

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

TUCKSHOP



WED 28 MAR - TANIA / ANNA
FRI 31 MAR - TANIA / ANNA / TANYA /
LURLINE & SUE

TERM 2 - MON 17 APR - TANIA
PLEASE ENSURE ALL TUCKSHOP ORDERS ARE WRITTEN
OUT ON A PAPER BAG WITH THE AMOUNT
OF MONEY ENCLOSED & CLEARLY NAMED.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS NEEDED THIS WEEK
WED 29 MAR - 1 MORE HELPER NEEDED IN
TUCKSHOP FOR WEDNESDAY
FRI 31 MAR - 1 MORE HELPER NEEDED IN
TUCKSHOP FOR FRIDAY

PARENT PORTAL

We are asking all parents to log into the Parent Portal to check the information that has been supplied to the school. As time passes information changes and you may have forgotten to advise the school. Of particular importance are Emergency contacts supplied, you may have contacts listed that may not be relevant any longer.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

School Holidays at the Library

Innisfail Thursday 6 April 10.30-11.30am Must Be Magic Ages 5+ Wednesday 12 April 10.30-11.30am Optical Illusions Ages 5+	Mission Beach Tuesday 4 April 10.30-11.30am Magic Art Ages 5+ Wednesday 12 April 2.15-3.15pm Escape Artist Ages 8+
Tully Tuesday 4 April 2.30-3.30pm Optical Illusions Ages 5+ Wednesday 12 April 2.30-3.30pm Must Be Magic Ages 5+	Cardwell Wednesday 5 April 2.00-3.00pm Escape Artist Ages 6+ Wednesday 12 April 10.00-11.00am April Fool's Eyeglasses Ages 5+ Thursday 13 April 2.00-4.00pm MOVIE "Strange World" Rated PG

Bookings Essential

PH: 1300 366 616

Cassowary Coast
Libraries

TERM FEE UPDATE

Term 1 fees amended statements have been issued. Please note payment is due 24 March. Please email the remittance when payment made to avoid lost fee payments.



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.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2024

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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. Interviews starting next Term.



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.

UNIFORM SHOP

2023 OPENING HOURS

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



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

28 MARCH 2023

TERM 1 Week 10

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 is difficult to believe that we are in Week 10 of Term 1 and the Easter holidays begin this weekend. Term 1 has been very busy with much teaching and learning in each and every classroom, assessments, intervention, NAPLAN for Yr 3 & 5 students mixed in with some time for dress ups, sporting and cultural activities.

Last Friday we began our preparation for Easter (which this year is on the middle weekend of the holidays), with our 3DK Palm Sunday Prayer Assembly: Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem as a King, riding on a donkey - A Triumphant Entry! The mood changed this week with 6D presenting the Last Supper this morning when Jesus was betrayed by one of his own Disciples and the sombre scenes will be depicted by 5SD with the Stations of the Cross on Thursday morning. As we did this morning, again on Thursday, we leave the assembly area in silence.

This week we will have our life size cross installed in time for Easter into the Music Room walkway. The Cross which has been cut from the giant raintree off the oval will form the central focus of our "Sacred Quiet Space" where members of our School Community can sit, pray or just spend some time in reflection.

Wednesday will be our Sports Interhouse Cross Country, held here at school. Students will run their 500m, 1km or 3km course on the school precinct with staff standing on key sites of the track. If utilising the Prep carpark, please be aware that teachers will be monitoring the entry and exit as runners will cross these areas. Parent viewing areas will be clearly barricaded off so as not to encroach on the track. Students can wear their sports shorts, shoes and a shirt of their colour house.

Congratulations to the MacKillop Sports House which has won our first Sports Trophy for 2023, taking out the Lap running last week by over 250 laps. Well done! Who will be



Champion House this Wednesday morning?

To finish the term, we are this year celebrating Harmony Day - *Everyone Belongs*. A day to celebrate our cultural and ancestral diversity. I was amazed when discussing our plans for Harmony Day with some Year 5 students that many had no idea of their ancestral heritage, so hopefully this Friday will be a day of learning and celebration. Students are encouraged to wear either an item of clothing that celebrates their cultural or ancestral background or something 'orange' as this is the colour used to signify Harmony Day. Some of our students will be presenting our final Prayer Assembly for the term. It should be one not to miss.

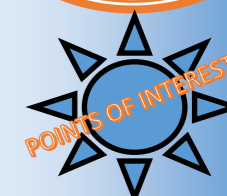
A huge thankyou to all who attended our Hawaiian Disco and especially to all the willing BBQ and kitchen helpers for providing the food for the P&F Meet & Greet. Thank you to the DJs - Miss Forster, Miss Sheil and Mrs Russell. A great time was had by all!

My last thankyou is to all our staff who have worked very hard this term to provide the learning opportunities for all students here at Good Counsel Primary School. Enjoy the Easter break and return refreshed ready for Term 2. My Easter message to families is to try to attend one of the Easter Liturgical celebrations wherever you are as it is very easy to think Easter is only about bunnies and chocolate eggs. Local Easter Liturgical events are included in the newsletter.

Have a happy, safe and holy Easter.
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

WED 29 MAR
WHOLE SCHOOL
CROSS
COUNTRY
8.35AM ROLL CALL

THU 30 MAR
FRIDAY'S TUCKSHOP
IN TODAY

FRI 31 MAR
HARMONY DAY

SAVE THE DATES
TERM 2

MON 17 APR
FIRST DAY OF
TERM 2

TUE 25 APR
ANZAC DAY MARCH
& HOLIDAY

MON 1 MAY
QLD LABOR DAY
HOLIDAY



3DK Palm Sunday Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations to 3DK students for the engaging presentation of Palm Sunday events. Jesus was indeed welcomed into Jerusalem with joy and palm waving. Thank you Mrs Denise Kenny and Mrs Andrea Devaney for the preparations.



6D—The Last Supper...

Thank you 6D students for the liturgical presentation of Jesus at the table with his disciples for the last time, and for reminding us of the purpose of celebrating the Eucharist in memory of Him. Thank you Mrs Amber Di Carlo for the preparations. Thank you to the audience for your reverence of the liturgical event.

Stations of the Cross...

Thursday will see 5SD presenting the Stations of the Cross commencing at 8:35pm.

Harmony Prayer Assembly...

Please join us at 8:40am for Friday's acknowledgement of the ancestral cultural diversity at Good Counsel Primary School.

The Tridium...

The three days from Holy Thursday evening until Easter Sunday evening are the holiest days in the Christian year. On Holy Thursday, Catholics celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday, they remember Jesus' death, and on Easter Sunday they joyously celebrate Jesus' resurrection to new life.

Easter wishes...

Thank you for the term that was—for your kindness, support and generosity of time and resources. May you and yours enjoy a safe, happy and holy Easter and the school break. Please note— school resumes with Term 2, on Monday 17 April.

Yours in Catholic Education—
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE



Term 1...

Wed 29.3 .GCP Cross Country
Thu 30.3 8:30am 5SD Stations of the Cross
Fri 31.3 Harmony Day Prayer Assembly
Term One ends...

Easter Break—School Holidays

Term 2...


Mon 17.4 Term commences
Mon 24.4 ANZAC Prayer Assembly
Tue 25.4 ANZAC Day
Wed 26.4 Mother of Good Counsel
Mon 1.5 Qld Labour Day Holiday
Thu 11.5 Mothers' Day Concert
Fri 26.5 Yr 1 Pentecost Prayer Assembly
Fri 2.6 NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WK
Prayer Assembly
Wed 7.6 School Officer Day
Fri 23.6 Term 2 ends

Term 3...


Mon 10.7 Term commences
Fri 14.7 INNISFAIL SHOW HOLIDAY
Tue 25.7 Catholic Education Week—A Spirited Tomorrow
21—25.8 Book Week—READ GROW INSPIRE
Fri 1.9 CTJ Pupil Free Day
Mon 4.9 Sacrament of Confirmation
Mother of Good Counsel Church 7pm
Tue 5.9 St Rita's Church South Johnstone 7pm
Fri 8.9 NAIDOC—FOR OUR ELDERS
Fri 15.9 Term 3 ends

Term 4...

Mon 2.10 King's Birthday Holiday
Tue 3.10 Term commences
Fri 20.10 Gold Coin Mission SOCKTOBER DAY
Fri 10.11 Remembrance Day Assembly
Fri 1.12 Term 4 ends




End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity



FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS


On behalf of Caritas, thank you.



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EVERYONE BELONGS

GCPS staff and students will receive an orange ribbon to wear on Friday.



Check out the photos of Hawaiian Disco on Facebook.

HOLY WEEK 2023 —CHURCH SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY – 6 APRIL

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:00pm Babinda

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm Innisfail

GOOD FRIDAY – 7 APRIL

Stations of the Cross 10:30am Innisfail

Reconciliation 11:30am Innisfail

The Lord's Passion 3:00pm Innisfail

The Lord's Passion 3:00pm Babinda

The Lord's Passion 3:00pm Silkwood

HOLY SATURDAY – 8 APRIL

Reconciliation 11:30am Innisfail

Easter Vigil 6:00pm Silkwood

Easter Vigil 8:00pm Innisfail

EASTER SUNDAY – 9 APRIL

7:00am Babinda;

7:00am Mourilyan

9:00am Innisfail

10:00am El Arish

GCPS - MINI VINNIES EASTER RAFFLE

If you are interested in purchasing Mini Vinnies Easter Raffle tickets – please return the attached envelope with your name, correct money (if possible), and the number of tickets required by Wednesday 29 March.

Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Tickets will also be on sale at school each morning, from Wednesday 29 – Friday 31 March 8:00 – 8:30am – thank you!

First Prize – Easter Basket donated by Amaya Hutchinson & family.

Second Prize - Easter Bunnies donated by Amaya Hutchinson & family.

Multi-draw prizes – winners' choice!

Drawn – Friday 31 March