


TUCKSHOP

WED 5 FEB—JULIE, LEEANNE & 1 HELPER NEEDED
8:30am—10:30am

FRI 7 FEB—JULIE, LURL & 2 HELPERS NEEDED

MON 10 FEB—JULIE, LINA & 1 HELPER NEEDED
8:30am—10:30am



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

2025 OPENING HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
8:00—8:30am OR 11:00am—12:30pm



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



SCHOOL PHOTOS—THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Photos are encouraged to be purchased on-line using Visa, Mastercard, or PayPal.

When ordering online, there is no need to complete an envelope. Limited envelopes are available from the front office should you wish to pay cash.

Please note, we do not hold cash for change in the office.

Sibling photos ordered online must be completed before midnight Wednesday 26 Feb (the night before photo day). Only siblings from this school will be photographed together.


Please note: Late sibling cash envelope orders will not be accepted after school begins on photo day.

To order please go to www.advancedlife.com.au

Enter the school 9 digit code (available on the MyCE App).

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 fees will be processed shortly. You will be notified via SMS once issued. Please then check your emails and spam/junk folder and if not received, contact Admin.



Bill Code: Ref:

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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

"STAY FIT"

"STAY READY"

"STAY DEADLY"

STARTS 29TH OF JANUARY 2025

MON, WED, AND FRIDAYS 4-5PM INNISFAIL

SIMO'S BOXING YOUTH PROGRAM

AGES 5 - 16 YEARS OLD

SIGN UP REQUIRED - FREE PROGRAM LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE BE QUICK!



CONTACT SIMO - HEAD COACH / TRAINER
0461594065

MONICA - SPORT & REC OFFICER MAMU HSL
0436120568



REMINDER—PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

HAVE COMMENCED FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK - PLEASE CHECK FOR WHEN & WHERE YOUR CHILD/S CLASS MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

4TH FEBRUARY 2025

TERM 1 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,

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 1. Living in the north is always unpredictable with regard to weather events and our first week certainly delivered some wet weather, moderate flooding and damp shoes. Thanks to all who showed their patience in finding park or drop off space, especially each morning. A reminder that utilising the Drop Off Area on Rankin St—you are not allowed to leave your vehicle and enter the school grounds. This area is designed to roll through and drop off or pick up.

Teachers have been busy preparing for classes over the past three weeks and have been involved in several days of professional learning in readiness for the 2025 school year.

We welcome twelve new students, and two returning students (after two years in Melbourne) into classes that had vacancies. We hope they are settling into our GCP routines and expectations, ready for a year of learning.

This year we have several new staff—Mrs Julie Arthur, Tuckshop Convenor; Miss Mackensie Douglas, Teacher 1D; Mrs Dale Winton, Teacher 3DW (Thu/Fri); Mrs Lisa Paterson, Teacher 5SP (Mon/Tue); Miss Ella Sciacca, School Officer Prep. We welcome our Pre-service teachers Mrs Hannah Tindale and Miss Kathryn Cann, as well as Mrs Amanda Speziali returning from Leave to HPL & 6DS (Thu/Fri).

As students returned last week, they saw several changes around the grounds. The extended roof area over the basketball

hoops, new gazebo hand rails, oval trees trimmed, Blue Area gurneyed, lawns mowed and the classrooms and verandahs cleaned. Special thanks to Mr George, Mercy and Mrs McLeish for their preparations to have the school looking sharp and ready for students on Day One.

Our covered area extension on Rankin St was due to start early last week. We hope to have the structure erected in the coming weeks, working between 9:30am and 2:00pm each day so as not to interrupt drop off and pick up times. We will keep you posted of Rankin St walk-in access changes.

This week we commenced our Parent/Teacher meetings where expectations are outlined for the new year. If you are able, it is always advantageous to attend and meet your child's teacher/s, hear what classroom learning is planned and what will be involved with homework for the year. If you are unable to attend, a copy of the slide presentation will be made available.

Lastly—attendance—we cannot teach students if they are not present at school or on time each day. Please do your bit to have them well rested, fed a healthy breakfast and here at school the 8:35am bell, ready for class.

This term we have two very brightly coloured kayaks as the attendance prizes. To be in the Attendance Draw students need to be at school every day or if away, log your child's absence on the MyCE App or notify the Office.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and teaching.

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 2025
MON 27 JANUARY -
FRI 4 APRIL

FRI 7 FEB
BEGINNING SCHOOL
MASS MoGC CHURCH
9:30AM

THU 20 FEB
RUGBY LEAGUE
GALA DAY

FRI 21 FEB
NETBALL GALA DAY

THU 27 FEB
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY





SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

So good to see students back in classrooms for 2025. Last week the Administration Office welcomed the Prep students on their orientation mission—see photos on the next page.

The Beginning School Mass will be on Friday 7 February 9:30am at Mother of Good Counsel Church. Thank you Fr Kerry for being available to celebrate the commencement of the 2025 school year with us.

Enrolment forms still available for 2025. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 this year, or an older grade, then please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 4063 0650 or drop in to fill in an enrolment form. Please check with Angie the timetable outlining the Sacraments and relevant dates.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
But lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

A large group of children in blue and yellow uniforms are sitting on a blue gymnasium floor, forming a large circle. Several adults are standing around them, and a large fan is visible in the foreground.



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Attendance MATTERS
Every child, on time, everyday

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	1 DAY per fortnight	1 DAY per week	2 DAYS per week	3 DAYS per week
That equals...	20 DAYS per year	40 DAYS per year	80 DAYS per year	120 DAYS per year
Which is...	4 WEEKS per year	8 WEEKS per year	16 WEEKS per year	24 WEEKS per year
and over 13 years of schooling that's...	1.5 YEARS	2.5 YEARS	5 YEARS	8 YEARS
Which means your child's learning progress might be	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="width: 10%;"></div></div> <small>equal to missing 10% of school</small>	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="width: 20%;"></div></div> <small>equal to missing 20% of school</small>	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="width: 40%;"></div></div> <small>equal to missing 40% of school</small>	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="width: 60%;"></div></div> <small>equal to missing 60% of school</small>

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Fri 7.2	Beginning School Mass—9:30am
Fri 14.2	Mini Vinnies Ceremony TBC
Fri 21.2	Good Samaritan Charism Assembly
Thu 27.2	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wed 5.3	Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Fri 28.2	Sports Captains Assembly
Fri 7.3	Project Compassion 5S Assembly
Fri 14.3	St Patrick's 6S Assembly
Fri 14.3	Harmony Day
Fri 28.3	Palm Sunday 3DW Assembly
Tue 1.4	Last Supper 6DS 8:30am
Wed 2.4	CROSS COUNTRY
Thu 3.4	Stations of the Cross 5SD 8:30am
Fri 4.4	Term One ends...

18.4	Good Friday
20.4	Easter Sunday
21.4	Easter Monday

Tue 22.4	Term commences
Fri 25.4	ANZAC Day
Mon 5.5	Qld Labour Day Holiday
	Term 2 ends

Mon 14.7	Term commences
Fri 5.9	Pupil Free Day
Fri 19.9	Term 3 ends
2025	Term 4 (9 weeks)
Mon 6.10	King's Birthday Holiday
Tue 11.11	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Fri 5.12	Term 4 ends





2025

NETBALL SEASON

COME ALONG AND SIGN UP!

**FIXTURE
SEASON STARTS:
TUESDAY 4
MARCH 2025**

DIVISIONS

NETSETGO 5-10YR OLD'S

U12'S

U16'S

OPENS

COST

NETSETGO \$150

JUNIORS \$200

SENIORS \$220

*Looking to play netball this season? Don't have a team? No worries! **Single players are welcome to sign up, and we'll help you find a team.***

SIGN ON DATES: *Come see us at the Innisfail Netball Courts on Tuesday February 4th, 11th, or 18th, 5-6pm.*



Need Help or More Info?

Message us anytime on the Innisfail & District Netball Association Facebook Page.