

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

## TUCKSHOP



WED 11 OCT - TANIA, ANNA + 1 HELPER NEEDED  
FRI 13 OCT - TANIA, ANNA, SUE + 2 HELPERS NEEDED  
MON 16 OCT - TANIA, ANNA, BELLA

PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK GROUP NAMED  
'GCPS TUCKSHOP, UNIFORM SHOP AND P&F UPDATES'  
OR FLEXISCHOOLS APP FOR CURRENT MENU ITEMS EVEN  
WHEN ORDERING ON BROWN BAGS AS AT TIMES  
SOME OPTIONS MAY BE UNAVAILABLE.

PLEASE NOTE - EFTPOS IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR  
UNIFORMS NOT TUCKSHOP.

THERE IS NO NEED TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR A FLX DEBIT  
CARD AS PROMOTED BY FLEXISCHOOLS  
AS WE DO NOT HAVE EFTPOS.

### ONLINE ORDERING CLOSING TIMES

WEDNESDAY - CLOSING AT 8:00AM FOR THE SAME DAY

THURSDAY - 11.00AM FOR FRIDAY INCLUDES  
ALL BROWN BAGS FOR FRIDAY

FRIDAY - ORDERING CLOSED THUR 11:00AM—  
LATE ORDERS WILL BE SUBSTITUTED AS PER MENU

MONDAY - 8:00AM FOR THE SAME DAY

TUCKSHOP TUBS ARE NO LONGER KEPT OUTSIDE  
CLASSROOMS. ALL BROWN BAGS WITH CASH TO THE  
TUCKSHOP BY FIRST BELL.

### UNIFORM SHOP

2023 OPENING HOURS

MON, WED, FRI  
8:00 - 8:30AM OR  
11:00AM - 12:30PM



### Student Travel Rebates

Semester 2



#### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$25/week\* on fares to and from school (\* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or associated with the school?

#### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) during October.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## TERM FEE UPDATE

Term 4 fees will be issued shortly.  
Please check your emails and spam/junk folder  
if not received by Week 3.



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.

## ☆ Save the Date ☆

### PREP 2024 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 18 October  
GCPS Theatre—6:00pm

### Remaining 2023 Pre-Prep Sessions

Long Day Sessions 8:35am—1:00pm

Friday 13 October

Friday 20 October

What to bring: small backpack,  
water bottle, morning tea and please  
include lunch for the long day sessions.



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.



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

10TH OCTOBER 2023

TERM 4 Week 2

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 and present.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Catholic Education, Diocese of Cairns supports the ongoing professional development and performance review of their Senior Leaders. This term, I will participate in a performance review process so that I can reflect on my performance in the role of Principal at Good Counsel Primary and plan for ongoing development and growth.

Randomly selected staff and parents/carers will be invited to complete a confidential and anonymous survey. If you are selected, you will receive an email from Effective Governance (eG), who manage the survey, which will contain a link to the online questionnaire. If you receive an invitation to participate, please take this opportunity to do so.

The surveys are user friendly and easy to navigate. You can stop and restart the survey at any time, and you will receive a copy of your answers via email following completion. This is a highly confidential survey and will be launched on Monday 23 October and close on Monday 6 November. Effective Governance will review and collate the results from the survey and give me feedback on key areas of the report.

Last week Year 5 students attended Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre adjacent to Tinaroo Dam on the Atherton Tablelands. The camp was a great experience for students who challenged themselves with many and varied experiences including canoeing, vertical high ropes challenge, climbing wall, roving (orienteering), raft building, scoop netting for invertebrates and team building activities. The entire three days were about working together in an 'outside classroom' environment and formed part of their progression to leadership in Year 6.

Students had an amazing time even though some activities were quite testing and students had to push themselves to complete activities to the best of their ability.

Being away from home with no technology can be a challenge in itself, but all displayed great leadership qualities which is what we wanted to develop in readiness for them putting their name forward for positions of leadership at the end of the year.



Many thanks to the parent volunteers and staff who made the camp possible and a shout out to the TEEC staff who worked with our students this year.

### Safety Alert

Parents, I was informed last week from a concerned parent that a local adult resident had attempted to connect via 'Kids Messenger' with a student of our school. The police were notified and thankfully parents intercepted the messages. This has once again highlighted that parents/carers need to be vigilant in knowing what technology your children are accessing and who they are connecting with. Please take the time to check with your child.

### Key Points

- Always supervise students' use of technology.
- Place technology in a central place of the house when children go to bed.
- Monitor all online use by students.
- Who are your children connecting with?

Regards Liam

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### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM—3:00PM  
Ph: 07 40630600

### POINTS OF INTEREST

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DIARY DATES 2023  
TUE 3 OCT  
FRI 1 DEC

THU 12 OCT  
GCC ORIENTATION DAY

FRI 13 OCT  
PRE-PREP SESSION #5  
8:35—1:00pm

WED 18 OCT  
PREP INFORMATION MEETING

THU 19 OCT  
YR 4 EXCURSION

FRI 20 OCT  
PRE-PREP SESSION #6  
8:35—1:00pm

SOCKTOBER DAY





Our Lady of the Rosary...

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies Executive for leading us in praying part of the Rosary to introduce October as the month of the Rosary.

Friday 13th October will see the Student Council lead us in an early All Saints Prayer Assembly featuring an across school representation of a Litany of Saints.

We pray...

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.

Term 4...

- Thu 12.10 GCC Orientation Day
- Fri 13.10 Rugby 7s
- Student Council All Saints
- Prayer Assembly
- Pre-Prep #5 8:35am—1:00pm
- Tue 17.10 Yr 1 Liturgy Theatre
- Wed 18.10 Prep Information Meeting
- Thu 19.10 Yr 4 Excursion
- Fri 20.10 SOCKTOBER Gold Coin
- Mission Day
- Pre-Prep #6 8:35am—1:00pm
- Sat 21.10 St Vincent de Paul Mass 6:30pm
- Mon 23.10 9:30am Yr 4 Mass Theatre
- Thu 26.10 Bravehearts Theatre
- Fri 27.10 World Teachers' Day Assembly
- Mon 30.10 Monday Assembly Blue Area
- Tue 31.10 10am Prep Liturgy Theatre
- Fri 3.11 Mini Vinnies Prayer Assembly
- Fri 10.11 Yr 6 Camp Prayer Assembly
- 10:50am Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Fri 17.11 Billy Slater League Tag
- Playgroup Christmas Party
- Sat 18.11 St Vincent de Paul Mass 6:30pm
- Fri 24.11 Prep & Yr 1 Prayer Assembly
- & Hamper presentation
- Mon 27.11 8:40am Leadership Assembly
- 6pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass
- Thu 30.11 Christmas Concert
- Fri 1.12 9am End of School Mass



Sincere Condolences to  
The family of Lena Gracie—  
Nanna of Elle Gracie (6D)

Sincere Condolences to  
Pha vue & Julie Yang  
at the loss of Sia vue  
— Aunt to Isabella (1S), Maddy  
and Connor.



Yr 6 students are to assemble before  
8:30am at GCPs for Roll Call and  
be walked down by their class

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE

**ORIENTATION DAY**

Year 7 in 2024

Good Counsel College 2023 Orientation Day provides students entering Year 7 in 2024 a full secondary school experience and the opportunity to make connections with each other. Students will meet our dedicated and caring teaching staff, tour the college and sample the various subjects on offer.

Parents/carers are not expected to attend Orientation Day but are welcome to stay for a tour and morning tea with the Principal, concluding around 10 am.

**Uniform & what to bring**

Students must wear :

- their normal school uniform and school hat
- covered shoes (track shoes are acceptable)

**SAVE THE DATE**

Thursday 12 October 2023