



## TUCKSHOP



WED 14 FEB—TANIA, ANNA, RACHEL H  
FRI 16 FEB —TANIA, ANNA, LURL, SUE  
MON 19 FEB —TANIA, ANNA

PLEASE CHECK OUR CURRENT MENU AS THE PRICES OF SOME ITEMS  
HAVE CHANGED; INCLUDING FROZIES/ZOOPER DOOPERS—NOW 70C.

### 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](http://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 have now been issued.  
Please note payment is due 23 February.  
Please 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](mailto:accounts.innisfail@cns.catholic.edu.au)

**Playgroup**  
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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FOR MORE INFORMATION

### 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>  
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

13TH FEBRUARY 2024

TERM 1 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 and present.

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we celebrate or actually remember  
two significant events in our Church life.  
Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday is the  
final day before Lent begins. The word  
'shrove' is from the English word 'shrive',  
which means to give absolution for  
someone's sins by way of confession and  
doing penance. Shrove Tuesday was named  
after the custom of Christians to be 'shriven'  
before the start of Lent. The custom of eating  
pancakes was to eat up all the rich food in  
the house prior to the ritual fasting of the  
Lenten season which begins with Ash  
Wednesday. Ash Wednesday signifies the  
first day of Lent—a time of fasting,  
abstinence, and prayer. Today in school we  
recognise Ash Wednesday and the Lenten  
season (46 days - prior to Easter) as a time  
of reflection on how we treat others. For  
primary school children we would rather see  
them doing something extra to help at home  
than fasting or giving up something sweet or  
a treat. The ashes the students receive on  
their foreheads symbolises both death and  
repentance. The words said can be "Turn  
away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel"  
or for the younger classes "Turn back to  
God". The students respond with "Amen".  
The ashes come from the burned palm  
leaves left over from the previous year's Palm  
Sunday services.

Last Friday we announced our final Yr 6  
leadership positions with our Mini Vinnies  
Chapter representatives receiving their  
badges and all Year 6 students receiving  
their Yr 6 badge.

The GCPS Mini Vinnies chapter was  
instigated by Mrs C back in 2002 when she  
was teaching Yr 7. Mini Vinnies is such an  
important part of the fabric of our school, led  
by our Yr 6 students. Classes attend  
meetings to decide on appropriate  
fundraising activities, all highlighting the need  
to do something for others less fortunate than  
ourselves. The money raised is used to assist  
the local St Vincent De Paul works here in

Innisfail. Over the years, other funds have  
assisted the north western QLD flood victims,  
families in the SE QLD floods, and bushfire  
victims. When assisting those outside of town,  
we connect with a local school who works  
directly with families so the funds help those  
impacted. The 2024 Chapter looks forward to  
helping others this year.

### Congratulations—

GCP Mini Vinnies and Classroom  
Executives

GCP President—Sophie SINTON  
GCP Spiritual Advisor—Shiloh PAUL  
GCP Liaison Officer—Ciel WILLEMS  
GCP Activities Officer—Iné FERREIRA  
GCP Secretary—Emily BULL  
GCP Treasurer—Jake BLUNDELL

6D President—Laylah BONELLO  
6D Spiritual Advisor—  
Pearl CASHMAN-CATALDO  
6D Liaison Officer—Ahlee SMITH  
6D Activities Officer—Sabrina POLLARD  
6D Badges Officer—Mia FERREIRA  
6D Secretary—Jessie FRANKS  
6D Treasurer—Hunter ARNOTT

6S President—Charlie FAY  
6S Spiritual Advisor—Myah JOSE  
6S Liaison Officer—Holly HYLAND  
6S Activities Officer—Bronte FAY  
6S Badges Officer—Jake COWIE  
6S Secretary—Ruby MITCHELL  
6S Treasurer—Peter DENNESS

Thank you to Mrs Genocchio and her  
extraordinary helpers in the Tuckshop making  
pancakes this morning. Thank you  
Mrs Vecchio for co-ordinating the event.

Tomorrow morning, we look forward to  
welcoming the GCC Year 11s as they buddy  
up with the Preps for the Ash Wednesday  
Ceremony at 10:00am. This long held  
tradition is just one of many little things, that  
make GCC and GCP so special.

Regards *Liam*

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[www.gcps.qld.edu.au](http://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 14 FEB  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
LITURGIES

THU 15 FEB  
CASSOWARY COAST  
NETBALL TRIALS

FRI 16 FEB  
'FOR THE FUN OF IT'  
DANCE  
PERFORMANCES

SAT 17 FEB  
6:30PM  
MoGC  
SVDP MASS—  
Mini Vinnies invited

SCHOOL PHOTOS  
THU 22 FEB  
ORDER DETAILS ON  
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GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY MINI VINNIES EXECUTIVE

## Sacramental Program 2024

Enrolments are still being taken for the Sacramental Program for 2024. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 this year (or an older grade) then please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40630650 or call in to fill in an enrolment form as soon as possible.

The Sacramental Program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation Eucharist. There will be an Information Session on Monday 19 February at 5:15pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church to meet you and your child/ren and to provide an overview of the year. Please note the change of time.

Donna Vecchio - Sacramental Coordinator



Shrove  
Tuesday  
pancakes!

## Book Fair

**Wednesday 28 February to Friday 1 March**

8am – 9am, lunch times and 3pm – 3.30pm

Eftpos and Cash payments accepted.

*Commissioned earned is redeemed as new books  
for our school.*



## 2024 Term 1 (10 weeks)

**Wed 14.2 Ash Wednesday Liturgies—**

**Mother of Good Counsel Church**

**9:00am Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6**

**10:00am Preps & Yr 11, Yr 1 & 2**

**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**

**Mon 11.11 Remembrance Day Ceremony**

**Fri 6.12 Term 4 ends**

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



MRS DI CARLO'S 6D MINI VINNIES



MISS SHELL'S 6S MINI VINNIES



6D MINI VINNIES EXECUTIVE



6S MINI VINNIES EXECUTIVE

