



TUCKSHOP

WED 04 DEC—TANIA, ANNA & KATHERINE

ALL OFFERS OF HELP ARE WELCOME!

IF MONDAY IS ANYTHING TO GO BY, WE WILL BE EXTREMELY BUSY. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE TUCKSHOP IS LOOKING A LITTLE OLD MOTHER HUBBARD. CUPBOARDS AREN'T QUITE BARE BUT WE HAVE BEEN AVOIDING BULK BUYS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND WE ARE RUNNING ON LIMITED OPTIONS. PLEASE SEE AVAILABILITY ON THE FLEXISCHOOLS APP.






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/skortis, 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

BYO refreshments & chair if you'd like to sit on the oval.



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.

Term 4 Fees

A reminder to those parents leaving Good Counsel Primary School in 2024 to ensure you have finalised your accounts before end of term— 6 December, 2024.

If you have GCPS Direct Debit payment arrangements in place, ensure you have cancelled this arrangement once your account has been paid in full. Cancellation forms are located on the Parent Portal for your convenience.

Please disregard if you have already made arrangements to finalise your account. Any queries, please see the Office.



School Sports Australia—National Championships Sydney

Congratulations to Ruby Torrisi on her outstanding personal achievements at the National Championships in Sydney recently. Ruby placed 2nd in 2kg Shotput with a personal best throw of 12.69m, and 3rd in 750gm Discus with a competition personal best throw of 33.43m.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

3RD DECEMBER 2024

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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,

This week in our church we began the season of Advent—the four weeks of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. Pope Francis this year suggests Advent should be spent looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves to the needs of others. As part of our Prep/Yr 1 Nativity Assembly last Friday, our GCP charity was certainly on show when over 65 Christmas hampers were displayed then handed onto the St Vincent de Paul workers for distribution this Christmas to needy families within our local community. Thank you to all our families and staff for your generous donations.

This year has been particularly difficult with regard to staffing as we had some late changes, however we can announce our teaching staff for 2025.

Prep H—Miss Julia Honnef

Prep S—Mrs Jessica Sinton

Yr 1D— Miss Mackensie Douglas

Yr 1GS—Mrs Alex Gangemi (Mon-Wed)

Mrs Grace Slater (Thu/Fri)

Yr 2ML—Mrs Rosanne Mifsud (Mon/Tue/Fri)

Mrs Susan Lynch (Wed/Thu)

Yr 2YL— Ms Julie Yang (Tue/Wed/Thu)

Mrs Susan Lynch (Mon/Fri)

Yr 3DW—Mrs Andrea Devaney (Mon-Wed)

Mrs Dale Winton (Thu/Fri)

Yr 3M — Miss Rose McGregor

Yr 4F— Miss Teagan Forster

Yr 4WC—Miss Adrienne Worth (Mon/Tue/Fri)

Mrs Jody Connolly (Wed/Thu)

Yr 5DS— Mrs Brooke Davis (Mon-Wed)

Mrs Renée Sinton (Thu/Fri)

Yr 5SP—Mrs Daniella Stephenson (Wed/Thu/Fri)

Mrs Lisa Paterson (Mon/Tue)

Yr 6DS—Mrs Amber Di Carlo (Mon-Thu)

Mrs Amanda Speziali (Fri)

Yr 6S— Miss Casey Sheil

Mrs Hayley Russell is taking 12 months Leave from her PE position, and replacing

her will be :Mrs Daniella Stephenson (Mon/Tue); Miss Adrienne Worth (Wed/Thu). Hayley will be around doing relief and assisting with some of our sporting events.

A special welcome to Mrs Lisa Paterson and Mrs Dale Winton, and a welcome back to Mrs Amanda Speziali from Leave.

Yesterday we announced some of our leaders for 2025 with School Captains, Student Council, Sports Colour House Captains, and Flag Attendants being named. There will be future leadership positions available in the new year with our 2025 Mini Vinnies Leadership being presented in early February. This year I was so proud of how our Year 5 students conducted themselves in humbly receiving their positions but also in the way those who missed out on a position took it in their stride and coped with their disappointment. Unfortunately there is not a position for everyone and those who were unsuccessful can now look to other leadership opportunities in 2025.

School Captains

Brooklyn Genocchio & Nate Austin

Student Councillors

Brooklyn Bonello, Josie Borg, Mia Dillon, Charlie Camuglia, Aiden Mifsud, Max Pearson

Sports Colour House Captains

Clancy—Ruby Torrisi, Kody D'Urso

MacKillop—Elise Sinton, Brandon Borsato

Marcellin—Bonnie-Ray Terry, Adam Yang

Polding—Addyson Laffin, Cohen Petersen

Flag Attendants

Armani Mercer, Indiana Salvestro and James Davison

Last night our Year 6 students were all dressed up for their Graduation Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church, then onto the Innisfail Shire Hall for their dinner, speeches and presentations. A wonderful event in two of Innisfail's most beautiful buildings. A wonderful evening to celebrate seven years of primary education.

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OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM—3:00PM

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POINTS OF INTEREST

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The Life of the School

DIARY DATES 2024

MON 30 SEPTEMBER

FRI 6 DECEMBER

THURS 5 DEC

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FRI 6 DEC

END OF YEAR MASS 9:00AM

SCHOOL ENDS AT MIDDAY 12PM

PLEASE ENSURE ALL STUDENTS ARE COLLECTED ON TIME



WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY & HOLY CHRISTMAS SEASON



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A special thanks to Father Kerry Crowley for last night's celebration of the mass with the Yr 6 children, their parents, grandparents, families and staff.

After a very full year of academic, sporting, spiritual and cultural experiences, we bring a close to the 2024 school year this week. Please take the time to read your child's Report Card which will go home in a sealed envelope this Wednesday with your child's class allocation and booklist.

Thursday night we will have our Christmas Concert (more details on the back page), and conclude with our End of Year Mass at 9:00am and count down at 12:00pm. Please ensure you have made arrangements to collect your child/ren at 12pm as staff will be having their lunch off site this year. A huge thank you to our amazing staff of 2024 for all the extra they do for our students.

Christmas times are listed below. Try to keep 'Christ' in Christmas this year and attend one of the local services.

Regards—*Liam*

Christmas Mass Times 2024

Christmas Eve—Tue 24 December

Innisfail—Vigil 6:30pm

Midnight Mass (Christmas Carols 11:30pm)

Silkwood—Vigil 6:00pm

Christmas Day—

Wed 25 December

South Johnstone—7:00am

Babinda—7:00am

Innisfail— 9:00am

El Arish—10:00am

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY

CALENDAR 2024

Term 4 (10 weeks)

- 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

Christmas Blessings to you and yours and thank you for reading the newsletter each week. With much appreciation for your support throughout the year. Let's do it all again in 2025. Yours in Catholic Education—*Mrs C—Maria Caltabiano*



What is graduation ceremony? It is about the culmination an academic journey to mark the beginning of a new chapter in life. Yesterday was indeed a day of celebration, reflection, and gratitude that is to be cherished for years to come. Thank you Yr 6 graduates—it is our pleasure to say you graduated from Good Counsel Primary.

