



## TUCKSHOP

WED 10 JULY—TANIA, ANNA & 1 HELPER NEEDED  
**FRI 12 JULY—INNISFAIL SHOW HOLIDAY**  
 MON 15—TANIA, ANNA & 1 HELPER NEEDED



### FLEXISCHOOL ORDERING CLOSING TIMES

WEDNESDAY - CLOSSES 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

### REMINDER

## UPCOMING YR 6 LONGREACH CAMP

**SUNDAY 14 JULY**

**PLEASE REFER TO EMAIL SENT 18 JUNE WITH PAYMENT DETAILS**

**PAYMENT DUE WED 10 JULY**





## 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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### REMINDER TERM FEES


Term 3 fees will be issued shortly.

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**

### U/11 STATE RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to Rick Stephenson and Brayden Horsford who travelled to Stanthorpe for the State U/11 Competition during the school break. The Peninsula boys were defeated in their 4 games but played strongly on the last day to win their final against Wide Bay. They were placed 9th overall.

### Save the Date

## Grandparents' Day

Thursday 25 July



# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

9TH JULY 2024

TERM 3 Week 1

*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,

Welcome back to all in our GCP community to Term 3, 2024. A special welcome to three new students this term—Charli and Max Pearson, and Gurkirat Kalkat who join our school from Cairns and Innisfail respectively. We hope you settle smoothly into the GCP ways of working. We welcome back several staff who have been away on leave—Mrs Russell from her whirlwind tour of Europe and Africa for 10 weeks, Mrs Mercy Tagget who visited family in the Philippines, and Mrs Speziali who returns from Parental Leave. We welcome back (from Prep H pre-service experience) Miss Mackensie-Rose Douglas, now a qualified teacher, who will be part time in Yr 4W for 3 weeks, replacing Miss Adrienne Worth who is on leave, then to Maths Intervention/Extension for the remainder of the year.

I hope you all had an opportunity to recharge the batteries and are ready for some great learning experiences this semester. The first four weeks this term are 'full on' with many events and activities planned. After Week 4 things settle a little which will give us a greater focus on classroom learning without as many interruptions. We begin this week with our Annual Innisfail Show Holiday this Friday.

Last week several staff assisted in setting up our school show display. It is always a difficult task selecting items to present and there is never enough room to have a piece of work from every student. Thanks to Mrs McElhinney, Mrs Haley, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Green and Mrs Vecchio for their assistance in organising and setting up the display. If you are attending the Show this year, please take the time to visit the pavilions to check out the school displays as well as the many exhibits and entries our students have entered.

This Sunday our Year 6 students head off on their Outback experience to Charters Towers, Hughenden, Winton and Longreach. Once again we have an 'action packed' 6 days of activities. Each year, students get to see a different landscape and lifestyle from what

they are used to. Their highlights are always different but they have a wonderful time being with the classmates visiting the many attractions. Texas Longhorns, Cobb & Co Coach ride, QANTAS Museum, Stockman's Hall of Fame, Age of Dinosaurs, and Waltzing Matilda Centre are just a few on the itinerary. The experience of travelling and living together for the week forges experiences and friendships for life. A huge thank you to Mrs C who holds the keys while we are away. We will send photos each day for you to follow our journey on the GCPS Facebook page.

#### Important dates for early Term 3

- Innisfail Show Holiday—Fri 12 July
- Yr 6 Camp Sun 14—Fri 19 July
- Launch of Catholic Education Week—Cairns Mon 22 July
- Southern Deanery Catholic Education Week Mass—Tue 23 July / Andrew Chinn Concert & Yr 5/6 GCC Taster Day
- District Athletics (Goondi) - Wed 24 July 12pm—200m & 800m Fri 26 July—Track & Field Events
- Grandparents Day—Thu 25 July
- Paris Olympics begin—Sat 27 July
- Under 8's Day—Thu 1 Aug Prep—Yr2
- Pre-Prep Session 1—Fri 9 August

Over the mid-semester holidays, several maintenance jobs were completed; painting of the Blue Area - red handrails and posts, grey beams and touch ups. The BA floor was gurneyed, and two large, new fans installed ready for the warmer months. Many thanks to our P&F who donated the funds to install the fans— they will certainly be appreciated.

Thanks to Mrs Fran McLeish who replaced Mrs Mercy Tagget at the end of term, cleaning each classroom and for her work ensuring GCP was clean as a whistle for our return after holidays. Thanks also to Mr George Taifalos who completed maintenance jobs and mowed our lawns over the break.

Let us have a great week!

Regards—*Liam*

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#### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM—3:00PM  
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#### POINTS OF INTEREST

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**DIARY DATES 2024**  
 MON 08 JUNE  
 FRI 13 SEPT

**FRI 12 JULY**  
**INNISFAIL SHOW HOLIDAY**

**SUN 14 JULY**  
**YR 6 CAMP DEPARTING 7AM**

**MON 22 JULY**  
**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**  
 21-27 JULY 2024

**TUE 23 JULY**  
**YR 5/6 GCC TASTER DAY**

**THU 25 JULY**  
**GRANDPARENTS' DAY**





## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY CALENDAR 2024

### Term 3 (10 weeks)

Fri 12.7 INNISFAIL SHOW HOLIDAY  
Sun 14.7 Yr 6 Outback Campers depart  
returning Friday 19.7  
Fri 19.7 Catholic Education Wk Introduction  
Tue 23.7 CEW Southern Schools Mass  
Andrew Chinn in Concert  
Thu 25.7 GCPS Grandparents Day  
Thu 1.8 Under 8's Day  
Fri 9.8 Mary MacKillop Prayer Assembly  
Thu 22.8 Book Character Parade  
Fri 23.8 Father's Day Prayer Assembly  
Fri 30.8 CTJ—Pupil Free Day  
Wk 9—NAIDOC WEEK & ASSEMBLY  
Fri 13.9 Prep Fairy Tales  
Term 3 ends  
Term 4 (10 weeks)  
Mon 30.9 Term commences  
Mon 7.10 King's Birthday Holiday  
Fri 25.10 Qld Teachers Day  
Mon 11.11 Remembrance Day Ceremony  
Fri 6.12 Term 4 ends



**Friday 21 June...** Lots of fun on the last day of term with the children wishing 1W's Miss Alex Worth their best wishes in preparation for her change of name to Mrs Gangemi.

**GCC Yr 10 Work Experience...** Thank you to our Week 10 GCC Work Experience students who as former students enjoyed the opportunity to experience GCP and education from another aspect. Many thanks to Ava, Tyrell, Cameron, Thomas (and Talia not pictured) for joining us. Best wishes as they continue their studies.

**NAIDOC...** Good Counsel Primary acknowledges National NAIDOC Week and looks forward to celebrating with the students and staff in Week 9 which will afford us the opportunity of working with a Friday celebration, as the Innisfail Show Holiday is this week.

**Catholic Education Week...** Celebrations at school with Mass in Mother of Good Counsel Church on Tuesday 23 July, with students from St Clare's Tully, St John's Silkwood, St Rita's South Johnstone and Babinda, and representatives from Good Counsel College who will be led in song by singer/songwriter—Andrew Chinn.

### Grandparents Day...

More Information will be forthcoming next week as we invite GCPS grandparents to visit during Catholic Education Week.

Yours in Catholic Education—  
Mrs C (Maria Caltabiano)



## Deepest Sympathy...

To the Locastro family and Laynie (4W) for  
the loss of their grandmother and great  
grandmother—Jean Musumeci.  
(Aunt of Mrs Donna Vecchio's family).



### 2024 National NAIDOC Week Poster winner: Deborah (Deb) Belyea

The National NAIDOC committee are thrilled to announce artist Deb Belyea (pronounced Bel-yaaaay) as the winner of the 2024 NAIDOC Week Poster Competition. Deb's design captivated the National NAIDOC Committee and perfectly captured the meaning of the 2024 National NAIDOC Week theme *Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud*.

Deb is a proud member of the Samuawgadhgal, (pronounced Sum-oo-ow-guth-ull-gull) Cassowary Clan, whose bloodlines stretch to the people of the top Western Torres Strait islands of Saibai (pronounced Si-bi), Dauan (pronounced Doo-un), and the Bamaga-Saibai (pronounced Bam-uga Si-bi) community of Cape York.

Currently living on the lands of the Juru people in Bowen, North Queensland, Deb is an educator, curriculum writer

and practising artist. "We saw tremendous talent in this year's NAIDOC poster competition. We knew the theme would inspire mob and Deb's work was exceptional," explained National NAIDOC Committee Co-Chair Steven Satour. The winning entry is titled, 'Urapun Muy' (pronounced Orr-up-oon Mooy), and means 'One Fire' in the Kalaw Kawaw Ya (pronounced Kull-ow Koww-ow Yah) dialect.

"When I saw that the NAIDOC theme for this year was *Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud*, I wanted to create an art piece that reflected our First Nations cultures", said Deb. 'Urapun Muy' depicts the rich, multifaceted tapestry that makes up who we are as Blak, Loud and Proud mob. The artwork shows ancestors hands placing an ember into a burning fire. This ember, and the fire, represents the sharing of cultural knowledge from one generation to the next.

"Culture is the fire that burns within all of us. It is essential to us when we talk about our people, identity, and spirituality. "Throughout our lives, culture is taught to us by our Elders in our rich heritage languages, which have sprouted from our homelands. It shows us our roads to one another and how we belong to our Place or Country. As First Nations mob, it is our lifelong responsibility of learning, teaching and practising culture."

"Deb's artwork is extremely powerful, it features unique cultural elements that tell the story of the Cassowary Clan passing on knowledge. The NAIDOC Committee is very proud to have a Torres Strait Islander artist as the 2024 winner," shared National NAIDOC Committee Co-Chair Dr Aunty Lynette Riley. The National NAIDOC Poster competition is an iconic feature of National NAIDOC Week and has a rich and significant history beginning in 1967 when the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) first began producing posters.

<https://www.naidoc.org.au/news/2024-national-naidoc-week-poster-winner-deborah-deb-belyea>

## Deepest Sympathy...

To Mrs Lorraine Tabua  
and family for the loss  
of her brother-in-law  
Leonard Barley