



### TUCKSHOP



WED 19 MAR—JULIE, LEEANNE & GLADYS  
 FRI 21 MAR—JULIE, LURL, ANNE-MARIE & RHONDA  
 & 1 HELPER NEEDED  
 MON 24 MAR—JULIE, PAT, TASH & 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



JOIN OUR 'GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP' PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH  
10AM - 12PM

## Etty Bay SLSC Sign-on Day!

Come and see what Etty Bay SLSC has to offer. Sausage sizzle, activities and tours of the clubhouse.

JOIN MY CLUB

### REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 fees are now overdue.  
Due Date—28 February

Please then 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](mailto:accounts.innisfail@cns.catholic.edu.au)

#### ATTENDANCE DRAW PRIZE



STAY IN THE RUNNING FOR THESE GREAT KAYAKS BY LOGGING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE VIA MYCE APP OR BY NOTIFYING THE ADMIN OFFICE BEFORE ROLL CALL IN THE MORNING. REMEMBER—ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

## FEAST of the SENSES

27-30 March 2025 Innisfail

#### Thursday 27th March

Paronella Park open daily 9am to 7.30pm [www.paronellapark.com](http://www.paronellapark.com)  
Gone Troppo Trivia Night at Innisfail RSL Club 7pm \$2.00pp  
Team Bookings on 4061 1601

#### Friday 28th March

Northern Food Trail 8.30am-5pm \$85.00 [www.trybooking.com/CYQBV](http://www.trybooking.com/CYQBV)  
'Tropical Fun Friday' at Innisfail RSL Club from 5.30pm  
Bookings on 4061 1601

#### Saturday 29th March

Southern Food Trail 8.30am-5pm \$85.00 [www.trybooking.com/CYQBF](http://www.trybooking.com/CYQBF)  
'Taste of the Tropics' at Brothers Leagues Club Bistro 6pm  
Bookings on 4061 7199

#### Sunday 30th March

Australian Bananas River Feast 9am-3pm  
featuring:  
Rare & Tropical Fruit Display, Tastings & Auction  
Market Stalls & Fresh Produce  
Tempting & Tasty Eats and Treats  
Cooking Stage Demonstrations & Free Tastings  
Feast of Fun Kid Zone with Inflatable Rides  
Live Entertainment on the River

#### FREE ENTRY

Event tickets, info & stall bookings:

[www.feastofthesenses.com.au](http://www.feastofthesenses.com.au)



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

18TH MARCH 2025

TERM 1 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,

Yesterday parent/teacher meetings began to give an opportunity for parents/carers and your child's teacher to meet and discuss the learnings from Term 1. As a parent, I always found these 'catch ups' helpful to find out how my child was participating in class, coping with the level of class work and if they were fully engaged in their learning. It is also an opportunity to ask questions and see what the focus will be for Term 2. Interviews are generally held in your child's classroom and take 15 minutes.

Please be on time as most interviews run back to back. Most teachers will use a timer to keep the meetings on time. If you cannot attend your booked appointment, please contact the school (during administration hours) or attempt to Seesaw the teacher as they could be waiting unnecessarily at school. The new 'Booked' App will send you a reminder if you opt for the calendar appointments and accept them from your emails. However, realise that if you miss your booking or are late, teachers will find it difficult to re-book.

Just a plug for some useful parenting advice. Watch *The Role of a Lifetime* which is now showing on ABC TV Tue 8:30pm. Maggie Dent is a best selling parenting author and educator who we have had visit GCP on many occasions. The show explores the challenges of parenting modern tweens and teens. Don't forget that we also have several of her books available for borrowing in the Parent Library located in the Admin Office.

This Friday we celebrate Harmony Day, with our Year 6s presenting our assembly. Harmony Day, first created in Australia in 1999 to celebrate unity and diversity, has grown world wide. The day is about respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, regardless of their religious, cultural or linguistic background.

Nearly 49% of current Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was. Australia has a current population of 27,710,500 people. Apart from English, the most spoken languages in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek and Punjabi. At GCPS our staff and student families have their cultural heritage from over 46 countries. Let us all respect and be proud of our multicultural school community.

The colour of Harmony Day is orange and the theme is *Everyone Belongs*.

What to wear Friday—3 options:

1. Sports uniform—school will provide your child with an orange ribbon.
2. Wear an orange shirt with your sports uniform.
3. Wear an item of your national dress (NOT footy jersey & footy shorts for Australia) e.g. Scottish—kilt, Indian—suit, New Zealand—Māori skirt etc.

Progress occurred on our Rankin Street undercover area last week with posts, beams and purlins being erected. The roofing has been ordered and we hope to have a cover up prior to the holidays. Thank you to all for your patience and for following the No Entry at morning Drop Off when the builders are present.



Regards, Liam

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#### OFFICE HOURS

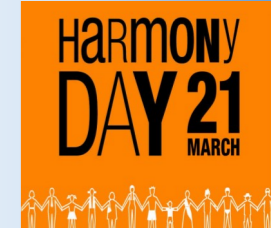
8:00 AM—3:00PM  
Ph: 07 4063 0600

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

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The Life of the School

DIARY DATES 2025  
MON 27 JANUARY -  
FRI 4 APRIL

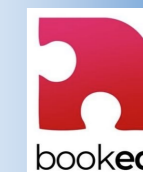
FRI 21 MAR  
HARMONY DAY  
ASSEMBLY



WED 2 APRIL  
CROSS COUNTRY



PARENT/TEACHER  
INTERVIEWS  
CONTINUING THIS  
WEEK & NEXT WEEK.  
PLEASE BE ON TIME.







**St Patrick's Prayer Assembly...**

Thank you to 6S students and Miss Casey Sheil for honouring St Patrick in prayer and song last Friday. *Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. A popular legend is that of the shamrock, which has him explain the concept of the Holy Trinity, three persons in one God, to an unbeliever by showing the example of the three-leaved plant with one stalk. Traditionally, the Irish have worn shamrocks, the national flower of Ireland, in their lapels on St. Patrick's Day, 17 March.* (<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Patrick>)

**Journeying in faith...**

We keep in our prayers the children preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist next term: 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.

"For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them."  
Matthew 18:20



**Project Compassion...**

This week, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion shares another story of education. We visit a primary school in Samoa with 400 students and 11 teachers. Until 2023, the school had no reliable access to fresh water. At times, teachers had to fetch water from neighbouring families, and this took considerable time out of the day and limited classes. It also meant that each class had a single bucket of drinking water for everyone to share. Thanks to your generosity, this has now changed.

Education can continue uninterrupted. You might even say, that thanks to those who support Project Compassion, disfigured lives have been transfigured.

Samoa may seem a long way away but let us think for a moment of some of the words Jesus said on the night before he died. He prayed 'may they all be one.' As we *Unite Against Poverty*, we are slowly creating the solution. Our actions are teaching the world to see possibilities more than problems. Just as his friends saw Jesus in a brilliant new light, so too must we see the whole human family with its true dignity.

Thank you for your contribution to the Project Compassion organised in classrooms.

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

**2025 Term 1 (10 weeks)**

- Fri 21.3** 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**
- Wed 30.4** **Feast Day Mass Mother of Good Counsel 9:30am**
- Wed 30.4** **Andrew Chinn Concert**
- Thu 8.5** **GCPS MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT**
- Mon 12.5** **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**
- 21/22.6** **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST**



Congratulations to Mrs Lorraine Tabua (School Officer) and family on the arrival of her grandson Noah Gary Collins.



Green day for St Patrick in all classrooms on Friday.



More books for the Library—courtesy of the Book Fair.

**MAGGIE DENT**  
from boys to men

guiding our teen boys to grow into happy, healthy men

**MAGGIE DENT**  
girlhood

raising our little girls to be healthy, happy and heard

**ADMIN**

**PARENT LIBRARY**

Please come and browse our Parent Library full of helpful best selling books and DVDs available for borrowing.

