

**Volunteers Needed**

**TUCKSHOP**

WED 2 APR—JULIE, LEEANNE, GLADYS, ANNE-MARIE & 1 HELPER NEEDED

FRI 4 APR—JULIE, LURL, SALLY, MELISSA

TERM 2—WED 23 APR—JULIE, LEEANNE, GLADYS & 2 HELPERS NEEDED

A special thank you to Mrs Lina Liu, son Kai Cooper, Mrs Julie Arthur and tuckshop helpers for the Term 1 Sushi Special served on Monday.

**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

**School Holiday ACTIVITIES**

<p><b>Cardwell Library</b></p> <p><b>Easter Wreath Craft</b> Wednesday 9th April 10.30am - 11.30am (5+)</p> <p><b>Easter Bunny's Toy Staycation</b> drop off Thursday 10th April collect Thursday 17th April Open to all ages</p> <p><b>Creation Station @ Cardwell</b> Available all school holidays</p> <p><b>Tully Library</b></p> <p><b>Easter Craft</b> Thursday 17th April 10.30am - 11.30am (5+)</p>	<p><b>Innisfail Library</b></p> <p><b>The Recycled Rainforest</b> Tuesday 8th April 10.30am - 11.30am (5+)</p> <p><b>Easter Bunny's Toy Staycation</b> drop off Thursday 10th April collect Thursday 17th April Open to all ages</p> <p><b>Mission Beach Library</b></p> <p><b>The Recycled Reef</b> Thursday 10th April 10.30am - 11.30am (5+)</p> <p><b>Easter Bunny's Toy Staycation</b> drop off Thursday 10th April collect Thursday 17th April Open to all ages</p>
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**REMINDER TERM FEES**

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

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

**Innisfail Young Performers Competition (IYPC) entries close**

Thursday 24 April – Term 2, Week 1.

If you would like to register your child, you will need to do so by going to this website: <https://www.comps-online.com.au/Default.aspx>

Any enquiries can be made by emailing:  
[innisfailyoungperformers@gmail.com](mailto:innisfailyoungperformers@gmail.com)

**GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE Jubilee**

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS 1975 - 2025

**SUNDAY | 8 JUNE 2025**

Celebrating 50 years of Catholic education in Innisfail

9 AM - 10 AM	College Tour
10.30 AM - 11.30 AM	Celebration Mass Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail
12 PM	2 Course Buffet Lunch, catering by Roscoe's Innisfail Shire Hall

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**LUNCH BOOKINGS**

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**GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE**

**1ST APRIL 2025**

**TERM 1 Week 10**

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 a very busy Term 1 concludes this week we need to take stock of progress made by our students. As I visit classrooms I am constantly amazed by not only the work our students are engaged in, but their level of knowledge and their love of learning. The high standards expected of behaviour are realised when we have visitors from other schools who comment on how our students are so well mannered, engaged in class and striving to improve their learning. This was highlighted last week when on more than one occasion two visitors from a Cairns school watched lessons, saw our transitions in class and viewed our students at lunch times. Their comments were a reminder as we often take for granted how well our students follow the GCP expectations.



The second example was on a Friday when 13 of our Year 6 students joined three other Deanery schools at a Student Voice Forum organised by CEDC (Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns) at the GCC Auditorium. They were asked to give feedback on the question "What does it mean to be a student in a Catholic school today?" and "How do we build positive student—teacher relationships?" Our students gave very reflective answers in the sessions and really shone when given the opportunity to engage or speak on the microphone. On both occasions it certainly gave me a lift and helped me acknowledge how proud I am of our students.

This week we have two of the solemn Holy Week presentations which follow on from Friday's 3DW Palm Sunday assembly. Today we had 6DS present The Last Supper where Jesus shared

his last meal with his disciples. At the meal he washed the feet of his followers and broke bread. On Thursday morning our 5DS class will follow the footsteps of Jesus from his trial to his Crucifixion, with the Stations of the Cross. After both presentations we leave the Blue Area in silence as a sign of respect. As we come to a close for the Easter break and if it is your tradition, please make the effort to get to one of the Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

**HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday—17 April**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper—6:00pm Babinda  
Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:30pm Innisfail

**Good Friday—18 April**  
Stations of the Cross—10:30am Innisfail  
Reconciliation—11:30am Innisfail  
The Lord's Passion—3:00pm Innisfail  
The Lord's Passion—3:00pm Babinda  
The Lord's Passion—3:00pm Silkwood

**Holy Saturday—19 April**  
Reconciliation—11:30am Innisfail  
Easter Vigil—6:00pm Silkwood  
Easter Vigil—6:30pm Innisfail

**Easter Sunday—20 April**  
7:00am—Babinda  
7:00am—South Johnstone  
9:00am—Innisfail  
10:00am—El Arish

In our world today Easter is not only about bunnies, bilbies, chocolate, eggs and lots of holidays.

**Reminder—Cross Country on Wednesday**

- Where? Here at school
- Bring your school hat and change of clothes if it is wet weather
- Students may wear their sports uniform or a colour house shirt and joggers

Parents/carers can watch from under the Prep area or from the Year 6 eating area.  
*Please remain in the bunted off sections.*

**Save the dates**  
GCC—Jubilee celebrating 50 years 1975-2025 Sunday 8 June, 2025. Details on back page.

GCPS—50 years changing its name from Sacred Heart Convent School to Good Counsel Primary School 1975–2025. Thursday 30 October. More information to follow.

Have a happy and holy Easter and see you all on day one of Term 2. The first day back is Tuesday 22 April.

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

**WED 2 APRIL**  
**CROSS COUNTRY**

**PLAYGROUP**  
**EASTER BREAK UP**  
**FRIDAY 4 APRIL**

**TUE 29 APRIL**  
**P&F MEETING**

**FRI 4 APRIL**  
**TERM 1 ENDS**

**Enjoy the break!**

**TUE 22 APRIL**  
**TERM 2 COMMENCES**

**Life of the School...**



**Palm Sunday...**

Thank you to the students of 3DW for sharing the Palm Sunday events with us. Thank you Mrs Andrea Devaney and Mrs Dale Winton for the preparation using the Gospel of Luke 19:28-40, and singing with Hosanna, is our King. Remembering that Palm Sunday Mass this year is during the holidays on Sunday 13 April.



**The Last Supper...**

After years of being seated at the Leonardo da Vinci depiction of The Last Supper, 6DS moved Jesus and the 12 Apostles back into the World of the Text (John 13:4-9), to enable us to experience a special presentation that was vastly different from our regular gatherings. Thank you to the presenters and to the audience for being engaged and reverent as always. Thank you Mrs Amber Di Carlo for taking up the challenge. In the final days of Lent, *let us pray that the Easter story will change us and bring us to new life with Christ. Amen.*

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



**GCPS - MINI VINNIES EASTER RAFFLE**  
 Tickets \$1.00 each  
 Tickets will be on sale only at school 8:10 – 8:30am each morning  
 Monday 31/3, Tuesday 1/4, Wednesday 2/4, Thursday 3/4, Friday 4/4  
 Raffle will be drawn last day of Term 1 – Friday 4 April – First Lunch Break



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**2025 Term 1 (10 weeks)**

- 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

**Playgroup**  
 GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 PLAYGROUP  
 FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2025  
 TERM 2 RESUMES —FRIDAY 2, APRIL 2025

Congratulations to  
 Royce Baumann  
 (5SP), Rexton  
 Baumann (1GS) and  
 family on the arrival  
 of a baby brother Axel Torin Smith.