

TUCKSHOP

WED 9 OCT—TANIA, ANNA & 1 HELPER NEEDED
8:30am—10:30am
FRI 11 OCT—TANIA, SUE & 2 HELPERS NEEDED
MON 14 OCT—TANIA & 1 HELPER 8:30am—10:30am

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 BEFORE THE FIRST BELL.

UNIFORM SHOP
2024 OPENING HOURS
MON, WED, FRI
8:00—8:30am OR 11:00am—12:30pm

REMINDER
Extra Curricular Photos
Wednesday 16 October
 Advanced Life will be onsite to take the Year 6 Camp, Netball Team, Football Team and the All Abilities Sports Team photos.
 Yr 6 students please be sure to wear your Camp Shirt.

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

Remaining 2024 Pre-Prep Sessions
Long Day Sessions 8:35am—1:00pm
Friday 11 October & Friday 18 October
What to bring:
small backpack, water bottle, morning tea and lunch

REMINDER TERM FEES
Term 4 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

PREP 2025
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Wednesday 16 October
GCPS Theatre—6:00pm

Interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor?
Make a difference to the lives of school children at Good Counsel Primary School (Innisfail)

- Generous casual pay-rate starting at \$37.00 per hour
- Long-service leave entitlements
- Queensland Government superannuation

To apply, contact your local Road Safety Officer on 0477 385 209 or visit tmr.qld.gov.au/SafeSchoolTravel.

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE
8TH OCTOBER 2024
TERM 4 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,

Last week Year 5 students visited TEEC Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre for three days of leadership and team building activities. I was fortunate to visit on Thursday, meeting them for breakfast and staying for the day's activities. An amazing group of students who for 3 days put their energies into working together to solve problems, construct rafts, and challenge themselves to try something different.

The camp would not be possible without the hard work of their teachers, school support staff and the dads who volunteer their time to attend and assist over the term of the camp. Our Year 5s now look forward to their Leadership Day in Week 8 where they reflect on their leadership aspirations for 2025. Well done to all!

Our Water Safety Program for Year 3, 4 & 6 took place on Friday. Everything worked well, other than a few students forgetting their towel. A huge thank you to Mrs Russell for her organisation and coordination of the lessons and groups. The same classes return this week, with Year 5 and Year 1 attending in Weeks 3/4 and Prep and Year 2 in Weeks 5/6.

The fifth Pre-Prep session will be on Friday from 8:35am. This is a longer session which will finish at 1:00pm. Mrs McElhinney has organised a guest speaker for 8:45am in the Science Rm for 2025 Prep parents/carers—a flyer has been emailed to all concerned.

As was advertised last week, we have a bike as our attendance prize for the term.

Why is attendance important?

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

It is important that children develop regular attendance habits at an early age. Every minute matters—being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to nearly half a year of lost schooling from Prep to Year 12. Our school bell rings each morning at 8:35am—please endeavour each day to get to school before the bell.

Let's put in a big effort this term. Last term 80 students attended every day and 170 only had one or two days off. A great effort!

Obviously students will get sick from time to time and this cannot be helped if they are ill. It is vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick. Setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a difference.

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 30 SEPTEMBER
FRI 6 DECEMBER
THU 10 OCT
YR 7 GCC ORIENTATION DAY
FRI 11 OCT
PRE-PREP LONG DAY SESSION #5
8:35AM—1:00PM
WED 16 OCT
EXTRA CURRICULAR PHOTO DAY
RUGBY SPORTING SCHOOLS AFTER SCHOOL
21/10 –11/11
9y–12y
THU 17 OCT
YR 4 EXCURSION HERBERTON HISTORIAL VILLAGE
FRI 18 OCT
SOCKTOBER DAY



Our Lady of the Rosary...

Thank you to the GCPS Mini Vinnies Executive—(this time minus the Class Executives) who presented Friday’s Prayer Assembly, and led us in the Rosary—for this, the month of the Rosary.

Mission Sunday & Socktober...Make a Difference with Socktober

The Sports House Captains will present the Socktober Missions Prayer Assembly on Friday 18 October. **This year’s theme asks us to make a difference.**

Pope Francis' Message for World Mission Sunday 29 October 2024

“Go and invite everyone to the banquet” (Matthew 20:9)

Pope Francis' message of inclusion raises the question of what unites us all and presents a valuable opportunity for growth and unity, as it requires everyone to open their hearts and minds to each other.

Guided by the Gospel, we can find answers to creating ways of inclusion and dialogue.

The Gospel is made to gather and not divide, to invite and not to exclude. This is the message Pope Francis shares, reminding everyone of the importance of sharing the Gospel and, above all, reaching out to all by inviting them to be part of the celebration we call “life,” as we all have a seat at the table. <https://www.socktober.org.au>

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY
CALENDAR 2024

Term 4 (10 weeks)

- Thu 10.10 GCC Yr 7 Orientation Day
- Fri 11.10 Pre-Prep #5 8:35am—1:00pm
Water Safety Yr 3, 4, 6
- Wed 16.10 2025 Prep Meeting Theatre
- Thu 17.10 Yr 4 Herberton Excursion
- Fri 18.10 Gold Coin Socktober Mission Day
Pre-Prep #5 8:35am—1:00pm
Water Safety Yr 5, 1
- Tue 22.10 Prep Liturgy of the Word 10:00am
- Wed 23.10 Yr 4 Mass 9:30am
- Fri 25.10 World Teachers Day
Water Safety Yr 5, 1
- Fri 1.11 Water Safety Yr 2, Prep
- Fri 8.11 Yr 6 Camp Pr Assembly
Water Safety Yr 2, Prep
- Mon 11.11 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Fri 15.11 Billy Slater League Tag Day
- Fri 29.11 Prep & Yr 1 Nativity Presentation
- Mon 2.12 Leadership Assembly
Yr 6 Graduation Mass
- Thu 5.12 Christmas Concert
- Fri 6.12 End of School Mass



ABOUT SOCKTOBER



In 2024, Socktober will raise funds for programs like the Don Bosco Caring Centre in Mongolia, a safe home for children who have been abandoned, are homeless, or are fleeing desperate situations. The Caring Centre aims to provide hope for these children when they need it most. Our Socktober efforts will include a Gold Coin crazy, coloured socks Friday with the usual goal kicking activities with make-shift soccer balls created by the Yr 6 students.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2026

Prep enrolments for 2026 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 2026, if applicable. If you have a child that was born between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021 please go to the GCPS website and complete the Application for Enrolment online. If you have any queries, please contact the Office on 4063 0600.



Yr 1 Warrina Lakes Excursion

