



### TUCKSHOP



WED 24 APR—TANIA, ANNA & 1 HELPER NEEDED  
FRI 26 APR—TANIA, ANNA, JUDY & LURL  
MON 29 APR—TANIA, ANNA & 1 HELPER NEEDED

**ALL BROWN BAG ORDERS FOR FRIDAY 26 ARE DUE ON WEDNESDAY AS THERE IS NO SCHOOL THURSDAY 24**

**FLEXISCHOOL ORDERS REMAIN THE SAME— CUT OFF THURSDAY 24 AT 9:30AM**

**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



Save the Date  
**Mother's Day Concert**  
Thursday 9 May  
Times to be advised

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL FEAST DAY MASS

**FRIDAY 26 APRIL 9:30am**

**PARENTS/CARERS INVITED TO ATTEND**

### REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 2 fees are will be processed shortly. You will be notified via SMS once issued. 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

### PREP ENROLMENTS 2025

Prep enrolments for 2025 are well underway with many applications already received. Any **existing parents** of students with younger siblings please ensure that you have enrolled your Prep student for 2025 if applicable. If you have a child who was born between **1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020**, please go the Good Counsel Primary School website and complete the Application for Enrolment online. If you have any queries please contact the Office on 4063 0600.



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

23RD APRIL 2024

TERM 2 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,

This Thursday we commemorate ANZAC Day (25 April). This significant date is the anniversary of the day when Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on the shores of Gallipoli (Turkey) in 1915 as part of the Allied expedition to open the Dardanelles Strait to the Allied navies, and eventually capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the Capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.

Today ANZAC Day draws large crowds of people to dawn services, and marches are held around the country.

ANZAC Day is a time for all Australians to recognise the more than 1.5 million servicemen and women who served our country in all conflicts, wars and peace keeping operations around the world. We also remember those current service personnel working today. We remember and give thanks to the 103,000 Australians who have sacrificed their lives in the name of our Country. With so much tension around the world today, ANZAC Day 2024 is even more significant.

*Lest We Forget.*

This Wednesday we will have our school ANZAC Ceremony at 8:35am with special guest speaker Detective Lachlan Ogilvie, former serviceman, father of Lachlan and Victoria, and President of the RSL Innisfail.

On Thursday, students and parents/carers are invited to the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph, Fitzgerald Esplanade at 5:25am where our Captains will lay a wreath on behalf of GCP. We then have the ANZAC Mass at 8:30am at Mother of Good Counsel Church, and finally the 9:30am assembly for 10:00am ANZAC March from Fitzgerald Esplanade. The march begins outside the RSL, then progresses down Edith Street before returning to the Cenotaph in front of the RSL. The students this year are asked to wear their formal (**check uniform**) and black

shoes, and school hat.

Please feel free to support your local clubs — Pony Club, Scouts, Guide and Cadets for the ANZAC Marches. Other venues and times in the Cassowary Coast include: Babinda 9:45am for 10:00am start—RSL Hall Tully 9:30am for 10:00am—opposite Mitre 10.

Peninsula Rugby League results from Monday. Congratulations to Brayden Horsford, Rick Stephenson and Joseph Crabtree for their efforts competing at the U/11 Peninsula Rugby League Trials in Atherton yesterday. The Cassowary Coast 10/11 team remained undefeated throughout the day. Special congratulations to Brayden and Rick for their selection into the Peninsula team.



Found—1 silver cross *Lovisa* necklace. Please see the office if this is yours.

Regards  
*Liam*

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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

MON 15 APRIL

FRI 21 JUNE



ANZAC DAY  
*Lest We Forget*

**WED 24 APR**  
SCHOOL ANZAC CEREMONY  
8:35AM

**THU 25 APR**  
ANZAC DAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

CENOTAPH SERVICE  
5:25AM

ANZAC MASS  
MoGC Church  
8:30AM

ANZAC PROCESSION  
FITZGERALD ESP  
9:30AM FOR 10:00AM

**FRI 26 APR**  
FEAST DAY MASS  
MoGC Church  
9:30AM





**New Life Prayer Assembly...**

Thank you to the GCP Mini Vinnies Executive —Sophie, Shiloh, Iné, Jake and Emily for leading us in reflection with the new life and new beginnings with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

**Mary, Mother of Good Counsel—Patron Saint of our school, our church and our diocese...**

Mary, the mother of Jesus in Christianity, is known by many different titles, and all refer to the same woman named Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ (in the New Testament). These titles are used differently by Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and some Anglicans. Mary's intercession is sought for a large spectrum of human needs in varied situations.



**Our Lady of Good Counsel (Latin: Mater boni consilii)**

is a title given after a painting said to be miraculous, now found in the thirteenth century Augustinian church at Genazzano, near Rome, Italy. Measuring 40 to 45 centimetres the image is a fresco executed on a thin layer of plaster no thicker than an egg shell. Over the centuries, devotions to Our Lady of the Good Counsel grew among saints and Popes, and the devotion spread throughout the world. Her feast day is 26 April. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our\\_Lady\\_of\\_Good\\_Counsel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady_of_Good_Counsel)

**GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY CALENDAR**

**2024 Term 2 (10 weeks)**

- Wed 24.4 GCPS ANZAC Ceremony 8:35am
- Thu 25.4 ANZAC DAY—refer to p.1
- Fri 26.4 Mary, Mother of Good Counsel Feast Day Mass 9:30am
- Sat 27.4 Sacrament Commitment Mass 6:30pm MoGC Church
- Sun 28.4 Sacrament Commitment Mass 9:00am MoGC Church
- Tue 30.4 District Cross Country
- Mon 6.5 Qld Labour Day Public Holiday
- Thu 9.5 Mother's Day Concert
- Fri 10.5 Soccer Gala Day
- Fri 17.5 Yr 1 Pentecost Prayer Assembly
- Fri 24.5 4F Confirmation Prayer Assembly
- Mon 27.5 Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm
- Fri 31.5 4W First Eucharist Prayer Assembly
- Fri 7.6 National Reconciliation Assembly
- Wed 13.6 SCHOOL OFFICERS DAY
- Thu 20.6 ATHLETICS CALENDAR PK
- Fri 21.6 Term 2 ends...

**Term 3 (10 weeks)**

- Mon 8.7 Term commences
- Fri 12.7 INNISFAIL SHOW HOLIDAY
- Fri 30.8 Pupil Free Day
- Fri 13.9 Term 3 ends

**Term 4 (10 weeks)**

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



**GCPS Playgroup children preparing for Prep 2025.**

**Attendance Prize - Term 2...**

This term there will be two winners of the 'Explained Absence - Attendance Prize'.

Two lucky students—one boy and one girl will take home a Lego to enjoy!

To be in the running students DO NOT have to attend school every day, however their absence must be logged via the Parent Portal or by phoning the office. Unfortunately, if their absence is unexplained and requires follow up by the Admin team, their name will not be entered in the Draw.

Last term, we had over 300 students in our Draw!



**St Vincent de Paul Mass...**

Thank you to the children who came along with their mums to Saturday evening's mass last week. We even managed two Yr 6 Mini Vinnies which is always a blessing. The next SVdP Mass will be on Saturday 18 May.

**Sacrament Commitment Mass:**

A reminder to the children receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist later in the term, that the Commitment Masses are on this weekend: Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday 9:00am.

Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C. Maria Caltabiano

*Deepest Sympathy...*  
To Mrs Lorraine Tabua (School Officer)  
at the loss of her dear niece  
Ailsa Edwards.

**Attendance MATTERS**  
Every child, on time, everyday

**Working together because Attendance MATTERS**  
Attendance Matters (why it's important)

- ✔ A bright future for your child starts with good school attendance every day, all day
- ✔ Good attendance doesn't guarantee positive outcomes for students, however, positive outcomes are unlikely to occur without good attendance.

**Every day counts**

- ✔ A day here or there may not seem like much, but your child missing one day a fortnight will miss four weeks in a year, and nearly 10 years of school by Year 12.
- ✔ If your child misses 3 weeks of school a year, that's a year of school by the end of Year 12.

**90% or more of students attending**

**Every minute matters**

- ✔ Being late to school has every day adds up to nearly half a year of lost schooling from Prep to Year 12.
- ✔ Good time keeping means making sure that your child is at school and ready to learn before the school bell rings.

**Good habits start early**

- ✔ It is important that children develop regular attendance habits from an early age. The pattern of attendance in Year 1 is a highly predictor of what patterns of attendance will be in subsequent years.

**Let's work together**

- ✔ Our attendance goal is 90% or more of students attending 90% or more of the time and 0% unexplained absence.

**The main reasons for absence and what we can do**

- ✔ Sickness: Naturally there are times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.
- ✔ Holidays: It is vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.
- ✔ Day off: Think twice before letting your child have a day off - they could fall behind their classmates - every day counts.

**1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...**

If your child misses...	1 DAY per fortnight	1 DAY per week	2 DAYS per week	3 DAYS per week
That equals...	20 DAYS per year	40 DAYS per year	80 DAYS per year	120 DAYS per year
Which is...	4 WEEKS per year	8 WEEKS per year	16 WEEKS per year	24 WEEKS per year
	nearly 5 YEARS	nearly 5 YEARS	nearly 8 YEARS	nearly 8 YEARS

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**LEGO NINJAGO 9+ 71796**