

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

TUCKSHOP



WED 22 FEB - TANIA
FRI 24 FEB - TANIA
MON 27 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 this week.
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

21 FEBRUARY 2023

TERM 1 Week 5

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,

Our Attendance Bike Competition has
created much talk and excitement in the
Blue Area over the past week.



One of our School Improvement goals over
the last three years has been to increase
the attendance rate of all students. We
need parental/carer assistance for this
strategy to work and our goal is 90%
students attending 90% of the time with
less than 5% unexplained absences.

Attendance does matter!

A bright future for your child starts with
good school attendance every day, all day.
Good attendance doesn't guarantee
positive outcomes for students, however,
positive outcomes are unlikely to occur
without good attendance.

Aim to get your child to school early.
Having your child at school early allows
them to socialise before school, prepare for
their day and be ready for class. We also
give students an opportunity on a Tuesday
to Thursday to receive extra assistance with
Homework Club.

- Just a little bit late doesn't seem much
but - 20 minutes late equals 1.5 hours
per week; 2.5 weeks per year means
1 whole year of 13 years of schooling.
- One or two days a week doesn't seem
like much but - If your child misses
1 day a week that equals 40 days per
year or (8 weeks) and nearly 2.5 years
over 13 years of schooling.

Obviously, if your child is sick it is
encouraged that they remain home, or if
they have appointments during the day,
this is unavoidable. Please contact the
school Office or lodge their absence on
the Parent Portal.

If you are having attendance issues with
your child, contact your class teacher,
Carmel our School Counsellor or myself
so we can work together to get your child
to school every day.



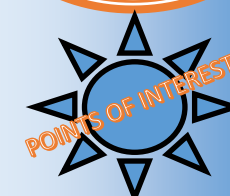
Last Friday our Junior District Cricketers
competed in the Cassowary Coast
Northern versus Southern match at
Kurrimine Beach. Congratulations to Sam
Costello who gained selection in the
Cassowary Coast North Team and Ben
Sinton and Brady Devaney who made the
Presidential XI Team and won their final
match against Trinity Coast South.

The Peninsula Cricket Trials were held in
Tolga on Sunday/Monday. The Cassowary
Coast Team including Sam Costello won
the Championship for 2023. An amazing
effort!



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OFFICE HOURS
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School
DIARY DATES
2023
TUE 24 JAN -
FRI 31 MAR

TUE 21 FEB
P&F AGM
MEETING
7.00PM
THEATRETTE

THU 23 FEB



WHOLE
SCHOOL
PHOTOS

ORDER PHOTOS
ONLINE - SCHOOL
CODE IS ON THE
PARENT PORTAL

REMINDER



SIBLING
PHOTOS
ORDERED
ONLINE
MUST BE
DONE
BEFORE MIDNIGHT
WED 22

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Our Yr 5 & 6 Netballers also competed last Friday in the U/12 Cassowary Coast North Netball Trials. The girls showed the best ‘Sportsmanship’ we have ever seen. Congratulations to Elle Gracie, Elisha Finau, Ella Borg and Leighton Genocchio for their selection to play in the Cassowary Coast North Team in Tully.

Finally, a reminder that Thursday 23 February is our whole school photo day. Please refer to today’s Seesaw message regarding correct school uniform each day.

Regards *Liam*



Etty Bay Surf Life Saving Club Sign-on will be on Sunday 5 March—10:00am. All welcome to attend and see what the club is all about. Lots of GCPS children already members of the Nippers.

ETTY BAY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Come and try day at Etty Bay Sunday 5th March
ETTY BAY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB IS A SMALL, FAMILY-FRIENDLY CLUB CLOSE TO INNISFAIL, NORTH QUEENSLAND. NESTLED IN A SMALL, SHELTERED BAY, ETTY BAY SLSC EMPHASISES ITS NIPPERS AND JUNIOR PROGRAMS. NATIVE CASSOWARY BIRDS CAN SOMETIMES BE SEEN ON THE BEACH, SHARING SPACE WITH PATROLS, REGULAR CARNIVALS AND SURF SPORTS.

What Nippers Learn?
Introduction to the club and beach
Sun & Water safety
Who are Life Savers what do they do
Marine creatures
Introduction to beach flags/sprint and wade
Shallow water activities
Getting comfortable on a board
Proficiency swimming
Beach flags
Sprint and wade for competition
Compete in club & against other clubs
Introduction Dolphin diving under waves
Introduction to body surfing
Swimming in surf and Board Paddling



SHROVE TUESDAY
Congratulations to Tuckshop Tania and the willing hands who helped make 600 delicious pancakes. Thank you to 6D and 6S students who helped distribute the pancakes during first break in support of the Yr 6 contribution to Project Compassion. A special day enjoyed at school as we journey from Ash Wednesday, through Lent and Holy Week to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday 9 April, during the break.



Term 1...

Tue 21.2 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
Save the Date—Disco!
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

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Project Compassion...



This year, Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion theme is ‘For All Future Generations’. It invites us to think about Mary’s yes – her response to the angel who shared God’s message about how she would become the mother of Jesus. She accepted this invitation to play a special part in the history of the human family. In the great prayer she prayed with her cousin Elizabeth, Mary said, “All generations will call me blessed”. Her yes to God is for all generations. Hopefully, ours can be too.

Throughout Project Compassion 2023, inspiring stories from Nepal, Australia, Vietnam and Zimbabwe will be shared, highlighting the importance of working hand in hand with communities around the world. Classrooms will be organising their particular Project Compassion activities with students. Thank you for your support.

Ash Wednesday...

Good Counsel Primary times for the Ashes ceremonies tomorrow in Mother of Good Counsel Church will commence at 9:00am for Yr 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes. At 10:00am, Preps will be joined by their Yr 11 Good Counsel College buddies, along with Yr 1 and 2 classes. Parents/cares welcome to participate. Thank you Fr Kerry for being available as we commence our Lenten journey for 2023.

Things to consider giving up for Lent:

- Give up complaining —focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism —become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments —think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry —trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement —be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness —turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred —return good for evil.
- Give up negativism —be positive.
- Give up anger —be more patient.
- Give up pettiness —become mature.
- Give up gloom —enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy —pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping —control your tongue.
- Give up sin —turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up —hang in there!

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE



Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2023 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to notify you that we have requested for your child's school to provide residential address and other information.

Under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, the school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

The school collects the above information by generating a **unique and unidentifiable** – student reference number (SRN) for each student record. The school only uses the SRN for this collection. **It is not allowed to be used for any other purpose.** The number only indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data to calculate a non-government school community's capacity to contribute to schooling costs.

From 2020, the department introduced a new measure of capacity to contribute: the Direct Measure of Income (DMI). The DMI is based on the median income of non-government school students' parents or guardians using the Collection data. Find more information about the DMI on the [What is the methodology for the Direct Measure of Income \(DMI\)? Department web page.](#)

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the *Australian Education Act 2013* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Find more information about MADIP on the ABS website [MADIP page](#).
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of a school's collection submission. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the school's student enrolment information. The contracted auditor will not use the information for any other purpose.

- disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of providing the department with information and communications technology support services.
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

Find the department's privacy policy on the [Department of Education](#) website which includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The current version is available on the [2018 Student Residential Address Collection: Additional Required information Privacy Impact Assessment web page](#).

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the department with the requested details; however, you can contact the school to update your family's details.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).

To contact the department about privacy-related matters, email privacy@education.gov.au or write to:

Privacy Officer
Legal Services
Department of Education
LOC: C50MA1
GPO Box 9880
Canberra ACT 2601