

WED 24 JULY—TANIA, ANNA, & 1 OR 2 HELPERS NEEDED 8:30-10:30AM

FRI 26 JULY—TANIA, ANNA, LURL & JACINTA MON 29—TANIA, ANNA & 1 HELPER NEEDED 8:30-10:30AM

#### FLEXISCHOOL ORDERING CLOSING TIMES

WEDNESDAY - CLOSES 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 TERM FEES

Term 3 fees have now been 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'





## **GOOD COUNSEL** PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER** 

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

23RD JULY 2024

#### TERM 3 Week 3

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,

Yesterday was the start of Catholic Education Week with the Statewide launch taking place in Cairns at St Monica's Cathedral. The mass was celebrated by We also recognise a special past student Archbishop Mark Coleridge with dignitaries from the five QLD dioceses attending. Mrs Helm. Mrs Vecchio and our School Captains attended the mass and celebrations representing GCP. During Catholic Education Week we have an opportunity to reflect on our dedication to building communities of 'Faith, Hope & Love' inspiring our students, staff and parent/carers to embody the values and teachings of Jesus.

Today we celebrated with representatives from our Southern Deanery schools-St Rita's Babinda, St John's Silkwood, St Rita's South Johnstone, St Clare's Tully, GCP and GCC. Thank you Fr Kerry Crowley, Fr James Thazhoor, and Fr Joby Jose for concelebrating the mass.

This year we were fortunate to have Andrew Chinn play the guitar and sing for us at the mass, with the backing of our talented Yr 4, 5 and 6 singers. Andrew then led our Prep-Yr 4 students in a highly engaging concert. Yr 5/6 students participated in a Taster Day at GCC.

Each year during Catholic Education Week the Diocese announces the Docemus members of our school Awards communities who have excelled in their contribution to learning and teaching, school and administration, volunteer leadership in schools, or life assistance achievement. This year we have two nominees who need to be recognised for their special contribution to the life of GCP. Mrs Donna Vecchio has been nominated in the School Officer category and Mrs Jess Sinton in the Teacher category. Both ladies do an amazing job here at GCP and deserve recognition for their efforts. The winners of the Docemus Awards will be announced at Regards—LiamSt Mary's College Cairns in a special

ceremony this Friday night. Many thanks to all our GCP staff who play a vital role in working for Catholic Education and providing a world class education for our students.

Mrs Kelly Sheppard (Horwood) who is currently the Principal at St Gerard Majella's School Cairns, being the recipient of the 2024 Spirit of Catholic Education Award. It is always great to see our past pupils succeed.

Our annual Grandparents' Day will be held this Thursday—25 July and recognises the huge contribution grandparents make to our families, community and the life of our students. Each year the number of grandparents who assist with drop off, pick up and general caring for our GCP students increases. This Thursday is a time to thank our grandparents and those who act as grandparents for their care and support and for sharing their knowledge, experience, and traditions with younger generations. We will once again open our classrooms for our grandparents to visit and learn about education today. We will have a fantastic raffle, lucky door prizes and then share a cuppa and cake for morning tea.

We wish all our students competing in the District Track & Field events at Goondi on Wednesday afternoon and Friday all the best in their events.

Lastly, a huge thank you to Mrs C, Mrs Helm and all staff who covered for us while we were away on Year 6 Camp to the outback. It was a truly amazing experience for all. We coped with 2°C temperatures, the local rat plague, early starts and full days of activities. Many thanks to all staff who work to make camp happen each year. Thanks again to our P&F who contribute to the cost of camp and supply the students with their caps. Thanks also to the dads who volunteer their time to attend and work tirelessly cooking, packing swags, washing, and this year designing rat traps.

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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 OB JUNE FRI 13 SEP



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

**TUES 23 JULY P&F MEETING 7PM THEATRETTE** 

THU 25 JULY **GRANDPARENTS' DAY** 

THU 1 AUG **UNDER 8's DAY** 9AM-11AM PREP, YR 1 & 2

FRI 9 AUG PRE-PREP **SESSION #1** 8:35AM-11AM



### Catholic Education Week...

GCPS School Captains— Harlow and Kristofer attended Mass at St Monica's Cathedral on Monday with Ms Helm and Mrs Vecchio. Lovely catchup with our very own Fr Kerry.

As per Mr Kenny's front page news—congratulations Mrs Donna Vecchio and Mrs Jess Sinton for their nomination for the Docemus Awards.

Andrew Chinn in Concert was amazing and inspirational.

Congratulations to all the students who sang along so beautifully.

Yours in Catholic Education

Mrs C

Maria Caltabiano

# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY CALENDAR 2024 Term 3 (10 weeks)

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





PLEASE NOTE
ICAS APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY 26 JULY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
SEE POST ON SEESAW
WEEK 2.



Catholic Education Week— Thursday 25 July 2024 8:40 – 10:30am Blue Area

6D Grandparents Prayer Assembly, Lucky Door Visit grandchildren's classroom/s, Mini Vinnies Raffle Enjoy a GCPS Grandparents Cuppa & Cake before the Raffle is drawn at 10:15am

