

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

## TUCKSHOP



WED 10 MAY - TANIA / ANNA

FRI 12 MAY - TANIA / ANNA

MON 15 MAY - TANIA / ANNA

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

## OFFICE REMINDERS

Friendly  
Reminder

Please do not email when your child/  
children are absent. If the staff member  
you have emailed is absent these emails  
may be overlooked.

Please use the Parent Portal to log absences or phone the  
School Office. The Parent Portal is the preferred option as  
on a day like today when the phones were down, or  
phones are busy access to the Portal was still available.

## TERM FEE UPDATE

Term 2 fees were issued yesterday.

For families who are not on a Direct Debit  
and have outstanding fees due, please  
make payment over the internet with the  
details on the bottom of the invoice noting  
your Reference 973..... (also noted  
on the bottom of your invoice) to ensure that

monies are credited against the correct  
account and not delay 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.

The remittance statement should  
then be emailed to

accounts.innisfail@cns.catholic.edu.au

Please be mindful and check your emails &  
junk/spam to ensure delivery of your fee  
statement.



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

9TH MAY 2023

TERM 2 Week 4

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,

This Sunday is the second Sunday in May - the day we celebrate Mother's Day. This special day is to celebrate and appreciate our own mothers and mother figures both past and present. Although the media hype and constant advertising has made Mother's Day a very commercialised event, the showing of love for our mothers should be central to events this Sunday. The history of Mother's Day was created in the United States in 1908 by Anna Jarvis who wanted to honour her mother's memory and the sacrifices she had made for her family. Anna Jarvis sent a donation of 500 white carnations to those who attended her public Mother's Day service on 10 May. Mother's Day in Australia was first celebrated with gift giving in 1924. Sydney woman Janet Heyden was inspired to collect charitable gifts for lonely, elderly mothers in hospital who had lost their husbands during WW1. People donated soaps, lollies, hairpins and scarves which were given to over 850 women in Sydney. Wearing of a white carnation is traditionally honouring a mother who has passed and a pink carnation for your mother if she is living.

Wishing all mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers and those who are mother figures a happy day this Sunday.

On Thursday we have an opportunity to celebrate as a school community with classes performing a short item for our mothers. We will have Lucky Door Prizes, Raffles and Morning Tea. If you wish to join us please get to your seats by 8.45am as our first item (Preps) will be on by 9.00am. Many thanks in advance to

our students, staff and all who have assisted to make our Mother's Day mini concert a special event.

A quick reminder to parents parking in the drop off/pick up zone before school. Please use the long term bays not those indicated as Stop, Drop and Go by the signage and yellow paint. Please do not park in the drop zone any day but particularly this Thursday, the morning of the concert.

## I Remember

In my heart are many memories  
Of the loving things you've done  
And today I want to tell you  
That I'm thankful for each one

There is a special memory  
I'd like to mention too.  
Ever since I can remember  
I remember loving you.

Unknown Author



Thankyou particularly to Mrs C in her acting Principal role while I was on leave for the past 3 days. Thanks also to those staff who did additional duties/tasks during my absence.

We welcome a JCU pre-service teacher Mr Anthony Spataro spending the week with Prep H.

Today, several of our students are representing the Cassowary Coast at the Peninsula Rugby Union trials, Elle Gracie, Jake Stephenson, Oscar Rogers, Brock Stephenson, Rick Stephenson, and Addler Ingram.

Regards Liam

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## OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM—3:00PM

Ph: 07 40630600

## POINTS OF INTEREST

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School

DIARY DATES 2023

MON 17 APR

FRI 23 JUN

THU 11 MAY  
FRIDAY'S TUCKSHOP  
IN TODAY

MOTHER'S DAY  
CONCERT &  
MORNING TEA  
PLEASE BE SEATED BY  
8.45AM FOR A 9.00AM  
START  
BLUE AREA



SAVE THE DATES  
ATHLETICS DATES

MON 19 JUN  
FIELD EVENTS 3-6  
TUE 20 JUN  
1:40 BALL GAMES/  
TUG-O-WAR  
THU 22 JUN  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
CALENDAR PARK  
SPRINTS, RELAYS,  
800M



## INNISFAIL COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN'S 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

1:30PM - 4:30PM

14 SCULLEN AVENUE, MIGHELL

FREE Sausage sizzle, Lucky door prizes, Cake.

FREE entertainment including, Face painting, Roaming  
wild, Bunnings craft table, Goondoi dances, Henna hand  
painting.

Help us celebrate 50 years of providing quality early education in our  
community. Lots of fun activities for kids & adults as well as  
memorabilia for viewing.  
Everyone is welcome!



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.



Welcome to Week 4—  
and thank you for joining me by reading the heart of the newsletter.



**Prayer Assembly—Never See a Need without doing Something about it...**

Thank you to the Student Council for reminding us about being alert to **NEEDS**. By seeing ‘**Needs**’ and being prepared to ‘**Do**’ something about them, we become God’s hands, God’s eyes, and God’s love as we help others.

Remember the GCPS Good Samaritan Charism values:



*Welcome others as we would welcome Christ.*

*Be compassionate to the person in need.*

*Serve God by being neighbour.*

**Let us pray...**

On Sunday we will celebrate Mother’s Day. We remember our mothers with love for the way they care for us. Let us pray for our mothers and for the generations of mothers before them.

*You care for us, O God, as mother cares for her children.*

*Bless, protect and strengthen all the mothers of the world.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**For our Patron Saint—Mary, Mother of Good Counsel we pray the Hail Mary—**

*Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you.*

*Blessed are you amongst women,*

*and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,*

*now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

*Yours in Catholic Education— Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE*

**Term 2...**

**Thu 11.5 Mother’s Day Concert**

Fri 12.5 Brief Assembly—Awards & Notices

Fri 19.5 2ML Forgiveness Prayer Assembly

Tue 23.5 Michael Mangan in Concert

Fri 26.5 Yr 1 Pentecost Prayer Assembly

Fri 2.6 NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WK

Wed 7.6 School Officer Day

Mon 19.6 Field Events Yr 3—6

Tue 20.6 1:40pm Ball Games/Tug-o-War

Thu 22.6 Whole School Callendar Park  
Sprints, Relays, 800m

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

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

**MICHAEL MANGAN IN  
CONCERT**

**TUESDAY 23 MAY**

**11:45am—12:55pm**

**Singer/songwriter—Out of Ashes, Sing it Hosana,  
Hearts on Fire, Never See a Need, Celebrate Let’s**



**GCPS Mother’s Day...**

Thank you for your prompt RSVPs and the raffle ticket requests. Envelopes with tickets will have been returned to students today.

Raffle tickets will be available at school tomorrow 8:00—8:30am and Thursday, prior to the concert



**Fire and Rescue** visited the Year 1 students last week. An excellent learning experience. Thank you Mrs Grace Slater for organising afternoon.

**School Fees were emailed to each parent yesterday. Please check your Junk/Spam folder.**