

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

TUCKSHOP



WED 8 MAR - TANIA  
FRI 10 MAR - TANIA  
MON 13 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



## 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 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.

### LAP RUNNING



Every Tuesday and  
Wednesday mornings  
8.00 - 8.30am on the oval  
until Week 9.

Students to bring spare clothes and shoes to run in (especially if it's raining).

Come along and get some exercise and earn points for your Colour House.



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

7 MARCH 2023

TERM 1 Week 7

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,

Over the weekend the Diocesan Catholic Schools Parents QLD (Parents & Friends) held their Annual AGM. Mrs Jo Borsato, Mrs Daniella Stephenson and myself attended the meeting at St Monica's School in Cairns. This group of willing volunteers discussed many current issues facing our schools' and outlined their plan for 2023. Issues such as parent engagement, cyber safety, vaping, school refusal by students, and staffing were all highlighted. This volunteer group represent all 12000 students and their families across our 30 schools in the Diocese. They have organised guest speakers and a webinar for later in the year to support parents during our interesting times. More information about dates/times of these events when they are finalised. Please save the date for our first P&F Meet & Greet BBQ and Hawaiian Disco set for Friday 24 March. Our school P&F held their AGM two weeks ago.

Congratulations to the following elected members:-

President	- Tania Spagnolo
Vice President	- Tim Laffin
Secretary	- Sharon Stephenson
Assistant Secretary	- Jamie Genocchio
Treasurer	- Nicole Laffin
Diocesan Delegates	- Jo Borsato and Daniella Stephenson

Just a Reminder/Alert to be vigilant with your email accounts as at least one family in the Diocese has been scammed with a fake email supposedly from their school requesting school fees to be paid into a fake account. Always check the details of emails to ensure they are correct and if unsure please contact our front Office. We now offer BPAY facilities as a method of payment. BPAY details are located on the

bottom righthand side of your statement.

In the final weeks of this Term all parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher/s to discuss their progress for the first part of 2023. Meetings are set for 15mins and are booked using PTO (Parent Teacher Online). Bookings went live from yesterday and I encourage all parents/carers to take advantage of this service and keep informed of how your child is progressing. We organise Parent/Teacher meetings specifically to touch base to discuss how your child is working in class; progressing with the level of work; behaving at school; completing home reading/homework and if there are any concerns from home or school. If the times indicated do not suit please email or Seesaw your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements.

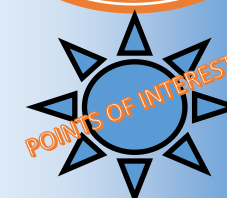
### Innisfail Young Performers

Just a word of encouragement for students who may be interested in participating at the Innisfail Young Performers next term. Performing on stage is a great way to showcase talents and practise performing in front of others. There are many sections in the competition - Musical Instruments, Piano, Vocal, Choric Speaking, Poetry, Impromptu Reading and Bible Reading. The competition is held at the Shire Hall and Innisfail State College for groups and the Con Theatre (River Avenue) for solos from Wednesday 7 June to Sunday 11 June. A full program can be downloaded from their website if you are interested on; <https://iypc2023.wixsite.com/comp> Entries close on 25 April.

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 9 MAR  
FRIDAY TUCKSHOP  
IN TODAY

### SAVE THE DATES

FRI 17 MAR  
GREEN DRESS  
DAY

FRI 24 MAR  
P&F BBQ  
MEET & GREET  
STUDENT  
COUNCIL  
HAWAIIAN DISCO  
(MORE INFO TO  
FOLLOW)

WED 29 MAR  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
CROSS  
COUNTRY  
See attached flyer

FRI 31 MAR  
HARMONY DAY  
(MORE INFO TO  
FOLLOW)





Cooking Class...

Smiles all round for the pikelets cooking class on Friday, following the shopping for ingredients on Thursday. Thanks Ava and Dominic for a job well done with School Officers Christine and Tamara.

Sacrament of Reconciliation...

We continue to keep in our prayers the children who will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation during Week 9 Monday 20—Wed 22 March Addison, 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.

Scripture...

From the holy gospel according to John 4:13 -15  
Jesus said to the Samaritan woman at the well,  
“Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again.  
But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again.  
The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life.”  
The woman replied, “Sir, please give me a drink of that water!  
Then I won’t get thirsty and have to come to this well again.”  
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray...

For the people of Vanuatu, who have endured twin cyclones and an earthquake in the space of a few days, that they will be able to work together, rebuilding their homes with the support of other nations. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE

# NAPLAN:

## a snapshot in time

Only for Year 3 & Year 5 at GCPS

Your child will spend **less than 4 hours,** in their life, completing **4 times** NAPLAN over 7 years of schooling.

That's a small investment, considering the information can be used to track a child's progress in the important areas of literacy and numeracy and to see how they fare against other students around the country.

Find out more at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

**Weeks 8 & 9 of Term 1**

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Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy

Term 1...

- Fri 10.3 Sports Captains
- Wed 15.3 NAPLAN—WRITING
- Thu 16.3 NAPLAN—READING
- Fri 17.3 St Patrick’s Green Day  
6S St Patrick’s Prayer Assembly
- Mon 20.3 NAPLAN—CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE
- Tue 21.3 NAPLAN—NUMERACY
- 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...

Easter Break—School Holidays

- Sun 2.4 Palm Sunday
- Thu 6.4 Holy Thursday
- Fri 7.4 Good Friday
- Sun 9.4 Easter Sunday
- Mon 10.4 Easter Monday

Term 2...

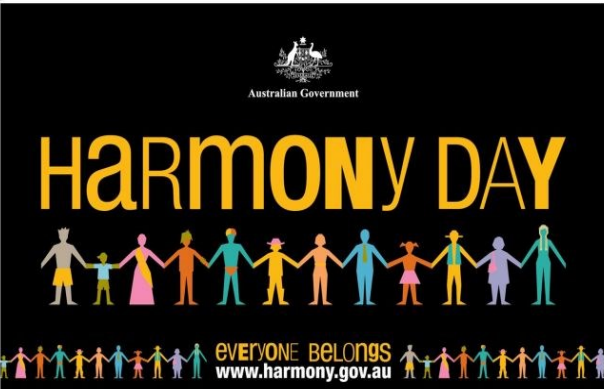
- Mon 17.4 Term commences
- Mon 24.4 ANZAC Prayer Assembly
- Tue 25.4 ANZAC Day
- Wed 26.4 Mother of Good Counsel Feast Day Mass
- Mon 1.5 Qld Labour Day Holiday
- Thu 11.5 Mothers’ Day Concert, Coffee/Tea & Scones
- Fri 26.5 Yr 1 Pentecost Prayer Assembly
- Fri 2.6 NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WK Prayer Assembly
- Wed 7.6 School Officer Day
- Fri 23.6 Term 2 ends

Term 3...

- Mon 10.7 Term commences
- 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



Harmony Day...

Good Counsel is looking to celebrate its Harmony Day Prayer Assembly on Friday 31 March. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Held every year on 21 March, Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. GCPS postponed from 3 March and will now hold it ten days later. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ide-

as and encouragement of mutual respect.

It is a day to celebrate all the different cultures that are a part of Australia. It is also an opportunity to pay tribute to the original inhabitants of the country, the Indigenous Australians. Harmony day is celebrated to foster a sense of belonging, respect, and inclusion in schools, and our communities and to bring people together to reflect, discuss, and acknowledge everyone's identity, inclusivity, and the sense of belonging that makes Australia a better place to live.

Facts and figures—<https://www.harmony.gov.au>

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation-starters:

- nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with over 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

These facts are taken from ABS 2016 Census Data. Check out the [Australian Bureau of Statistics website](http://www.abs.gov.au).

St Patrick’s Green Dress Day

Friday 17 March

School shoes, school hat  
(this is not a free dress day)

STUDENT COUNCIL DISCO

Friday 24 March

(P & F Meet & Greet BBQ 6:30pm)





# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Seek, Learn and Serve*

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14th March 2022

Dear Parent / Carers,

This year, our whole school Cross Country is being held on **Wednesday 30th March at school**. The emphasis on the day is about fun, fitness, and participation. All students will be required to attend. The day will begin at 9:00 am and finish after presentations at approximately 11:15am.

Approximate distances run:-

- Prep – 6 years      500m
- 7 – 8 years      1km
- 9 – 10 years      2km
- 11 – 12 years      3km

Children will need to:-

- wear coloured T-shirt in Sports House colour
- bring spare uniform in case they get wet
- bring a towel - if it looks like rain
- wear Friday joggers (any colour)
- bring spare school shoes to change into if it's wet
- wear a hat **(named)** – may be removed when racing
- have their water bottle

If your child is unable to participate due to a medical condition, please advise your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

All parents and friends are invited to come along and cheer on the students and watch their child compete.

Yours sincerely,

Hayley Russell

PE TEACHER