



TUCKSHOP



WED 1 MAY—TANIA, ANNA, RACHELLE, ELISE
 FRI 3 MAY—TANIA, ANNA, SUE, JACINTA, EMMA
 MON 6 MAY—TANIA, ANNA, 1 HELPER NEEDED—
 APPROX. 8:30AM—10:30AM

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



School Photos were distributed end of Week 1.
 If you have ordered photos to be collected from
 the school, please call in to the Admin Office.

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 2 fees have now been issued.

Due date: 14 May

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 NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

7TH MAY 2024

TERM 2 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,

Last week, from Wednesday—Friday, I
 attended the QLD Catholic Primary Principals
 Conference on the Sunshine Coast. Over 109
 Principals joined to hear speakers on relevant
 topics centred on Educational leadership in
 schools today. Listening to world class
 speakers always inspires you to return to
 your school with a fresh outlook. Joining over
 100 delegates from the 5 Dioceses of QLD as
 far west as Quilpie, south to Brisbane and
 north to Torres Strait Island makes you
 appreciate the opportunities we provide for
 our students here in Innisfail. It is also great
 to return refreshed, ready for the reality of
 teaching.

This Thursday we have our annual Mother's
 Day Class Items, Lucky Door prizes, Raffle
 Draw and Morning Tea. Our items will begin
 at 9:00am so get your seats, raffle tickets and
 free Lucky Door tickets early. Mother's Day
 has been celebrated in Australia each year
 on the first Sunday in May since 1910.
 It began with church services but soon
 became popular for all in the community to
 recognise the importance of honouring
 mothers and those who took on the role of
 mothers in families.

The origin of Mother's Day began after an
 American woman Anna Jarvis honoured her
 mother who promoted friendship and health
 in the community. On May 12, 1907 she held
 a memorial service in West Virginia USA at
 her late mother's church. Within a few years
 the custom of celebrating the gift of mothers
 had spread around the world. Carnations are
 the official Mother's Day flower, representing
 motherhood and the celebration of mothers
 worldwide. In 2024, give time to your
 mothers, mothers-in-laws and grandmothers,
 and those special people who act as your
 mother.



A special prayer on Mother's Day—

*For all mothers: that they may be blessed in
 their love and care for their families. May the
 Holy Spirit continue to guide them with
 wisdom and love. Amen.*

*Lord,
 make us strong enough to do what we should
 do, calmly, simply,
 Without wanting to do too much,
 Without wanting to do it all ourselves.
 In other words, Lord, make us humble
 In our wish and our will to serve.
 Help us above all to find You in our
 commitments,
 For You are the unity of our actions;
 You are the single love, in all our loves, in all
 our efforts.
 You are the well spring, and all things are
 drawn to You.
 So, we have come before You, Lord,
 To rest and gather our strength.
 Amen. (Author Unknown)*

Please check out this poem, 'In Celebration of
 Mothers' by Connie Marcum Wong—https://www.poetrysoup.com/poem/in_celebration_of_mothers_671624

Over the past month we have had several
 students represent the Cassowary Coast
 region at Peninsula trials in various sports.

Well done on selection into the following
 Peninsula Teams:

Squash—Brady Devaney
 Touch—Hannah Sinton and Sophie Sinton
 U/11 Rugby League—
 Rick Stephenson and Brayden Horsford

Good luck to our sporting reps for the
 upcoming Rugby Union, Soccer and Cross
 Country events this month.

Regards
 Liam

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

POINTS OF INTEREST

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 School

DIARY DATES 2024
 MON 15 APRIL
 FRI 21 JUNE

THU 9 MAY
 MOTHER'S DAY
 CONCERT
 9:00am
 PLEASE
 RSVP TO
 INVITATION



WED 22 MAY
 NATIONAL
 SIMULTANEOUS
 STORY TIME
 12PM

WED 12 JUNE
 SCHOOL
 OFFICERS'
 DAY



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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GCPS Mother's Day

Dear _____

You're invited!

Thursday 9 May 2024 9:00 - 10:30a.m.

Share in the children's Mother's Day Concert items
 commencing with Preps through to Year 6 classes

Enjoy a social get together with our GCPS mums, nannas & aunts.

Lucky Door Prizes & Mother's Day Raffle \$1 per ticket

RSVP Concert seating/staying for a cuppa by Tuesday 7 May.

Please cut-off section below and return with attendance numbers.

RSVP by Tuesday 7 May for ATTENDANCE & CUPPA

Family Name: _____ ☐ UNABLE TO ATTEND

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS - CONCERT: _____ STAYING FOR A CUPPA: _____



Seasons Prayer Assembly...

Thank you Student Council for reminding us that just as the seasons change, we too must be prepared for change.

Lord God, the seasons of the year are gifts to us and reflect back the cycle of life.

They help us to understand that life is full of many different experiences, and that in all these times, you are present. Help us to value the differences and joys that can be found in each season, so that we may appreciate your wonderful gifts to us.

For times when we find it challenging to embrace change, or a different way of doing things. Give us patience.

For times when we struggle to accept someone, who believes, acts, looks or sees the world differently from us. Give us understanding.

For times when we hesitate to do what we think is right, particularly if it means going against our friends. Give us courage.

For times when we become disheartened and not sure if we are having a positive influence. Give us hope.

For any time when we find it difficult to be Your witness of a different way of doing things, of behaving, of living. Give us strength.

We ask these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Fantastic singing and actions for Andrew Chinn's 'These Hands' on Friday.

*Yours in Catholic Education—
Mrs C. (Maria Caltabiano)*

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY CALENDAR

2024 Term 2 (10 weeks)

Thu 9.5 Mother's Day Concert
Fri 10.5 Soccer Gala Day
Mon 13.5 Yr 6 Mass 9:30am MoGC Church
Fri 17.5 Yr 1 Pentecost Prayer Assembly
Fri 24.5 4F Confirmation Prayer Assembly
Mon 27.5 Yr 3 Liturgy MoGC Church 2:00pm
Mon 27.5 Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm
Fri 31.5 4W First Eucharist Prayer Assembly
Sat 1.6 6:30pm & Sun 2.6 9:00am
Sacrament of First Eucharist
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

The Feast of the Three Saints in Silkwood on Sunday saw Fr Kerry Crowley concelebrate Mass with Padre Aurelio Fragapane in the morning, and Father James Thazhoor concelebrate with Padre Fragapane in the afternoon. So lovely to catch up with so many GCPS families and students on the day. I look forward to seeing you there in 2025 for the 75th celebrations.

Year 6 Parents/Carers

and extended family are invited to join with 6D & 6S students as they celebrate their year level combined classes Liturgy of the Eucharist on Monday 13th May at 9:30am.

Thank you Mrs Amber Di Carlo and Miss Casey Sheil for preparing the children.



Loving God,

*Bless and care for mother-figures always.
May they always be beloved and cherished.
Help us to be grateful and helpful,
not just on Mother's Day. Amen.*

Good Counsel Primary MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT

Thursday 9 May 2024

9:00—10:30am

**Concert Items, 4 Lucky Door Prizes,
Cut the Cake Lucky Draw,
Mini Vinnies Raffle Draw
and a Cuppa.**

GCPS MINI VINNIES MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE TICKETS \$1.00 DRAWN THU 9 MAY 2024

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please return the envelope with correct money for the number of tickets required. Tickets also available for purchase at the concert. Tickets on sale at school from Friday 3 May.

