
roll marking in the classroom. We still
have a way to go to achieve our 100%
explained absences. Reminder that
absences may be lodged through the
Parent Portal the night before or morning
of and/or telephoned through to the Office
4063 0600 on the morning of the absence.

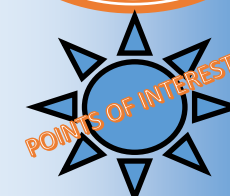
TERM 1 PRIZE FOR 100%
ATTENDANCE OR 100% EXPLAINED
ABSENCES - Starts tomorrow Wednesday
15 February



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

THU 16 FEB
FRIDAY TUCKSHOP
DUE IN
TODAY

TUE 21 FEB
P&F AGM
MEETING
7.00PM
THEATRETTE

SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKES
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SCHOOL PHOTOS
THU 23 FEB
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MORE
INFORMATION





Yr 6 Mini Vinnies Ceremony...

Thank you Fr Kerry for leading us in Friday’s Mini Vinnies Liturgy, with all Yr 6 students pledging their support of Good Counsel’s Mini Vinnies. Thank you also to Mrs Mary O’Farrell—President of the Innisfail Vinnies for joining with us, as well as Mr Jim Arnell, past President, who spoke of the good works that GCPS Mini Vinnies are inspired to achieve. Congratulations to the Mini Vinnies position holders, a record number this year.

Mini Vinnies Prayer: *Dear God,
Open our eyes that we may see the needs of people.
Move our hands so that we can feed the hungry.
Touch our hearts that they may bring warmth to those who are sad.
Let us share our time and possessions with those in need.
May we all be a source of support and encouragement for each other as we strive to build a more loving world. Amen.*

Ash Wednesday...

Wednesday 22nd February will be the beginning of the Season of Lent. In the Christian teaching, God knows what is in our hearts; the ashes remind us to turn our hearts toward God. Lent— 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter, is a time to change, to become a better version of ourselves, and to become more like Jesus. The ashes received on Ash Wednesday remind believers of the call to repent and be faithful to the Gospel.

Good Counsel Primary times for the Ashes ceremonies are listed in the calendar. In the long standing tradition, we are grateful to Good Counsel College for allowing the Yr 11 students to join with the Prep children next Wednesday in Mother of Good Counsel Church.

Yours in Catholic Education
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE

Term 1...

Fri 17.2 Project Compassion Prayer Assembly
Tue 21.2 Shrove Tuesday—Pancakes
P&F AGM 7pm Theatrette
Wed 22.2 Ash Wednesday Liturgies
9:00am Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6
10:00am Preps & Yr 11 GCC Buddies
Yr 1 & 2

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

**Sacramental Information Night at
7pm Monday 20th February in
Mother of Good Counsel Church**

Shrove Tuesday... the day before Ash Wednesday

Why eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday—21st February?

Shrove Tuesday (known in some countries as **Pancake Tuesday**) is a day in February or March preceding **Ash Wednesday** (the first day of Lent), which is celebrated in some countries by consuming pancakes. It is celebrated in English-speaking countries like Australia, Canada, Ireland and the United Kingdom. In France, the United States of America and other countries, it is called 'Fat Tuesday'. In others like Italy, Spain or Brazil, Shrove Tuesday is at the end of *Carnival*.

The word 'shrove' comes from the old Roman Catholic practice of being 'shriven' – meaning to confess one's sins. The shriving bell would be rung on Shrove Tuesday to call people to church to confess.

The tradition of celebrating Shrove Tuesday and eating pancakes began when people wanted to use up the food that they were giving up for Lent, such as eggs, butter and fat.

This year, both Mrs Di Carlo 6D and Miss Sheil 6S students have put forward their fund-raising Project Compassion plan to sell pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

FOR CATERING PURPOSES:

**Pancakes will need to be pre-purchased for 50c each
and will be available with/without syrup at first lunch on Tuesday 21st February.**

**The Year 6 students will have class lists to record names and pre-orders.
Please bring your 50c (or more) to place your pancake/s order each morning,
commencing tomorrow 8:15am near the Blue Area
and on Thursday 16, Friday 17 and Monday 20 February.**

LAST ORDERS BY MONDAY MORNING—20th February.

**Class teachers will receive the pre-ordered vouchers and distribute on the day.
Thank you to any willing volunteers available on Tuesday morning
to assist Tania make pancakes—please give her a call.**