

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

TUCKSHOP



WED 1 NOV - TANIA, ANNA, 1 HELPER NEEDED
FRI 3 NOV - TANIA, ANNA, 2 HELPERS NEEDED
MON 6 NOV - TANIA, ANNA & BELLA

AS THE END OF YEAR QUICKLY APPROACHES, WE BEGIN TO ORDER LESS BULK STOCK. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT ON FLEXISCHOOLS, EVEN IF ORDERING VIA BROWN BAG, SO YOU ARE AWARE OF WHAT REMAINS AVAILABLE AND WHAT IS OUT OF STOCK.

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.

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
11AM - 12:30PM



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.

TERM FEE UPDATE

Term 4 fees are now overdue.

Please check your emails and spam/junk folder.



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.



Those who have been nominated to participate in the Principal Performance Review Survey, please take the time to complete the online questionnaire. The survey will be open until 9AM Monday 6 November, 2023. You may complete it in several sessions if you wish. Your responses are saved at the beginning of each page.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NAIN FAMILY!

Winners of the Port Douglas Short Film Festival 2023, U/12s category.
Check out our GCPS Facebook page for a link to watch their fun short film—'The Thief'.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

31ST OCTOBER 2023

TERM 4 Week 5

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,

On Monday 2 November 1903, lessons commenced at the newly refurbished Sacred Heart School. The building was blessed the Sunday before by Bishop Murray. The cost of the school building was £900, exclusive of furnishings.



The staff of 4 Good Samaritan Sisters had 42 enrolments to teach and the school grew quickly, requiring dormitory facilities for 20-30 girls and later, a few boys. Initially only primary grades were taught at the Sacred Heart Convent School but by 1910 the Sisters took on the challenge of High School examinations. Students from around the district were taught singing, piano, painting, cello, violin and the art of speech.

In 1918, a cyclone levelled the Convent and school buildings. Sixteen men were employed to rebuild the school, however there was no break from lessons with students working on the concrete floor while construction took place around them.

On 18 November 1956, a huge blaze reduced the school to a burned out shell. All administration registers, books and equipment were lost in the fire and the 265 students were temporarily housed in the Johnstone Shire Hall. The new school buildings (Junior classrooms on Rankin St) were blessed and opened 18 May, 1958.

Fire struck the Convent for the second time in October, 1958 with the 11 Sisters and 14 boarders being accommodated by the community until the new Convent was built in late 1960. This building is our current Administration, Library and Theatrette.

In 1975 there was a merging of Marist Brothers College and Sacred Heart School to Good Counsel College and Good Counsel Primary School. Sister Kevin Caldwell led the newly named Primary School under the new motto—Seek, Learn and Serve. The Good Samaritan Motto—IN OMNIBUS GLORIFICATUR DEUS (In all things may God be glorified) is still etched on the glass doors of the Administration building.

Many changes have occurred in recent times with the last of the Good Sams working in the school in the early 1990's. The first lay Principal Mr John Walsh (1982-1994) being appointed following Marist Brother Phillip Slattery.

In 2006, Cyclone Larry severely damaged eight Junior Block classrooms. Extensive building projects have been completed over the past 30 years providing our students with amazing facilities, resources and an opportunity for a world class education.

When reflecting on the history of GCPS, it needs to be acknowledged that our school would not be here today without the generosity and support of the Geraldton/Innisfail community, the dedication of the Good Samaritan Sisters, Marist Brothers, hundreds of teachers and the Augustinian and Diocesan Clergy who have continued to provide a Catholic Education for our local families for the past 120 years.



May we strive to continue this good work, living by our Good Samaritan Charism values to:

- Welcome others as we would welcome Christ
- Be compassionate to the person in need
- Serve God by being neighbour

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

TUE 7 NOV
MELBOURNE
CUP
HAT/TIE DAY

P & F MEETING
THEATRETTE
7:30PM

FRI 10 NOV
YR 6
CAMP
PRAYER
ASSEMBLY

REMEMBRANCE
DAY
CEREMONY
10:50AM
BLUE AREA

SAT 18 NOV
6:30PM
MoGC
SVPD MASS



World Teachers’ Day...

Congratulations to the Yr 6 students for their prayer assembly, and 2023 take on this year’s teachers, which was outstanding. Thank you Mrs Amber Di Carlo and Miss Casey Sheil for the preparations and organisation, and song choices. Thank you to the School Officers for putting so much thought into the awarding of the teachers’ certificates.

We give thanks for 120 years...

Lord God,
we give you thanks for giving strength to our school community through the trials and tribulations of our Sacred Heart/Good Counsel Primary School’s 120 year history. Thank you for the blessings received by community, students, families and staff. Thank you for the growth, development, and focus on learning, community and service, and your mercy and grace. We thank you for the vision of Bishop Murray and Fr Michael Clancy OSA, and the founding Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict. Thank you for the trust these people had in starting a school on a hill overlooking the Johnstone River in 1903 and all the facilities we enjoy in 2023. Bless us with the same sense of faith, service, and dedication as we continue to Seek, Learn and Serve, as a school community. Bless our commemoration this week.
In Jesus’ name, we pray.
Amen.

Mini Vinnies Prayer Assembly...

Friday’s prayer assembly will see the classes collect their hamper basket in preparation for the Mini Vinnies Christmas Hamper. Please note, a letter will go out—contributions need to wait until Week 7—thank you!

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE

Term 4...

- Tue 7.11 Melbourne Cup Hat & Tie Day
- Fri 3.11 Mini Vinnies Prayer Assembly
- Fri 10.11 Yr 6 Camp Prayer Assembly
10:50am Remembrance Day
Ceremony Blue Area
- Mon 13.11 Classroom Hamper contributions
Till 22/11 – thank you!
- 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
Term 4 ends

Sincere Condolences to

Haidee & Matt Healey,
Cooper and Delta (1W)
at the loss of their aunt and great
aunt—Clare Richardson

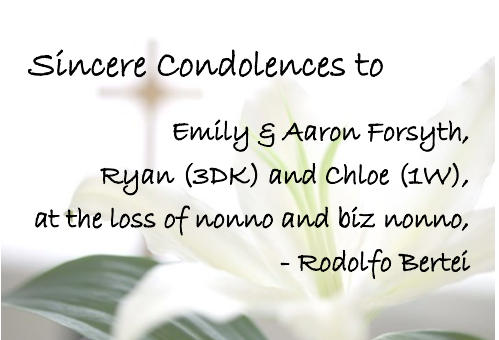


Prep Liturgy... Thank you Father Kerry for once again joining our school community, this time to celebrate with the Prep children and their families in the Theatrette. Thank you Miss Julia Honnef and Mrs Jess Sinton and the Prep team for the preparations.



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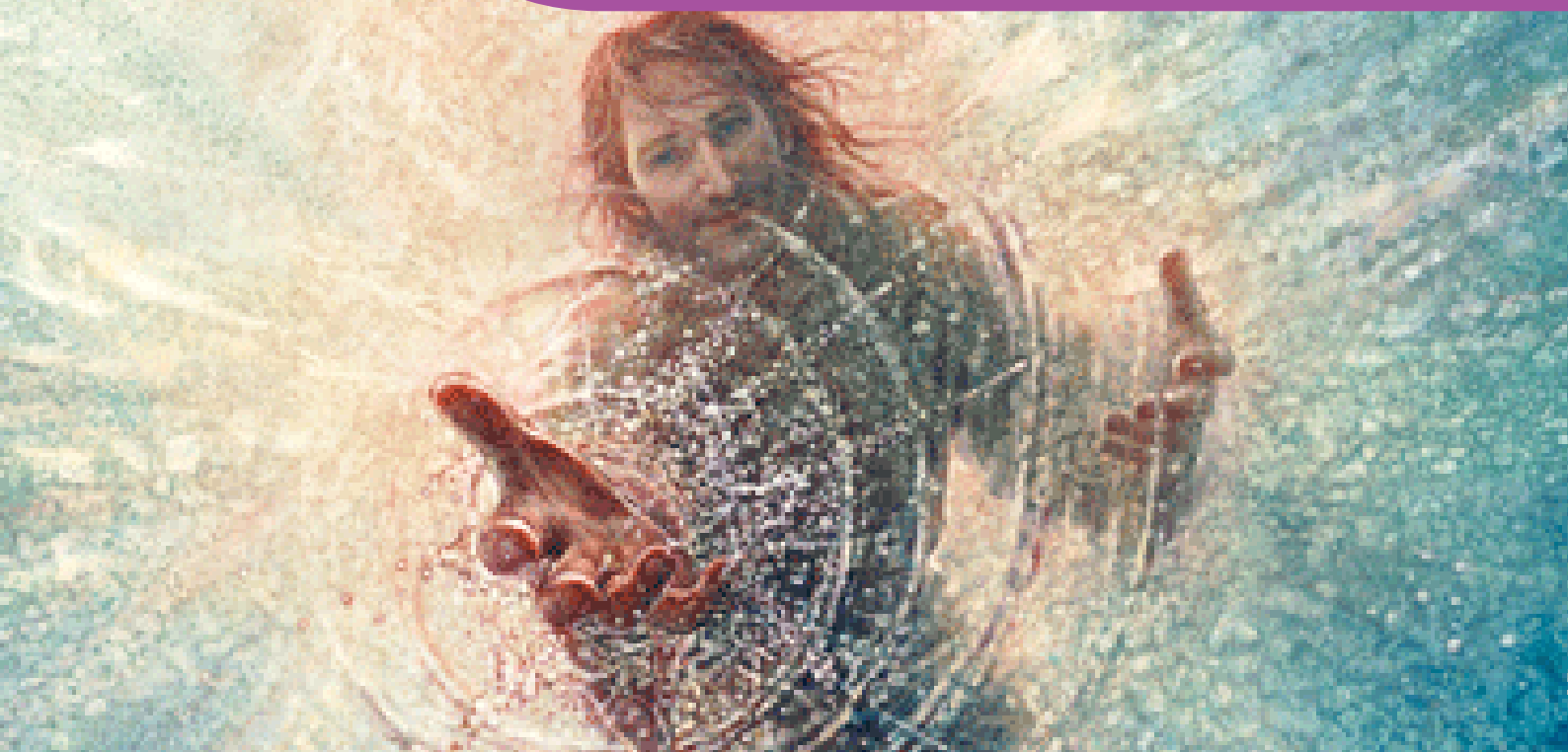
Emily & Aaron Forsyth,
Ryan (3DK) and Chloe (1W),
at the loss of nonno and biz nonno,
- Rodolfo Bertei





FOR I RECEIVED FROM THE *Lord* WHAT I ALSO HANDED ON TO *You*

1 Corinthians 11:23



SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

 **Seville Mercy Conference Centre**
35 Bauhinia Ave
Earlville QLD 4870

Register via Trybooking
by 1 November 2023



Come to the Water *Parent Retreat*

Research shows that parents are the most important influence that shape the religious and spiritual lives of children (USCCB, 2020). Given the changing nature of Australian society, however, parents often do not have a community of support when it comes to their personal faith, and the faith of their families.

Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns Identity and Outreach Directorate seeks to build a supportive faith community for the parents of children in our schools to participate in. In supporting families to develop their capacity to nurture the faith and spirituality of their children, the Catholic school participates in the evangelising mission of the Church as a community of faith (NCEC, 2023).'

A parent retreat provides the opportunity for parents and caregivers to be introduced into active participation in the faith community of Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns. The retreat is intended to be informal and its focus is on providing a day of spiritual reflection, participation and collaboration for parents who attend.



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