

**TUCKSHOP**

WED 16 OCT—TANIA, ANNA & 1 OR 2 HELPERS  
NEEDED 8:30am—10:30am

FRI 18 OCT—TANIA, ANNA, LURL, JUDY & 1 HELPER  
NEEDED 8:30am—10:30am

MON 21 OCT—TANIA, ANNA & 1 HELPER NEEDED  
8:30am—10:30am

**REMINDER**



If your child is sick or away and they have tuckshop ordered please remember to contact Tania and let her know so she can cancel the order and avoid food waste. We cannot refund for food that has been made so please ensure you make contact as early as possible.

**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 BEFORE THE FIRST BELL.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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

**PREP 2025**

**IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**  
Wednesday 16 October  
GCPS Theatre—6:00pm

**Remaining 2024 Pre-Prep Sessions**

Long Day Session 8:35am—1:00pm  
Friday 18 October  
What to bring:  
small backpack, water bottle, morning tea and lunch

**REMINDER TERM FEES**

Term 4 fees have now been issued.

Please check your emails and spam/junk folder and if not received, contact Admin.

**BPAY** Biller Code: Ref: Telephone & Internet Banking — BPAY® Connect your bank or financial institution to make the payment from your cheque, savings, debit, credit card or transaction account. More info: www.bpay.com.au

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**

**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.

Department of Transport and Main Roads

**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](http://tmr.qld.gov.au/SafeSchoolTravel).

Queensland Government

**GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE**

**15TH OCTOBER 2024**

**TERM 4 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,

Last Thursday evening, I attended the farewell mass for our Executive Director of Catholic Education Services, Mr Bill Dixon. The service was celebrated by our new Bishop, Joe Caddy, with many dignitaries, staff, students and Bill's family attending. Bill has had an association with the Cairns Diocese for well over 20 years and the past 10 as our Executive Officer. During his time as Director he has focused on ensuring funds are spent on students to provide a world class education, upskilling staff, providing clear guidelines around compliance, and leading the way in First Nations Education. His work over the last decade has placed our schools and the education of our students in a great position. We wish him all happiness as he transitions to retirement at the end of the 2024 school year. Well deserved!

Mr Diarmuid O'Riordan has been appointed as Mr Bill Dixon's replacement. Diarmud has been a principal in several schools across Australia and more recently, Deputy Director of Brisbane Catholic Education. He worked in Cairns as an Area Supervisor for Secondary Education from 2010—2012 before returning to Brisbane. Mr O'Riordan begins his tenure in January 2025.

Over the past two Fridays, Year 3, 4 & 6 students have completed their Water Safety lessons. Overwhelmingly positive comments from the students and staff on how well students progressed at the pool with regard to their confidence and water safety. We do encourage parents/carers to book in your child to do more work in this area if they are a non-swimmer. We live in an area surrounded by creeks, rivers and the ocean and all students need to know how to swim. This week Year 5 and 1 start their sessions, and in Weeks 5-6, Year 2 and Preps will attend.

Our Year 4 students participate in their excursion to Ravenshoe/Herberton this Thursday. Most of the day is spent at the Herberton Historic Village where we all step back in time to learn about the past. With over 60 original buildings rebuilt to their former glory, the information boards explain the use of the items on display. It is a great day of learning. The students are always amazed.

Yesterday, the Socktober challenge commenced at the breaks, with the Yr 2s kicking off, followed by the Yr 6s. Two representatives from each class will be joined by all the other class representatives to be in Friday's GCPS Socktober Challenge. Remember to wear your crazy socks for this gold coin donation day, as we raise money for the children of Mongolia.



Congratulations to Ruby Torrisi and Rick Stephenson who represented the Peninsula Region at the State Track and Field in Brisbane last week. Ruby received gold in the shot put and silver in discus.

Rick placed 4th in his semi-final—100m and as a member of the 4 x 100m relay, placed silver. An amazing achievement by both students.

A reminder to parents/carers about packing more food in lunch boxes. Some children are finishing their lunch at first break and feeling peckish at the second break—please check.

Tomorrow we will have the Yr 6 Camp photo, rugby league, netball and Ty Williams team photos.

Regards—Liam

secretary@gcps.qld.edu.au  
www.gcps.qld.edu.au

**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

**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 HISTORICAL VILLAGE

**FRI 18 OCT**  
SOCKTOBER  
CRAZY SOCKS & GOLD COIN DAY

**FRI 18 OCT**  
PRE-PREP LONG DAY  
SESSION #6  
8:35AM—1:00PM

**TUE 5 NOV**  
P&F MEETING  
THEATRETTE  
7PM



### St Teresa of Jesus...

Today we celebrate the feast of St Teresa of Avila, a Spanish saint who was a faithful follower of Jesus. Teresa lived in the 16th century (1515—1582) and entered a Carmelite convent at the age of twenty. Although she suffered ill health, she worked at improving prayer life in the convent so that everyone could come closer to God.

Let us pray today that we try to live out St Teresa's prayer by being the face of Christ to all we meet.

*Christ has no body on earth but yours.*

*No hands but yours.*

*No feet but yours.*

*Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out to the world.*

*Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.*

*Yours are the hands with which he is to bless others now.*

### Term 4 Class Liturgies...

Thank you Father Kerry for being available for class liturgies commencing next week. Parents/carers are invited to join their children in Mother of Good Counsel Church to celebrate in their year levels:

Tuesday 22 October 10am—Preps—Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday 23 October 9:30am Yr 4—Liturgy of the Eucharist

Wed 6 November 10:00am—Yr 1—Liturgy of the Word

### Socktober Mission—Gold Coin Friday...



Students are invited to wear last year's crazy socks for Friday's Socktober gold coin day. The Socktober prayer assembly will be presented by the Sports House Captains and the Good Counsel Sockball Challenge year will follow with the year level representatives showing off their skills.

Let's **Kick Goals For Good** with the sockball in 2024.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hk9H9s6XtNc>

Thank you staff and students for your support of Catholic Missions.

*Yours in Catholic Education—*

*Mrs C (Maria Caltabiano)*



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY CALENDAR 2024

### Term 4 (10 weeks)

Wed 16.10 2025 Prep Meeting Theatrette

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

School breaks at midday



The Butcher Shop, the Dentist, the Florist, the Newsagency, the Accountant... Where would I find what I need? The Prep classes went on separate Town Walks yesterday and today, to locate the answer to such questions...



**Congratulations to the mixed GCC & GCP U/12 team who competed in the Rugby 7s at Newman College Smithfield on Friday, taking out the 2024 trophy in a great competition with Catholic schools from Cairns, Innisfail and the Torres Strait.**



**Congratulations to the Innisfail Riverfest Colouring Competition GCPS winners: 1st place winner Prep—Harry; 1st place winner Yr 2—Cara; Runner up Yr 3—Guransh; 1st place winner—Yr 4 Laynie**

## 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.

# CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN QUEENSLAND AND THE 2024 STATE ELECTION



CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS  
QUEENSLAND

Catholic Education  
is making a significant  
contribution to Queensland  
communities statewide



More **CAPITAL FUNDING**  
is needed to provide  
contemporary learning  
environments for our families

## QLD CATHOLIC EDUCATION



312 Schools



29 Kindergartens



162,390 Students



33,230 Students  
with disability



9,460 Indigenous



21,960 Teachers and  
school staff



## THE FACTS

1

High population growth  
areas require new schools or  
expanded existing schools to  
meet increasing local demand

2

Capital assistance Scheme  
grants and Subsidy grants  
are insufficient to cover  
needs in high growth areas

3

A large number of post-WWII  
built schools now require  
significant refurbishment and  
building replacement

4

Shortage of supplies and  
labour continues to put  
pressure on building costs

## WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR



\$190 million per year for 4  
years, adjusted annually by  
the Consumer Price Index,  
for the non-government  
sector