



TUCKSHOP



WED 12 MAR—TANIA, ANNE-MARIE, LEEANNE & LURL
 FRI 14 MAR—JULIE, LURL, MELISSA, LEANNE &
 1 HELPER NEEDED
 MON 17 MAR—JULIE, PAT, TASHA & LINA

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



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REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 fees are now overdue.

Due Date—28 February.

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



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

St Patrick's Green Dress Day

Friday 14 March

Come dressed in green—
green shirt and/or green shorts/
skirts, socks, ties, ribbons or hats.

If it's not green, it's school uniform.

No green hairspray please.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

11TH MARCH 2025

TERM 1 Week 7

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 week we began our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday. The Lenten message from our liturgies was to focus on improving ourselves as adults and children, listen to the message of Jesus and embrace the Season of Lent with the knowledge of Jesus' lived experience when he was tempted in the desert for 40 days.

This week our Parent/Teacher online (previously PTO, now—Booked) went live for parents/carers to book an interview with class teachers to discuss your child's progress. These meetings are an opportunity for a brief 15 minute check-in on how each student has settled into Term 1.



The highlight of our Prep-Year 2 liturgy was seeing so many of our past students (now in Yr 11) buddy up with our Preps. In the words of Mia McLeish, "I have been waiting for four years to come back for Ash Wednesday to be a buddy".

It is an opportune time to discuss attendance, classroom expectations, current learning, homework and additional support. At GCP it is our hope that every family touch base with their child's teacher/s. If you have been in and had a meeting in the past couple of weeks, there is no expectation that you need to revisit. If for some reason you require a longer visit, please contact your child's teacher directly.



Dexter Bartolo-Solares was buddied with his cousin Meika.

This Friday we are dressing in green for St Patrick's Day which is actually on Monday 17 March. The reason for the early dress up is that our Year 3 & 5 students are sitting NAPLAN tests next Monday and we need the students focused on their assessment.

This week Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across the nation will be involved in NAPLAN testing in the key areas of Writing Language Conventions, Reading & Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against the national proficiency standards. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing class assessments made by the teacher but it can provide additional information about a student's educational progress. It also provides schools, educational authorities and governments with information about how programs are working. Testing takes place over a number of days during Week 7 and 8. We wish all our Year 3 and 5 students every success.

Come dressed in green - a green shirt and/or green socks. Remember it is a green dress day NOT a free dress day. Green skirts/green shorts are also acceptable as are green ribbons, green ties and green hats. No green hairspray thanks.

Year 6S will be presenting the St Paddy's Prayer Assembly on Friday. Wishing you all the luck of the Irish.

Front Entry Notice

Building of our front entry to 96 Rankin Street will recommence tomorrow, Wednesday 12 March from 6:00am. For the rest of this week there will be no access via the black gate to the breezeway until 2:30pm.

When doing Rankin Street drop off, please enter via the large black gates further down at 100 Rankin Street. There are no changes to afternoon pick up.

Regards,
Liam

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OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM—3:00PM
Ph: 07 4063 0600

POINTS OF INTEREST

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DIARY DATES 2025
MON 27 JANUARY -
FRI 4 APRIL

P&F MEETING
POSTPONED
NEW DATE TBC

FRI 14 MAR
ST PATRICK'S
GREEN DRESS UP



FRI 21 MAR
HARMONY DAY
ASSEMBLY

WED 02 APRIL
CROSS COUNTRY





PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN PRAYER

God of our journey
we are all pilgrims of hope
brought together by your love
and your wish that we may all be one.

We pray that in this Year of Jubilee
when we are called to greater justice
and care for our common home
that we may *Unite Against Poverty*.

May we work in unity for the freedom
of the oppressed and the renewal of creation.

May our compassionate minds
and generous hearts help bring about a
world where all can live in peace.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of
fasting, almsgiving and prayer
bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

Project Compassion Prayer Assembly...

Thank you to the students of 5SP for leading us into the Caritas program of Project Compassion in prayer and song. Thank you to the teachers Mrs Daniella Stephenson and Mrs Lisa Paterson the preparation.

Thank you to all class teachers who have organised various activities to further the children's understanding of Project Compassion.

We keep in our prayers...

The children preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist: Lakyn, Olivia, Mia, Chelsea, Rocco, Sara, Noah, Charlotte, Jack, Will, Ollie, Jonah, Marlie, Ava, Evie, Jonah V, Charlee, Teodoro, Saoirse, Dallas, Evie, Sonny, and Izabella.

2025 Term 1 (10 weeks)

- Wed 12.3 NAPLAN WRITING YR 3 & YR 5
- Thu 13.3 NAPLAN READING YR 3 & YR 5
- Fri 14.3 St Patrick's 6S Prayer Assembly
- Mon 17.3 NAPLAN LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS
- Tue 18.3 NAPLAN NUMERACY YR 3 & YR 5
- Fri 14.3 Harmony Day Prayer Assembly
- Fri 28.3 Palm Sunday 3DW Assembly
- Tue 1.4 Last Supper 6DS 8:30am
- Wed 2.4 GCPS CROSS COUNTRY
- Thu 3.4 Stations of the Cross 5SD 8:30am
- Fri 4.4 Term One ends...

Easter School Holidays

- 18.4 Good Friday
- 20.4 Easter Sunday
- 21.4 Easter Monday

2025 Term 2 (10 weeks)

- Tue 22.4 Term commences
- Thu 24.4 GCPS ANZAC CEREMONY
- Fri 25.4 ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Thu 8.5 GCPS MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT
- Mon 12.5 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Reminder - Owen St and Rankin St pick up/drop off zones.

You are not permitted to park and leave your car between 8:00-8:40am or 2:30-3:20pm in the yellow bay pick up/drop off areas at the front of the school.

Parking as per usual outside of these hours.



RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation...

Thank you Bishop Joseph Caddy for the welcoming Diocesan inclusion at Sunday's Cathedral Mass of all who are journeying in this program. We keep in our prayers—Mrs Franco, Mrs Connolly, Mrs Grimaz, Miss Sheil, Mrs Haley, Mrs Gordon-Cooke and Mrs Stephenson.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of faith and for the Catholic Church.

We pray for those You are calling to Yourself through the Sacraments.

May all in our community open their hearts to the fullness of Your love. Amen.

Yours in Catholic Education— Mrs C—Maria Caltabiano

