

## TUCKSHOP

**WED 20 NOV**—TANIA, ANNA, KATHERINE & KRISTY  
**FRI 22 NOV**—TANIA, LURL, JUDE & SUE  
**MON 25 NOV**—TANIA, ANNA & JACINTA  
**PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK GROUP—**  
**'GCPS TUCKSHOP, UNIFORM SHOP AND P&F UPDATES'**  
**FOR ITEMS THAT ARE OUT OF STOCK AND LIMITED**

## UNIFORM SHOP

**2024 OPENING HOURS**  
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY**  
**8:00–8:30am OR 11:00am–12:30pm**



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**10th - 12th Dec 2024**  
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**7th - 9th Jan 2025**  
**14th - 16th Jan 2025**

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## YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Good Counsel Playgroup's Christmas Party

FIND US IN THE GOOD SAMARITAN HALL ON OWEN ST

**Friday 22nd November**  
**\$8.50 ENTRY**    **SANTA VISIT**  
**Food - Fun - Face Painting - Presents**

## 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.**

## REMINDER TERM FEES

**Term 4 fees are now overdue.**  
**Please check your emails and spam/junk folder and if not received, contact Admin.**

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**The remittance statement/payment screen shot should then be emailed to:**  
**accounts.innisfail@cns.catholic.edu.au**

Dear Parents,

The following school sports and co-curricular groups were photographed on 16/10/2024.

- \* GCPS Year 6 Outback Camp
- \* GCPS Ty Williams Cup
- \* GCPS Flag Attendants
- \* GCPS Mary Mills Team
- \* GCPS Year 6 Outback Camp
- \* GCPS Netball Thunder
- \* GCPS Netball Lightning
- \* GCPS Netball Cyclones
- \* GCPS All Abilities Sporting Group

You may now view and purchase the group images listed above, and if you place your order before 21/11/2024 you will get a **20% early order discount**. Just head to the site and click on the [order now](#) 'order now' link. Please note the discount will be automatically applied at checkout. Images can also be viewed by visiting: [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) entering the School code (available on the Parent Portal in 'Documents') and clicking on "Group Photos". Sports and co-curricular group photos can only be purchased online, PLEASE DO NOT return payment to your school. Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after the discounted early order period has closed. If you have any questions, comments or feedback please contact : <http://www.advancedlife.com.au/>

# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE**

**19TH NOVEMBER 2024**

**TERM 4 Week 8**

*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,

Once our stage is installed it gives the heads up that we are into the final three weeks of school for the year, and this occurred over the weekend. The finalisation of Reports, Assessment, Year 5 Leadership Day, GCP World Cup Soccer Finals and the beginning of the GCP Handball Competition make for a very full calendar of events to conclude the term. While testing and the compilation of portfolio samples of class work is completed, classes will continue with revision and teaching up until the last day. This is important for all year levels but especially Year 2 & 4 as they will focus on preparing their students for NAPLAN assessments early in 2025.

Recruitment and interviewing for final staffing positions for 2025 is still in progress as we had some late changes and our staff for next year will be announced next week. We will be farewelling two staff at the end of the year—Ms Tania Spagnolo, after 5 years running our tuckshop, has resigned. Tania took on the role of coordinator and has revitalised the tuckshop into a well organised kitchen providing affordable meal options that catered for both students and staff. Tania and her boys will be missed each tuckshop morning. Our students will certainly miss Ms Tuckshop Tania who was always there to “feed the hungry”. We wish Tania all the best as she returns to her previous teaching career.

Miss Rylee Jones concludes her gap year employment with us and next year is going to be studying teaching. Rylee has done an amazing job this year working with students from multiple classes, assisting with netball coaching, fixtures and attending various sporting carnivals. She will make a wonderful teacher and has learned so much this year as a school officer. We all wish her every success in the coming years.

Over the past two days, Mr Justin Caban from Training 24/7 has visited GCPS

working in classrooms with teachers assisting in the area of English. He provides Professional Development for staff in the teaching of the Morning Routine, Phonics, Reading and Writing; always giving helpful suggestions for teachers to engage their students.

This Thursday, Year 5 students will have their Leadership Day. It is facilitated with their class teachers in the Theatre and involves leadership activities, team building games, leadership input, and writing and presenting their leadership speech to their peers. Students may choose to nominate for several positions, or wait until the new year and nominate for a Mini Vinnies' position. We wish them all the best as they consider their leadership options for Year 6.

The GCP Mini Vinnies delivered baskets to each class yesterday in preparation for the collection of contributions on Thursday 28 November. The class hampers will be brought forward during the Prep & Yr 1 Nativity presentation on Friday 29 November. As always, thank you for your generous support of the 2024 Mini Vinnies, if circumstances permit.



library to make way for new arrivals, to the Mini Vinnies to raise money for Innisfail SVdP Society. These books will be available for purchase for 50c each, on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15am and at play breaks. Children who are interested in purchasing need to bring along their money to the Yr 6 Mini Vinnies who will be running the pre-loved book stall.

Regards—Liam

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

### POINTS OF INTEREST

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**The Life of the School**

**DIARY DATES 2024**  
**MON 30 SEPTEMBER**  
**FRI 6 DECEMBER**

**FRI 22 NOV**  
**PLAYGROUP**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
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**FRI 29 NOV**  
**PREP & YR 1**  
**THE NATIVITY**

**MON 2 DEC**  
**YR6 GRADUATION**  
**MASS 6PM**  
**MoGC CHURCH**

**GRADUATION**  
**DINNER 7:30PM**

**THURS 5 DEC**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**CONCERT**







**Friday Prayer Assembly...**

This week, the Student Councillors will announce Social and Emotional Learning Awards for the final time. This week's prayer assembly focus will be on Advent, to be followed next week with the Prep and Yr One Nativity presentation.

**Scripture...**

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew 6:9-13  
*Jesus said to his disciples, You should pray like this: 'Our Father in heaven, help us to honour your name. Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.'*

**Congratulations...**

A number of Year 2—6 parents chose to support their children's participation in the 2024 ICAS Competitions. Well done to all the students who participated and congratulations to these students for their outstanding efforts:

- Yr 6 Robyn Saro** Mathematics—Distinction & Principal's Award, Digital Technology—Credit, Science—Credit, Spelling Bee—Credit.
- Yr 5 Liam Franks** Mathematics—Credit.
- Yr 5 Brooklyn Genocchio** Digital Technology—Credit, Science—Merit
- Yr 4 Yuxi Ding** Spelling Bee—Distinction & Principal's Award, Science—Credit, Mathematics—Credit, English—Credit, Writing—Credit, Digital Technology—Merit.
- Yr 4 Emily Rajeev** Spelling Bee—Credit
- Yr 4 Paige Camilleri** English—Merit
- Yr 3 Isaac Di Bella** Mathematics—Distinction & Principal's Award, Writing—Credit, English—Credit, Spelling Bee—Credit.
- Yr 3 Ava McElhinney** Writing—Distinction & Principal's Award.
- Yr 3 Jigardeep Bhatthal** Spelling Bee—Credit
- Yr 2 Frankee Genocchio** Science—Merit, English—Merit, Mathematics—Merit.

**Thank you...**

Thank you to Mrs Amanda Speziali for taking care of matters spiritual and administrative during my leave of absence. Thank you to you for supporting Mrs Speziali while she was Acting APRE—much appreciated.

*Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C—Maria Caltabiano*

**GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY  
CALENDAR 2024  
Term 4 (10 weeks)**

- Thu 21.11 Yr 5 Leadership Day**
- Fri 22.11** Advent Prayer Assembly  
Playgroup Christmas Party
- Fri 29.11** Prep & Yr 1 Nativity Presentation with  
Mini Vinnies Class Christmas Hampers
- Mon 2.12** Leadership Assembly  
Yr 6 Graduation Mass
- Thu 5.12** Christmas Concert
- Fri 6.12** End of School Mass 9:00am  
Mother of Good Counsel Church  
School breaks at midday

- CALENDAR 2025  
Term 1 (10 weeks)**
- Mon 27.1** Australia Day Holiday
- Tue 28.1** Diocesan Pupil Free Day  
Staff Mandatory Training
- Wed 29.1** School commences Yr 1—6  
Preps refer to correspondence
- Thu 27.2** School Photos

**CHRISTMAS IN THE STREET  
COLOURING COMPETITION**  
INCLUDED WITH TODAY'S NEWSLETTER

3 Prizes for each age group  
1st Prize - Yeti Water Bottle  
2nd & 3rd - Christmas Craft

Completed pages to be returned to  
Jill's Stationery in Edith St by  
Friday 22nd November.

