



TUCKSHOP



WED 28 FEB—TANIA, ANNA, JACINTA
 FRI 1 MAR —TANIA, ANNA, SUE, LURL, JUDE
 MON 4 MAR —TANIA, ANNA, 1 HELPER NEEDED

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



5:15 - 6:15pm

SIGN ON TRAINING COME AND TRY

DATE **WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH**

Boys & Girls 3-12 Years Old

Facebook: Innisfail Tigers Soccer Club

Training Venue: Goondi Combined Sports Complex, bottom field

AGM: 5:30pm
 Wed Feb 21st, All welcome and encouraged to attend

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 fees are now overdue. 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**



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

JOIN OUR 'GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP' PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

We are coming to you!

Good Counsel College Principal, Ms Rosa Lanzo will be visiting Catholic primary schools on the following dates to answer any questions students may have regarding college life and Year 7:

- MONDAY, 4 March St Clare's, Tully
- MONDAY, 4 March Good Counsel Primary School
- WEDNESDAY, 6 March St John's, Silkwood
- WEDNESDAY, 6 March St Rita's, South Johnstone
- FRIDAY, 15 March St Rita's, Babinda



Enrolments are now open. Apply online today!



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

27TH FEBRUARY 2024

TERM 1 Week 6

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 our Year 3 & 5 students are preparing for their NAPLAN assessments by way of a practice test. The actual tests occur in Week 8 & 9 of this term. NAPLAN (National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy) has been delivered in Australian schools for the past 16 years and gives Governments, school authorities and schools information about students reaching literacy and numeracy benchmarks. NAPLAN last year was moved from Term 2 to Term 1 and is now an online testing platform with the exception of Year 3 students who have a hand-written writing task. Class teachers will be completing additional preparations for the testing days in the coming weeks. We wish all our students the best during the testing period.

Over the weekend, information was sent to schools regarding concerns around particular online games/platforms and their lack of security and transparency. One example that many of our students can access is 'Roblox' which may at first appear to be a game, but has applications with open chat rooms and video zooms accessible by children under the age of 13. Parents you need to investigate what sites your children are accessing in our digital world. Ensure you know who they are chatting with and that every single safety feature is on. Discuss with them what is appropriate and what is not! If you spot something that is off or if you suspect online grooming, report it.

Only last year one of our students was the target of inappropriate messaging from an adult through a 'kids' platform. You need to be vigilant in your parenting in our digital age. While on the topic of digital platforms, reinforce to your children that when accessing online chat rooms they need to be respectful. The questions are 'Is it worth posting?' or 'Would you say that in person?' often allows some time of reflection. Too often words posted at home then cause issues with friendships at school. When kids overstep the boundaries and post hurtful things or threats then they are accountable for these actions and in many cases the comments are on record forever.

I often question why students are connecting

with classmates after school when they have just spent the past 7-8 hours with them at school. Parents you need to take control and manage your child's screen time and set some boundaries.

Perfect timing - Save The Date

7pm Wednesday 13 March at GCC Auditorium. Susan McLean, Cyber Safety expert. Susan's advice is firm but fair. She explains clear guidelines that parents can allow their children to embrace and enjoy technology without the stress and worry. This talk should not be missed by parents today.

Many thanks to the parents who attended our AGM for our Parents & Friends in Week 4. Our positions were filled for the 2024 school year. Thanks to those who volunteered.

- President—Jamie Genocchio
- Vice President—Tim Laffin
- Treasurer—Emily Juhas
- Secretary—Sharon Stephenson
- Diocesan Delegates - Jo Borsato - Daniella Stephenson

If you would like to attend our meetings, they are held in the Theatre every 4-6 weeks. Our major project this year is looking at installing two large fans into the Blue Area and organising school supporters' shirts for Parents/Carers.

Next meeting 7pm Tuesday 12 March. First P&F Meet and Greet BBQ is at the Green Disco on Friday 15 March.

Date Claimer

Next Friday 8 March is Harmony Day. It is a day of celebration that recognises our diversity and brings Australians of all cultural backgrounds together. Our Year 6 students are leading the assembly on Friday and would like all students in 2024 to wear something of their cultural dress (a hat, shirt, traditional dress or cultural colours). If you do not have a cultural item, please wear something orange. All students will be given an orange ribbon as the colour orange is worn on Harmony Day. The theme for 2024 is 'Everyone Belongs'.

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OFFICE HOURS
 8:00 AM—3:00PM
 Ph: 07 4063 0600

POINTS OF INTEREST

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DIARY DATES 2024
 TUE 23 JAN
 THU 28 MAR

WED 28 FEB—
 FRI 1 MAR
 BOOK FAIR

FRIDAY 8 MAR
 HARMONY DAY

WED 13 MAR
 SAVE THE DATE
 SUSAN McLEAN
 CYBER
 SAFETY EXPERT

7PM
 GCC
 AUDITORIUM
 OWEN ST

FRI 15 MAR
 SAVE THE DATE
 'GREEN'
 STUDENT
 COUNCIL
 DISCO
 P&F MEET
 & GREET BBQ

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Past Pupil visits GCP...

Patrick Bulbrook with School Captains Harlow and Kristofer



GCP Charism Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations to Sophie, Shiloh, Ciel, Iné, Emily and Jake—the GCP Mini Vinnies Executive for their presentation of Good Samaritan Charism on Friday. Always a good reminder of our religious heritage and the Good Counsel Primary values.

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Last week we had a special visitor attend GCP. Mr Patrick Bulbrook who attended Sacred Heart Convent School in the 1940s-1950s up until he completed scholarship (Yr 8). Patrick recounted his experience of schooling at the convent to our School Captains. He then took a trip down memory lane on his tour of the school. Patrick, now retired in Brisbane, was visiting Innisfail. We have a large photo frame of Patrick with his war service medal and a poem on our Past Pupils Wall in the Theatre. He recounted so many fond memories of his time at school here.

Regards *Liam*

Book Fair
 Good Counsel Primary - Theatre
 Wednesday 28 February to Friday 1 March 2024



Project Compassion...

Thank you to those classes who have commenced their Lenten journey in the classroom with Project Compassion giving. Thank you parents/carers for your generous support of class projects.

At
Good Counsel Primary
 we identify with the
Good Samaritan Charism

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

A change of season...

Autumn begins on with the start of March on Friday. Let us pray that we will take care of our environment. God, our Creator, as we see the changes in the world around us, we praise you for the changes you bring about in our hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



2024 Term 1 (10 weeks)

- Fri 1.3 Sports Captains Prayer Assembly
 - 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 7.10 King's Birthday Holiday
- Tue 1.10 Term commences
- Mon 11.11 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Fri 6.12 Term 4 ends

We keep the children who commenced their Sacramental journey, with their committal mass on the weekend, in our prayers:

Harlem, Ricki, Jaxsyn, Laynie, Sailah, Macy, Gabriella, Bodhi, Dallas, Ryan S, Peter, Hunter, Ryan C, Charlize, Ryan F, Jonah and Emily. May their Retreat on Sunday in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation be one of understanding the gift of forgiveness. Thank you Mrs Vecchio for the preparations for the Retreat.



Sports Captains Prayer Assembly on Friday...

Please join with Isadora and Christian (Clancy), Mia and Rick (MacKillop), Jaida and Henco (Marcellin) Vivianne and Dominic (Polding), as they introduce the history behind the GCPS Sports Houses.

Reminder - 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 in the yellow bay pick up/drop off areas.
 Parking as per usual outside of these hours.

VISIT: www.feastofthesenses.com.au

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FEAST of the SENSES

RIVER FEAST MARKET DAY - SUNDAY 24 MARCH



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Seek, Learn and Serve

Address: 96 Rankin Street
INNISFAIL QLD
Postal: PO BOX 930
INNISFAIL QLD 4860
Email: principal@gcps.qld.edu.au

27th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

This year, our whole school Cross Country is being held on **Wednesday 27th March at school**. The emphasis on the day is about fun, fitness, and participation. All students will be required to attend. The day will begin at 9:00am and finish after presentations at approximately 11:15am.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCES RUN:

- Prep – 6 years 500m
- 7 – 8 years 1km
- 9 – 10 years 2km
- 11 – 12 years 3km

CHILDREN WILL NEED TO:

- Wear their House-colour t-shirt.
- Bring spare uniform in case they get wet.
- Bring a towel - if it looks like rain.
- Wear Friday joggers (any colour).
- Bring spare school shoes to change into if it's wet.
- Wear a hat (**named**) – may be removed when racing.
- A water bottle.

If your child is unable to participate due to a medical condition, please advise your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

All parents and friends are invited to come along and cheer on the students and watch their child compete.

Yours kindly,

Hayley Russell
PE TEACHER

FEAST of the SENSES



FOOD TRAILS **BOOK NOW!**

Feast of the Senses

Powerhouse Property Southern Food Trail

Saturday 23rd March
8.30am-5pm
tastings & lunch inc.



\$85.00pp



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TRANS NORTH NORTHERN FOOD TRAIL

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH
\$85.00PP
8.30AM-5PM
TASTINGS & LUNCH INC.



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Buses & Coach



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Secure your place at this year's Food Trails and enjoy a day out visiting farms and venues on the Cassowary Coast that provide our rare and tropical fruits and produce. Learn how these producers grow and process their product and taste some of the fruits of their labour. Do not miss the opportunity to experience this thoughtfully curated culinary journey, all against the backdrop of the lush farmlands and scenic views of Far North Queensland.

Located in the wet tropics, these all-weather events are designed for rain or shine. Make sure to come prepared with comfortable, closed-in walking shoes. Morning tea and lunch are provided during the tour, which departs from ANZAC Park at 8:30 am and returns at 5:00 pm. Head to the Feast's website to book your tickets now.

DON'T MISS THESE OTHER EVENTS...



GONE TROPPO TRIVIA

7PM THURSDAY 21ST MARCH
INNISFAIL RSL CLUB
TEAMS OF UP TO 8 PLAYERS
\$2.00PP
DRESS TO IMPRESS IN YOUR TROPICAL OUTFIT
PRIZES TO BE WON & FUN TO BE HAD
BOOK YOUR TEAM ON 4061 1601



Paint & Sip Workshop

Sat 23rd March
2-5pm
Innisfail Rowing
Club
\$65.00pp



Taste of the Tropics

*Tropical menu
specials!*

Brothers Leagues Club Bistro
Saturday 23rd March
5.30-8.30pm
Bookings: 4061 7199

FEAST of the SENSES



RIVER FEAST MARKET DAY – SUNDAY 24 MARCH

BOOK YOUR STALL

Be part of the biggest and best festival in the Far North on Sunday 24th March 2024! Register your stall today by visiting the website or clicking on this [link](#).



AUSTRALIAN BANANAS
RIVER FEAST

**STALLHOLDER
BOOKINGS
NOW OPEN**



Don't miss the
Brothers'
Leagues Club
Cooking Stage
Demonstrations & Tastings

Sunday 24th March
Australian Bananas River Feast
9am-3pm



**FOOD VANS
& MARKET
STALLS**

There's something for everyone to eat
and amazing market stalls in
Canecutter Court and along the river-
front at Sunday's Australian Bananas
River Feast
24th March 2024
9am-3pm!

RADF River Stage

Sunday 24th March
River Feast
9am-3pm



The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Cassowary Coast Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture in Regional Queensland

soilsfirst FEAST OF FUN
KID ZONE



Fun stuff for kids to do
Ride fees apply

RiverFeast
Sunday 24th March
9am to 3pm

FEAST of the SENSES

2024
21-24 MARCH
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