



TUCKSHOP



WED 7 FEB—TANIA, ANNA, KELLIE E
 FRI 9 FEB —TANIA, ANNA, LURL, HEATHER R
 MON 12 FEB —TANIA, ANNA
 SHROVE TUE 13 FEB—JAMIE—HELPERS PLEASE

FLEXISCHOOL ORDERING CLOSING TIMES

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

THURSDAY—9:30AM FOR FRIDAY INCLUDES
 ALL BROWN BAGS FOR FRIDAY

* LATE ORDERS WILL SUBSTITUTED AS PER MENU*

MONDAY—8:00AM FOR THE SAME DAY

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



UNIFORM SHOP

2024 OPENING HOURS

MON, WED, FRI
 8:00—8:30am OR
 11:00am—12:30pm



advancedlife
 school photography & print specialists

SCHOOL PHOTOS

THURSDAY 22 FEB

Photos are encouraged to be purchased
 on-line using Visa, Mastercard, or PayPal.

When ordering online, there is no need to
 complete an envelope. Limited envelopes are
 available from the front office should you wish to
 pay cash. Please note, we do not hold cash
 for change in the office.

Sibling photos ordered online must be
 completed before midnight Wednesday 21 Feb
 (the night before photo day).

Please note: Late sibling cash envelope orders
 will not be accepted after school begins on
 photo day. Only siblings from this school
 will be photographed together.

To order please go to www.advancedlife.com.au
 Enter the school 9 digit code, available on the
 Parent Portal under 'Documents -
 GCPS Advancedlife Flyer—How to order.'

order & download your photos

enter your 9 digit online order code below

go

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 fees will be processed shortly.
 You will be notified via SMS once issued.
 Please then check your emails and spam/junk
 folder and if not received, contact Admin.



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/payment screen shot
 should then be emailed to:
accounts.innisfail@cns.catholic.edu.au



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
 PLAYGROUP

CATERING FOR CHILDREN - BIRTH TO 5 YEARS

FRIDAY MORNINGS 9:00 AM—11:00 AM
 GOOD SAMARITAN HALL
 (ACCESS VIA OWEN STREET)

COST: \$2.00 PER FAMILY

BYO: HAT, MORNING TEA & WATER BOTTLE

CO-ORDINATOR: ASHLEIGH GORDON-COOKE 0459 676 121



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Fair Play Voucher Information

Fair Play is a program under the
 Queensland Government's \$1.3 billion
 Activate! Queensland 2019–2029 strategy focusing on where
 people live, learn, earn and play to embed activity in their daily
 lives and encourage lifelong movement. The program provides
 eligible Queensland children and young people aged 5 to 17
 (inclusive) who can least afford to join a sport or recreation
 club with a voucher valued up to \$150 for membership and/or
 registration fees. The latest round of Fair Play Vouchers opened
 on 24 January 2024. For more information and to apply
 visit: [https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/
 fairplay/apply](https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay/apply) If your child does not have access to a valid
 Centrelink Health Care Card/Pensioner Concession Card, you
 may request assistance through the school who is a referral
 agent for the program, and has been granted a **limited**
number of vouchers. Issuing of vouchers is at the principal's
 discretion and aims to assist those who would *struggle to meet*
the costs associated with membership and registration of a sport or
recreational club. If you would like to apply for a voucher
 through the school, please call the office on 07 4063 0600.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

6TH FEBRUARY 2024

TERM 1 Week 3

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,

School is now back in full swing and students
 are becoming more familiar with daily and
 weekly school routines. Hopefully drop off and
 pick up areas are settling with less cars
 congesting our streets each
 day. A reminder to all that in
 the Owen St and Rankin St
 pick up/drop off zones, you are
 not permitted to park and
 leave your car between
 8:00-8:40am or 2:30-3:20pm.
 At other times during the day it
 is fine to do so.



Repair works to Mother of Good Counsel
 Church start from Wednesday 7 Feb—Tuesday
 13 Feb and there will be limited access to the
 drive through exit to Rankin St. Please use the
 ramp on Grace St to enter and exit the Prep car
 park when the Parish Centre drive through is
 blocked. Take particular care when entering or
 exiting using the ramp.

First Nations students from Catholic schools
 in the Diocese of Cairns, who hold leadership
 positions in their schools, were recognised at
 the inaugural Nulung Kayn Kasi event at
 St Monica's College, Cairns last Tuesday.

Congratulations to Uleela Johnson and Ashla
 Rudken. We were able to catch up with Sister
 Ann-Maree Nicholls on the night.



Last Thursday we had our Beginning School
 Mass. Luckily the weather was somewhat
 cooler and the additional fans assisted in
 making Mother of Good Counsel Church as
 comfortable as possible. Thank you to the many
 parents and grandparents who attended, giving

us a full church. Our Yr 6 Leaders were
 presented with their badges after Fr Kerry had
 blessed them.



We welcomed our Prep 2024 children and our
 new students in Yr 1-6 as well as new staff.
 Special thanks to Mrs C for organising the mass
 and Fr Kerry for celebrating it with us. This
 week, he has knee surgery so will be out of
 action for the next few weeks recuperating. We
 send him best wishes for his recovery. On Friday
 we had our first assembly and what a
 fantastic job our Student Council and Captains
 did presenting their first awards for the year.
 Lots of nerves, but they read beautifully.
 Well done!

This week on Friday we will announce our Mini
 Vinnies representatives at a special badging
 ceremony. All are welcome to attend.

Fair Play Vouchers 2024

Under the QLD Government Get Active
 Strategy, families are able to apply for funding of
 \$150 per child (5—17years) to cover sporting
 memberships. If you hold a valid Centrelink
 Health Care Card/Pensioner Concession Card
 you can apply through the attached link [https://
 www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/
 fairplay/apply](https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay/apply)

If you **do not** hold these cards, you can contact
 Mrs Vecchio through the school as we have
 been allocated a small number of vouchers to
 distribute. It will be on a first in basis. More
 vouchers will be available in Round 2 which is in
 Semester 2. Please call the School Office—
 07 4063 0600.

Regards Liam

secretary@gcps.qld.edu.au
www.gcps.qld.edu.au

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM—3:00PM
 Ph: 07 4063 0600

POINTS OF INTEREST

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 School

DIARY DATES 2024

TUE 23 JAN
 THU 28 MAR

WED 7 FEB
 PREP
 PARENT MEETING
 3.30PM
 THEATRETTE

TUE 13 FEB
 SHROVE TUESDAY
 PANCAKE DAY

P&F AGM
 7PM THEATRETTE

WED 14 FEB
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Beginning School Mass...

'Welcome to the family, we're glad that you have come, to share your life with us, as we grow in love and may we always be to you—what God would have us be, a family always there—to be strong and to lean on.'

(D Kerner—Welcome to the Family)

Mini Vinnies Induction Ceremony...

Please join us for the GCPS Mini Vinnies ceremony in the Blue Area on Friday 9 February as we welcome Mary O'Farrell and Jim Arnell from the Innisfail St Vincent de Paul Society to hand the badges to our Yr 6 Mini Vinnies Student Leaders.

Shrove Tuesday... the day before Ash Wednesday

Known in some countries as **Pancake Tuesday**, **Shrove Tuesday** is the day preceding **Ash Wednesday**. The tradition of celebrating Shrove Tuesday and eating pancakes began when people wanted to use up the food that they were giving up for Lent, such as eggs, butter and fat.

Mrs Di Carlo's 6D and Miss Sheil's 6S students have put forward their fundraising Project Compassion plan to sell pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

FOR CATERING PURPOSES:

Pancakes will need to be **pre-purchased for 50c each** and will be available with/without syrup at first lunch on **Tuesday 13th February**.
The Year 6 students will have class lists to record names and pre-orders.

Please bring your 50c (or more)
to place your pancake/s order each morning,
commencing Thursday 8, 8:15am near the Blue Area
Friday 9, and Monday 12 February.

LAST ORDERS BY MONDAY MORNING—12th February.

Class teachers will receive the pre-ordered vouchers to distribute on the day.

Thank you to any willing volunteers available on Tuesday morning to assist Jamie make pancakes—please give the Office a call.
Yours in Catholic Education— Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE

2024 Term 1 (10 weeks)

- Fri 9.2 Yr 6 Mini Vinnies Induction
 - Wed 14.2 Ash Wednesday Liturgies
 - Fri 16.2 Project Compassion 5S Assembly
 - Thu 22.2 SCHOOL PHOTOS
 - Fri 23.2 Good Samaritan Charism Assembly
 - Fri 1.3 Sports Captains
 - Fri 8.3 Harmony Day
 - Fri 15.3 St Patrick's 6S Assembly
 - Fri 22.3 Palm Sunday 3DC Assembly
 - Tue 26.3 Last Supper 6D 8:30am
 - Wed 27.3 Cross Country
 - Thu 28.3 Stations of the Cross 5SD 8:30am
- Term One ends...

School Holidays

- Fri 29.3 Good Friday
- Sun 31.3 Easter Sunday

Term 2 (10 weeks)

- Mon 15.4 Term commences
- Thu 25.4 ANZAC Day
- Mon 6.5 Qld Labour Day Holiday
- Fri 21.6 Term 2 ends

Term 3 (10 weeks)

- Mon 8.7 Term commences
- Fri 30.8 Pupil Free Day
- Fri 13.9 Term 3 ends

Term 4 (10 weeks)

- Mon 30.9 King's Birthday Holiday
- Tue 1.10 Term commences



GCPS Student Leaders...

Captains & Student Councillors, Flag Attendants, and Sports House Captains.
Following Friday's Mini Vinnies Ceremony, the Year 6 Student Leadership will be complete .



Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Mother of Good Counsel Church
Wednesday 14 February
9:00am Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6
10:00am Prep & Yr 11, 1 & 2

Sacramental Information
Night at 7:00pm
Monday 19th February
in MoGC Church



Congratulations...
Kiara and Todd Ridolfi on the birth of their son Darcy.

Congratulations...

Suz and Steve Ah Shag on the birth of their granddaughter Ariah. Cousin of Olivia (5S)

