

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

TUCKSHOP



WED 1 MAR - TANIA
FRI 3 MAR - TANIA
MON 6 MAR - 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



FEAST of the SENSES

23rd-26th March 2023 Innisfail

Thursday 23rd March

Paronella Park 9am to 7.30pm www.paronellapark.com
Gone Troppo Trivia Night Innisfail RSL 7pm \$2.00
team bookings: 40611601

Friday 24th March

Trans North Northern Food Trail 8.30am-5pm \$80.00
Tropical Art Deco Shire Hall Tour 10.30am FREE entry
Taste of the Tropics Dinner Crown Hotel 6pm \$70.00

Saturday 25th March

Southern Food Trail 8.30am-5pm \$80.00
Probiotic Sodas & No-bake Cakes Workshop
10am-1pm \$65.00 bookings: 0421 240 033
Tropical Cocktail Cruises 2pm & 5.30pm \$40.00

Sunday 26th March

Australian Bananas River Feast 9am-3pm

featuring:

Rare & tropical fruit display & tastings
Market Stalls
Tempting & Tasty Eats & Treats
Cooking Demonstrations & Tastings
Feast of Fun Kid Zone
RADF Entertainment Stage
River Cruises
FREE ENTRY

Event tickets, info & stall bookings:

www.feastofthesenses.com.au



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.

TERM FEE UPDATE

Term 1 fees were issued last week with an error but amended statements will be issued shortly. Please refer to email sent yesterday
Monday 27 Feb



BPAY is now available for fee payments and is our preferred payment method. You will find the BPAY information relevant to your account on the Account Statement in the lower right hand section. BPAY assures your payments are allocated directly to your account, avoiding any errors.



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.



ENROL ONLINE

gcc.qld.edu.au

ROUND ONE INTERVIEWS

YEAR 7 IN 2024

SATURDAY, 6 MAY 2023



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

28 FEBRUARY 2023

TERM 1 Week 6

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 you may have seen on our School Facebook page, we received exciting information from ACARA (Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority) that we were ranked the No 1 Catholic School in Qld with regard to the highest scoring students between 2019-2022 for NAPLAN. We also ranked 11 for all schools in Qld across State, Independent and Catholic Schools Australia wide in the same category. We do not usually sing our great results from the rafters but these outstanding achievements over a number of years need to be highlighted. This success does not just happen, but can be attributed to the amazing work our class teachers and support staff provide, as well as our wonderful students. Back in 2018, GCPS introduced "Morning Routine" across the school, an educational approach which gives students opportunities to practise Literacy and Numeracy skills daily. The improvement in our students' general knowledge has been a game changer. These positive results are also a combination of early intervention and extension programs, the staff's commitment to high impact teaching strategies and partnering with parents and carers to allow each student to achieve their potential. We have continued to work with external literacy consultants Jo-Anne Dooner and Justin Caban, to upskill our staff on the teaching of reading and writing. This has positively impacted the NAPLAN results in the areas of Writing and Language Conventions and Reading. GCPS is dedicated to providing a world class education for the students in our care.

Fifteen of our GCP students attended the Rugby League Gala Day last Friday at Callendar Park. We had a memorable day in very wet conditions. After playing 5 games against all local schools we were undefeated for the day. Many thanks to Mrs Russell who coached the team on the day. Congratulations to Elle Gracie and Jake Stephenson who were selected in the U/12

Cassowary Coast Northern team and Braxton D'Urso, Oliver Edwards, Rick Stephenson and Beau Crabtree who made the Cassowary Coast Northern 10/11 years team. All students will train for the next three weeks to play the Cassowary Coast Southern team on Friday 17 March.



Good luck to Kendyl Huirama who this week will trial for the Cassowary Coast Basketball team.

Our Year 4 students will participate in the Cassowary Coast Sports Spectacular at Callendar Park this Wednesday. This is a great day to experience different sporting options and showcase a variety of sports available to our students. Thank you to Peninsula School Sport for hosting this event.

You may have noticed all pathways and driveways within the School and Church have been gurneyed. Thanks to Chris Picini for his work to help keep our students, parents and staff safe. We have again logged the outside footpaths to be cleaned by the CCRC. Hopefully these will be done in the coming weeks.

Interviews for Prep 2024 will commence early Term 2. Please ensure you have completed an online enquiry as soon as possible if your child was born between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.

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

SCHOOL FEES
PLEASE SEE EMAIL
REGARDING
INCORRECT FEES
BEING ISSUED.
NEW INVOICES TO BE
SENT BY THE END OF
THIS WEEK.

FEES CAN NOW BE
PAID BY BPAY
SEE BOTTOM OF
YOUR STATEMENT
FOR DETAILS

THU 2 MAR
FRIDAY TUCKSHOP
ORDERS IN TODAY

FRIDAY 3 MAR
Brief Assembly
HARMONY DAY
changed to
Fri 31 March
More details
to follow



Charism Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations to the students of 5W and Miss Adrienne Worth for their presentation of the Parable of the Good Samaritan as part of the GCPS Good Samaritan Charism Assembly. Each year, we are reminded of the arrival, of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict, to set up the Sacred Heart Convent School which we now call Good Counsel Primary. The buildings may have changed since 1903, but the values they shared have remained strong and we are proud of their Good Samaritan Charism as we:

*Welcome others as we would welcome Christ
Be compassionate to the person in need
Serve God by being neighbour*

Ash Wednesday...

Thank you to Fr Kerry, Good Counsel College Yr 11 students, and everyone who participated in our special liturgical ceremonies for Ash Wednesday last week.

We pray for the needs of the world:

*For fairness and justice for all people—
For the gift of being sensible and wise—
For perseverance in trying to do what is right—
For the willingness to be peacemakers—
For the prayers in our hearts today—Lord, hear our prayer.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation...

At the weekend masses, the children (who will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation during Week 9 Monday 20—Wed 22 March), made a commitment of preparation. We keep in our prayers during this special time: Addyson, Aiden, Aria, Bonnie-Ray, Brooklyn B, Brooklyn G, Charlie, Chloe, Elise, Ellsea, Graesen, Honey, Kody, Liam, Josie, Mia, Nate, Ned, Olivia, Raquel, Ruby and Victoria.

Harmony Day Prayer Assembly...

Please note that the date has changed to 31 March—More information to follow.

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE

Term 1...

- Fri 3.3 Brief Assembly
- Fri 10.3 Sports Captains
- Fri 17.3 St Patrick’s Green Day & 6S Assembly
- Fri 24.3 3DK Palm Sunday Assembly
P&F Meet & Greet BBQ 6:30pm
Student Council Hawaiian Disco
- Tue 28.3 6D Last Supper
- Thu 30.3 5SD Stations of the Cross
- Fri 31.3 Harmony Day
- 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



SUSSING OUT OUR SOLAR SYSTEM



Yesterday, the School Performance Tours came to school with **Sussing Out Our Solar System**, and provided two sessions of numerous fun facts and problem solving exercises - with the arrival of a spacecraft from another planet. This part-comedy routine, part Science lecture, was a fast paced commentary with plenty of laughs and audience involvement, and was full of



fascinating facts about Earth and the solar system in which we orbit. With the popular theory being that a meteor was responsible for the extinction of the dinosaurs, Rex, the prehistoric beast was a winner with the lower school.

BE your
BEST
at

Cassowary Coast Athletics

Sign up!

Friday Nights, 5:30pm

Castor Park Mourilyan

Come join our community!

See Facebook for Details

