



## TUCKSHOP



WED 26 MAR—JULIE, LEEANNE & GLADYS, TAMARA &  
1 HELPER NEEDED FROM 11AM—1:00PM  
FRI 28 MAR—JULIE, LURL, ANNE-MARIE & RHONDA  
& 1 HELPER NEEDED FROM 8:30AM—10:30AM  
MON 31 MAR—JULIE, PAT, LINA & SHEILA

## SUSHI—LIMITED EDITION

MONDAY 31 MARCH ONLY

CHICKEN & AVOCADO SUSHI

50C PER PIECE

AVAILABLE FOR 1ST & 2ND BREAK



## 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.

# School Holiday ACTIVITIES

### Cardwell Library

Easter Wreath Craft  
Wednesday 9th April  
10.30am - 11.30am (5+)

Easter Bunny's Toy Staycation  
drop off Thursday 10th April  
collect Thursday 17th April  
Open to all ages

Creation Station @ Cardwell  
Available all school holidays

### Tully Library

Easter Craft  
Thursday 17th April  
10.30am - 11.30am (5+)

### Innisfail Library

The Recycled Rainforest  
Tuesday 8th April  
10.30am - 11.30am (5+)

Easter Bunny's Toy Staycation  
drop off Thursday 10th April  
collect Thursday 17th April  
Open to all ages

### Mission Beach Library

The Recycled Reef  
Thursday 10th April  
10.30am - 11.30am (5+)

Easter Bunny's Toy Staycation  
drop off Thursday 10th April  
collect Thursday 17th April  
Open to all ages

**MAKERSPACE**  
available all holidays!



Bookings Essential  
1300 366 616

cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries

## 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



## UNIFORM SHOP

2025 OPENING HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

8:00—8:30am OR 11:00am—12:30pm

# FEAST of the SENSES

27-30 March 2025 Innisfail

### Thursday 27th March

Paronella Park open daily 9am to 7.30pm  
www.paronellapark.com  
Gone Troppo Trivia Night at Innisfail RSL Club 7pm \$2.00pp  
Team Bookings on 40611601

### Friday 28th March

Northern Food Trail 8.30am-5pm \$85.00  
www.trybooking.com/CYQBF  
'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  
'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



# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

25TH MARCH 2025

TERM 1 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 Week 9 let us encourage our  
students to work through until the end of next  
week. Our attendance kayak prizes will be  
drawn on Friday 4 April, so keep turning up to  
school on time every day, and if away—  
log into the MyCE App to report the absence.



Many thanks to those who celebrated  
Harmony Day last Friday and to our Year 6  
presenters. It was a wonderful sight to see so  
many students come dressed in orange, wear  
their orange ribbon or come in their national  
dress. Let us remember that Harmony Day is  
about celebrating and respecting our own and  
others' cultures, beliefs and customs.



This Friday we begin our preparations for the  
season of Easter with our Palm Sunday  
Prayer Assembly. The students will re-enact  
Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where  
the crowds welcomed him as their King.  
As Holy Week progresses, we remember that  
Jesus had his last meal with his disciples and  
was then put to death. Next week we have our  
Last Supper reflection (Tuesday) and the  
Stations of the Cross (Thursday) which  
recount the events of Jesus' last days.

Thank you to all parents/carers who have  
taken the time to attend parent/teacher  
meetings this term. It is an opportunity to  
touch base and reset some expectations for  
students. Please ensure you give feedback to  
your child and get them to set a goal for  
Term 2. A huge thank you to our teachers for  
their dedication to preparing for interviews  
and offering their time to give parents the  
opportunity to meet.

Well done to our Year 3 & 5 students for their  
efforts in completing the National  
Assessment Program – Literacy and  
Numeracy (NAPLAN) over the past two  
weeks. We do not over emphasise the tests  
and put undue pressure on our students and  
this shows with most being able to complete  
the four components without added stress.  
Thank you to our teachers for their  
preparation and support for their students.  
A special thank you to Mrs Helm and our IT  
department—Jason and Charles for ensuring  
the devices and test procedures worked  
without hiccups.

Lastly, a thank you to the Australian Banana  
Company packing shed at Upper Daradgee  
which, since mid last year, has donated a  
box of bananas to our Tuckshop each  
Wednesday. Mr Dave  
Haslam (former Innisfail  
vet and school teacher)  
drops them off early in the  
morning and they are  
enjoyed by our students  
at lunch times on  
Wednesdays and Fridays.



For those who are here in Innisfail this  
weekend, a program for the Feast of the  
Senses is inserted on the back page of our  
newsletter

Regards, Liam

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www.gcps.qld.edu.au

### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM—3:00PM

Ph: 07 4063 0600

### POINTS OF INTEREST

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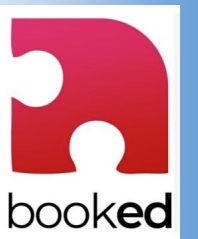
The Life of the School

DIARY DATES 2025

MON 27 JANUARY -

FRI 4 APRIL

PARENT/TEACHER  
INTERVIEWS  
CONTINUE THIS WEEK  
PLEASE BE ON TIME



WED 2 APRIL  
CROSS COUNTRY



PLAYGROUP  
CONTINUES  
FRIDAY 28 MARCH &  
FRIDAY 4 APRIL





Life of the School...



Harmony Day...

Thank you Mr Kenny for organising the Yr 6 students who presented the Harmony Day Prayer Assembly. Congratulations to all students for coming together in national dress, or with an orange shirt, or by wearing an orange ribbon proudly. Good Counsel Primary is blessed to have such a vast cultural heritage to call its own. How special it is to share our past which makes us who we are today. And from St Francis—*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

Palm Sunday...

Please join with the students of 3DW on Friday as they share the story of Palm Sunday with us at 8:40am.

Pope Francis...

*We pray for Pope Francis as he journeys through each day with faith and trust in God. Lord in your mercy—hear our prayer.*

Primary Student Voice Forum...

GCPS student representatives will attend Friday's Southern Deanery Forum in the GCC Auditorium to allow students to have a voice as they come together fostering a sense of belonging and to help build a more inclusive and supportive environment for everyone.

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



2025	Term 1 (10 weeks)
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 5DS 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
Wed 11.6	SCHOOL OFFICERS' DAY
21/22.6	SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST
2025	Term 3 (10 weeks)
Thu 17.7	GRANDPARENTS DAY
Tue 29.7	CEW MASS 10:00am MoGC Church
Fri 5.9	PUPIL FREE DAY (CTJ—STAFF)
2025	Term 4 (9 weeks)
24.10	SOCKTOBER MISSION DAY
31.10	WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
Fri 5.12	End of Term



Year 5 students have been exploring bridge design this semester, learning about different structures, how they hold weight and what makes them strong. Using recycled materials, they will soon put their knowledge to the test by building their own bridges at school. CCRC Engineer Nikita Taifalos visited to share the design process of building real bridges including viewing AutoCAD plans of the current Jubilee Bridge. Next week, weather permitting, Year 5 are planning to take a walking excursion to inspect the Jubilee Bridge which spans the South Johnstone River connecting Innisfail and East Innisfail. The bridge was constructed in 2011, replacing an earlier bridge built in 1923 which marked the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Innisfail.



# Student Voice Forum

For students in Years 5 & 6 - Southern Deanery

Friday 28 March 9.30am - 2pm