

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

TUCKSHOP



WED 15 MAR - TANIA
FRI 17 MAR - TANIA
MON 20 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.

FLYERS ATTACHED TO THE ONLINE NEWSLETTER
REGISTER FOR AFL GORDONVALE SUNE
FEAST OF THE SENSES - FEAST OF FUN KID ZONE



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

14 MARCH 2023

TERM 1 Week 8

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,

Well done to all parents who are vigilantly responding to student absenteeism, by sending a message via the Parent Portal or phoning the School Office if your child is away. Our overall attendance is at 84% however, we remain at over 10% unexplained even with an SMS reminder and follow up phone calls. Even though this is a marked improvement on 2022, we still have a way to go.

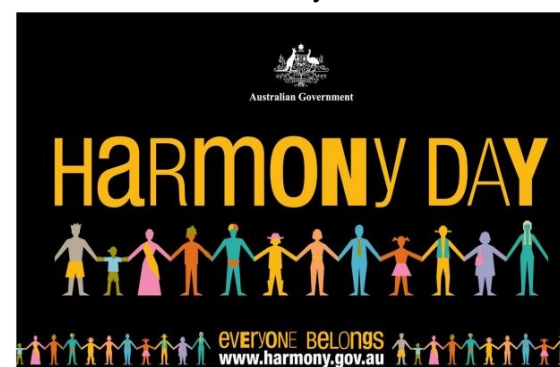
This week our Year 3 & 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN Writing task on Wednesday and the Reading Comprehension on Thursday. Please have your children here on time, well prepared with a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast so they are ready to do their best in the testing.

Over the next three weeks, we have three opportunities to dress up. This Friday is St Patrick's Day - patron Saint of Ireland. In short he is claimed to have brought Christianity to Ireland after escaping slavery. He used the shamrock (three leafed clover) to explain the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Come dressed in green - a green shirt and/or green socks. Remember it is a green dress day NOT a free dress day. Green skirts/green shorts are also acceptable as are green ribbons, green ties and green hats. No green hairspray thanks.

Next week we have our Hawaiian Disco and P&F Meet & Greet BBQ (Friday 24 March). Great lucky door prizes. Please refer to the flyer attached for details.

On the last day of term we are

celebrating Harmony Day - A day at the end of March which is a celebration of our cultural diversity and a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. We would encourage everyone to reflect on their cultural heritage and if possible wear something to signify their culture - students will have a small Cultural/Ancstral survey sent home today to research their ancestral backgrounds and our Year 6 students will lead our assembly. At Good Counsel Primary, we have students with over 60 ancestral backgrounds. It is what makes our school the wonderful place it is. It was highlighted to me some time ago that many of our students did not know their ancestral history, so Harmony Day will be a great day to highlight our diverse cultures here at Good Counsel Primary School.

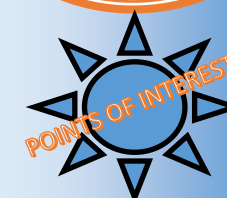


A general reminder that Prep 2024 interviews will begin in Week 2 of next term. Please ensure that if you have a child ready for Prep next year that you have completed an online enrolment. Priority is given to current and past family siblings, playgroup families and past pupils' children. We only have limited places so don't miss out.

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 MAR
FRIDAY TUCKSHOP
IN TODAY

FRI 17 MAR
GREEN DRESS DAY
COME DRESSED IN
GREEN

SAVE THE DATES

FRI 24 MAR
P&F BBQ
MEET & GREET
STUDENT
COUNCIL
HAWAIIAN DISCO

WED 29 MAR
WHOLE SCHOOL
CROSS
COUNTRY
FRI 31 MAR
HARMONY DAY

PREP ENROLMENTS 2024

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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.





Sports House Captains Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations to the Captains for providing us with the background information to help us better understand the purpose of the House names and banners. Thank you Ariana and Linkin, Ella and Ben, Emily and Addler, Mackenzie and Braxton for highlighting GCPS sport.



The Clancy House is named in honour of Father Clancy, the long serving and hardworking Parish Priest. He was here in Innisfail when construction of Mother of Good Counsel Church commenced in 1924 and blessed and opened in 1928. Clancy House honours all priests, past and present, who have served in our community up until Father Kerry Crowley, to the present day. The colour green reminds us that together, as one community, we are a symbol of hope to all around us. The heart featured on the Clancy flag is to remind us that our school began as the Sacred Heart School when Fr Michael Clancy was parish priest.



The MacKillop Sports House is named in honour of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross, and all Australians who have served in Catholic Education to spread the Good News of the Gospel. The colour purple reminds us that we are compassionate and always ready to forgive ourselves and others. The symbol featured on the MacKillop banner reminds us of the Trinity, the symbol which was part of St Mary MacKillop' religious habit.



The Marcellin Colour House is named in honour of Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers and the valuable contribution his order has made to our community life. The colour red reminds us of the flame of fire, the Holy Spirit alive and at work in our community. The symbol featured on the Marcellin flag has the letter M to remind us of St Marcellin whose silhouette is also there.



The Polding Sports House is named in honour of Bishop Bede Polding. Bishop Polding formed the Order of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan who served in this school and community of Innisfail for 90 years until 1992. The colour blue reminds us that we are people of prayer. Through prayer we are united in faith, hope and love – a family of God – people brought to life sharing in the sacraments of Christ The symbol featured on the Polding flag is the Bishop's Mitre to remind us of the importance of his role in sending the Good Sams to Geraldton (Innisfail) to start our school.

Sacrament of Reconciliation...we continue to keep in our prayers the children who will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation next week, Monday 20—Wed 22 March

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE

Term 1...

- 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
- Thu 13.7 Grandparents Day
- 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



Surf Life Saving...Last Friday, the Queensland Surf Lifesaving Education, Membership and Community Co-ordinator Emily Donoghue spoke on Assembly to encourage children of all ages to experience the many opportunities that the Etty Bay Surf Life Saving Club has to offer. She was supported by GCPS children who are members of the Etty Bay SLSC. Etty Bay Surf Life Saving Club is a 15km drive from Innisfail.





GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
P&F MEET & GREET
& STUDENT COUNCIL
“HAWAIIAN DISCO”



FRI 24TH MARCH 2022

WHERE: BLUE AREA

BBQ: 6.30PM

DISCO: 7.00PM – 8.30PM



**STUDENTS MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY
A PARENT/CARER**



**COME DRESSED
IN YOUR
HAWAIIAN OUTFITS**



STEAK / FISH (INCLUDES COLESLAW & ONION)	\$6.00
SAUSAGE ON BREAD (LIMITED VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE AVAILABLE)	\$2.50
KIDS HAWAIIAN SUPER DOOPERS	50¢
WATER	\$2.50
CAPPUCCINO	\$3.00
INSTANT COFFEE/TEA	
GOLD COIN DONATION	

BYO DRINKS



Great

Prizes throughout the night



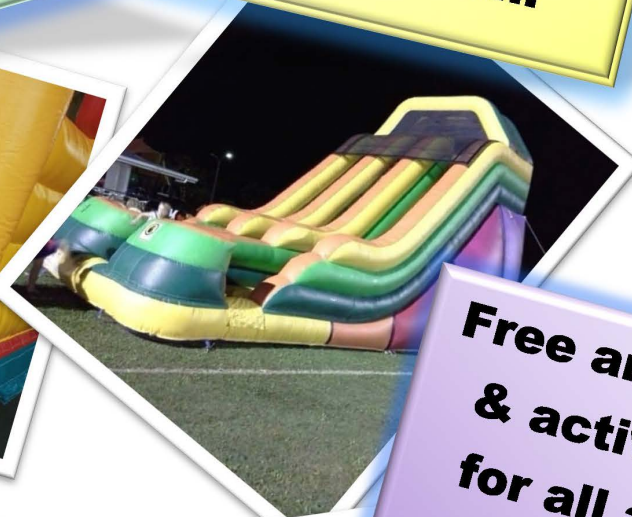
FEAST
of the **SENSES**



Innisfail

Sunday
26th March
River Feast
9am-3pm

\$5.00 per ride
or
\$20.00
all day fun!



Free art, craft
& activities
for all ages



www.feastofthesenses.com.au

REGISTER FOR 2023 TODAY.

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**UNDER 8, 9 AND 11 TEAMS CONFIRMED
MORE PLAYERS WELCOME. STILL
LOOKING FOR UNDER 13 AND 15 GIRL AND
BOY PLAYERS TO MAKE THE NUMBERS**



**GORDONVALE
SUNS**
GV

Traininng

Tuesday and Thursday 16:30
-17:30

Games

Games are generally played on
Sundays.

Registration

Head to the Play HQ website
or scan the QR code above
and register today.

Registration fee

The fee for 2023 is

\$150

Payment palns available

You may be able to use a fair
play voucher to pay for the
registration fee. Scan code to
see if you're eligible if you
don't please contact club for
other options



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