




TUCKSHOP


WED 27 NOV—TANIA, ANNA & 2 HELPERS NEEDED 8:30—10:30AM
FRI 29 NOV—TANIA, JUDE & 2 OR 3 HELPERS NEEDED
MON 02 DEC—TANIA, ANNA & 1 HELPER NEEDED 8:30—10:30AM
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



Christmas Concert 2024: ‘A Midwife Crisis’

Date - Thursday 5th December 2024
Place - GCPS Blue Covered Area
Time - Drop off to classroom at 6:30pm
Concert to start at 7:00pm
FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 1 - 5
What to wear-
 * Navy blue Day Uniform shorts/skorts, Day Uniform socks and black shoes.
Shirts –
Years 1, 3 & 5: Shirts will be provided by the school (Students may arrive in any shirt)
Years 2 and 4: Any red, green or white Christmas shirt
 ***Hair** – Please ensure that all long hair is tied up. Any neat style would be great.
RIBBONS IN THE FOLLOWING COLOURS MAY BE WORN:
Yr 1 – bright/light blue **Yr 2** – red or green
Yr 3 – white **Yr 4** - red or green
Yr 5 – navy/dark blue
PLEASE—NO COLOURED HAIR OR CHRISTMAS ACCESSORIES
Thank you




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.

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. Just head to the site and click on the ‘order now’ link.



Images can also be viewed by visiting: 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

26TH NOVEMBER 2024

TERM 4 Week 9

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,

As we enter the final two weeks of the school year for students, much work is being completed for assessment pieces, portfolios, and reports. Teachers have been looking at classes for next year and students from Year 1-5 have completed their request slip of fellow students they would like to be in class with in 2025. When teachers are organising our two cohorts, many factors are taken into consideration—number of boys/girls, academic equivalence across both classes, those who can and cannot work together and student requests. As is pointed out to students, they will always get one of their requested friends, but there is no guarantee of all those selected being in their class. It is not the end of the world and they will remain friends at lunch times. Class allocations, book lists and reports will all be sent home next week. Staffing for 2025 which is close to completion, will also go home in the newsletter next Tuesday.

Our Year 5 students had their special Leadership Day last Thursday in the Theatre. The day began with the Liturgy, followed by reflective input, nominations for School and Colour House Captains, Student Council and Flag Attendants. Students who nominated were invited to write and deliver a speech to their teachers and peers. At the end of the day they voted for their leaders for 2025. The results will be made public at the special Leadership Assembly next Monday 2 December at 8:35am. Parents/Carers are most welcome to attend. Some students have chosen not to nominate for these positions, instead they have put their name forward for a Mini Vinnies position which will be organised in Week 1 of next year. We wish all our Year 5 students the very best.

On Monday evening next week, our Year 6 students celebrate with their Graduation Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church, followed by their Graduation Dinner at the Shire Hall. A very special night for them all.

Tomorrow, we have Bishop Joe Caddy paying his first visit to our Parish and our students at GCP. He will visit various classrooms, address all the students at 10:20am and then join the staff for Morning Tea. Bishop Joe is the 8th Bishop of Cairns following Bishop James Foley who retired in 2022. Fr Kerry Crowley has, for the last two years, been acting as Administrator for the Diocese until Bishop Joe was ordained on 15 August 2024, at St Monica’s Cathedral, Cairns.

This Friday we have our special Nativity Assembly being presented by Prep and Year 1 with the Mini Vinnies Christmas Hampers also making their way forward. Thank you for your hamper donations.

Over the past six weeks, at lunch time, seven teams from Year 3 & 4 and five teams from Year 5 & 6 have played in the GCPS 2024 World Cup Soccer Round Robin Competition. The Year 3/4 Final, played last week saw Italy 1 defeat Argentina 0. The Year 5/6 Final saw North Korea 1 defeat France 0. The overall school winners were North Korea 3 who defeated Italy 0 in yesterday’s final and are pictured with the GCP World Cup Soccer Trophy.



Congratulations to all participants from the twelve teams for entering and playing with such fantastic sportsmanship!

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 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



FRI 6 DEC
SCHOOL ENDS
AT MIDDAY
12PM



First Sunday of Advent...

As we light the first purple candle this Sunday, 1 December, it reminds us that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus alongside the Christmas trimmings that dominate our lives. Thank you Miss Mackensie-Rose Douglas for explaining the symbol of the Advent Wreath at Friday's Assembly.



Dear God, As we come closer to celebrating the feast of Christmas, may we take time to give the gifts that help grow our community and build our relationships. May we take time during this Advent season to share the gifts which we have in abundance in our hearts, gifts that cost nothing but some time and effort. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mini Vinnies Class Christmas Hampers...

The Christmas class hampers will follow the Three Wise Men during the Prep & Yr 1 Nativity presentation on Friday morning. The Mini Vinnies will organise the hampers on Thursday if you are still contemplating a donation. Thank you to everyone for their generous contributions so far, and for your support to this worthy cause throughout the year.

Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C—Maria Caltabiano



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY CALENDAR 2024

Term 4 (10 weeks)

- Fri 29.11** Prep & Yr 1 Nativity Presentation with Mini Vinnies Class Christmas Hampers
- Mon 2.12** 8:40am Leadership Assembly
6:00pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass
- Thu 5.12** Christmas Concert
- Fri 6.12** 9:00am End of School Mass
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
- Wed 5.3** Ash Wednesday
- Fri 4.4** Term 1 ends

Tickets are now available for purchase in the Mini Vinnies CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. Please check out the list and if you are interested please return the envelope with your name, the number of tickets required, and correct money. Tickets will be on sale at school in Week 10. The prizes will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on Thursday 5 December.

2024 GCPS Mini Vinnies Christmas Raffle			
TICKETS \$1 each. Prizes Drawn at Christmas Concert Thursday 5th December.			
1st PRIZE \$1000 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	2nd PRIZE \$500 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	3rd PRIZE \$250 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	4th PRIZE \$100 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]
5th PRIZE \$50 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	6th PRIZE \$25 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	7th PRIZE \$10 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	8th PRIZE \$5 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]
9th PRIZE \$2 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	10th PRIZE \$1 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	11th PRIZE \$0.50 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	12th PRIZE \$0.25 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]
13th PRIZE \$0.10 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	14th PRIZE \$0.05 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	15th PRIZE \$0.02 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	16th PRIZE \$0.01 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]
17th PRIZE \$0.005 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	18th PRIZE \$0.002 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	19th PRIZE \$0.001 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]	20th PRIZE \$0.0005 Cash Prize Donated by: [Name]

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please return the attached envelope with your name, correct money, indicating the number of tickets required before Wednesday 4th December.



Congratulations to the families with new arrivals since P&F last gave a GCPS face washer presentation.



Many thanks to Tuckshop Tania whose Tuckshop Spins have thrilled the children at Friday Assembly. Last week, Tania was the recipient of such a spin, with a Tuckshop voucher, frozie voucher and a Rebel Coffee Voucher as a thank you from the students for being such a fabulous Tuckshop Convenor. Congratulations Tania—best wishes for the future and we look forward to seeing you 'round the Good Counsel Primary school' ridges.

INNISFAIL DEFENDERS TOUCH ASSOCIATION

Junior Rep Trials for JUNIOR STATE CUP NORTH
5TH - 7TH APRIL 2025
Boys & Girls Born between 2009 - 2016

IT'S MUSTER TIME!

MUSTER DATES
3pm - 4.30pm
Sunday 1st December
Sunday 8th December
Sunday 15th December