

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

TUCKSHOP



WED 22 MAR - TANIA/ ANNA
FRI 24 MAR - TANIA / ANNA/ LURLINE / JUDY /
HEATHER
27 MAR - TANIA

PLEASE ENSURE ALL TUCKSHOP ORDERS ARE WRITTEN
OUT ON A PAPER BAG WITH THE AMOUNT
OF MONEY ENCLOSED & CLEARLY NAMED.

SORRY TEMPORARILY OUT OF STOCK

APPLE & ORANGE JUICE BOTTLES

UNIFORM SHOP

2023 OPENING HOURS

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

LAP RUNNING UPDATE



This Wednesday & Thursday
mornings weather permitting
8.00 - 8.30am on the oval.

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



PARENT TEACHER ONLINE

To book a Parent/Teacher
Interview, log into the 'Parent Portal'
using the email address the school has on file,
then go to the PTO app and click OBTAIN PIN
(check your junk/spam for the pin), go back into
the PTO app, type your surname and enter the
PIN number sent to you. You will then be able
to book an appointment. Appointments will be
available until next week.

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.

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 pay-
ments and is our preferred pay-
ment method. You will find the
BPAY information relevant to your
account on the Account State-
ment in the lower right hand sec-
tion. 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.**

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.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

21 MARCH 2023

TERM 1 Week 9

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,

After reading an article in the Sunday Mail 19 March about the lack of male teachers in our primary schools across Queensland, it highlighted to me the importance of dads in our children's education. The article revealed data from 2006-2022 showing an increase of 7000 female teachers in primary sectors to 30 males over the 16 year period. Much of the article focused on why males choose secondary teaching over primary, if teaching at all. This is certainly the case here at Good Counsel Primary where we have usually only 3 males on site during the school week. It is many years since we had a second male teacher on staff at Good Counsel Primary and even longer since we had a suitable male applicant for a teaching position. Thank you to all our fantastic female teachers. Keep doing the amazing work you do each and every day. Some of the work we do partnering with Good Counsel College work experience students, will hopefully encourage more males to take up the profession. Now back to my point of dads being involved in the lives of children. In the past, dads worked the long hours and was informed of the children's progress via mum who was the organiser, school link and main carer in the child's life. Research by Michael Grose - Parenting expert states that it is too late for dads to be involved once their children have hit adolescence. Relationships are best built in childhood. The fundamentals of raising children well is to spend time in your child's space, doing 'stuff', playing, fishing, camping, wrestling the list is endless. This is a great reminder as our Easter break approaches. Plan ahead and organise some dad time during the holidays. For sole mums who are parenting, making connections with uncles, grandfathers or close family male friends helps with having a male influence in children's lives. Males being involved in

children's lives solves issue Number 1 - encouraging more males to study primary school teaching, is a whole of society issue that needs much more investigation and promotion.

Congratulations to Elle Gracie and Jake Stephenson U/12 age group and Rick Stephenson, Braxton D'Urso and Beau Crabtree U10/11 years, on their selection in the Cassowary Coast District Rugby League teams. Both Northern teams had convincing wins against Cassowary Coast South on Friday night. The District team, now train up to the Peninsula Championships in Week 1 of next term.

Congratulations to the following Good Counsel Primary girls who have been selected in the Cassowary Coast District Netball - Leighton Genocchio, Elle Gracie and Elisha Finau. The girls will train for the upcoming Peninsula Championships in Term 2.

Good luck to all students trialling this week for Cassowary Coast Soccer and next week for Peninsula Squash.

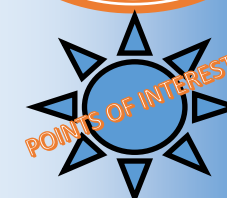
If you are looking for Hawaiian Disco costume ideas, Dancing Divas have a great selection.

The P&F want to organise a roster, with your help, for Friday night's P&F BBQ, in the hope of encouraging new parents/carers to come and meet the 'oldies' in a welcoming environment. If you can volunteer some time at the Disco to be in the tuckshop please click the link below to add your name to the roster <https://signup.com/go/vxiAKLy>

Regards, Liam

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OFFICE HOURS
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School**

**DIARY DATES
2023
TUE 24 JAN -
FRI 31 MAR**

**TUE 21 MAR
P&F MEETING
7.00PM
THEATRETTE**

**THU 23 MAR
FRIDAY'S TUCKSHOP
IN TODAY**

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

SAVE THE DATES

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



St Patrick’s Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations to 6S students for their informative St Patrick’s presentation. Thank you Miss Casey Sheil for preparing the children and organising the Andrew Chinn songs.

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.



A shamrock is a young sprig, used as a symbol of Ireland. Saint Patrick, Ireland's patron saint, is said to have used it as a metaphor for the Christian Holy Trinity. The name shamrock comes from Irish seamróg ([ˈʃamˠrˠoːɡ]), which is the diminutive of the Irish word seamair and simply means "young clover".

3DK Palm Sunday Prayer Assembly...

Please join with the children on Friday, as the Lenten journey at school marks Palm Sunday and looks towards Holy Week.

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE

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



Sincere Sympathy...

To Mrs Haidee Healey
and family
at the loss of her Uncle
Jim O’Brien.

Term 1...

Fri 24.3 3DK Palm Sunday Assembly
P&F Meet & Greet BBQ 6:30pm
Student Council Hawaiian Disco

Tue 28.3 8:30am 6D Last Supper

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



Parent Teacher Interviews Weeks 9 & 10
as per your bookings.
Thank you for being punctual.



HAWAIIAN DISCO LUCKY DOOR— EACH GCPS STUDENT
PRESENT AT THE DISCO RECEIVES A LUCKY DOOR TICKET
Multi-Prize Draw —Chair, Umbrella, Bag, Mat,
Beach Towels



Functional Skills chefs have moved from savoury to sweet recipes
with their Pumpkin Cake and Pumpkin Scones. That fantastic smell
of baking coming from the kitchen makes Admin staff so hungry.

Good Counsel College Year 7 students shared their experiences with
the Year 6 students yesterday, providing an insight into secondary
school. Thank you to GCC Principal Rosa Lanzo for arranging the visit.

