



TUCKSHOP

WED 23 APR—JULIE, LURL, LEEANNE
FRI 25 APR—ANZAC DAY
MON 28 APR—JULIE, PAT, TASH & SHEILA



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
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JOIN OUR 'GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP'



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:



The Year 6 eating area has been updated with new insulation and ceiling during the break.

Thank you Fr Kerry for visiting classes this morning and sharing about Pope Francis' life, achievements and passing, and the recent Easter events.

Get well soon wishes from all of us at GCPs.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

22 APRIL 2025

TERM 2 Week 1

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,

Hopefully you all had a wonderful break over the Easter Holidays and students are refreshed and ready to take on the challenges of Term 2.

In news all over the world, Pope Francis passed away yesterday, Easter Monday. Only the day before, on Easter Sunday, he gave a short address to the crowds in St Peter's Square wishing them a happy Easter. Francis lived to 88, the oldest ever Pope, and he continued his work and message of hope right until his last day. Pope Francis taught us to live the values of the Gospel and to assist our poorest and most marginalised. These are the values we aim to pass on to our students in our everyday lives.

- Francis was the first non-European Pope in 12 centuries
- Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires in 1936
- First from the Jesuit Order of priests to become Pope
- He led the world's 1.3 billion Roman Catholics since 2013
- Francis was the 266th pontiff in the church's 2000 year history



Prayer Services will take place around the world in the coming days and it will be some weeks before our new Pope will be announced.

Pope Francis—Rest in Peace.

Upon your return to school you will see that much work has been completed during the break. Many thanks to all of our contractors who have completed projects despite the challenging weather that presented itself.

- ◇ New front entry roofing to Rankin St
- ◇ Re-roofed the Year 6 eating area with insulation and ceiling—photo on back page
- ◇ Gurneyed Blue Area
- ◇ New storage cupboards—Playgroup GSH
- ◇ New Macro fan—GSH
- ◇ Installed a rangehood in tuckshop
- ◇ Air conditioner replacements in several rooms
- ◇ General cleaning and maintenance



This Friday is Anzac Day which is a National Public Holiday. This year we commemorate the 110 year anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli, Turkey. Anzac Day is a time to reflect on the contribution made by past and present service men and women from across the country and the world; who have displayed great courage and for many paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend our country and community. Anzac Day is a day for soldiers and our nation to reconnect with the past, understand the present and look to our future. This year in particular, we need to pray for peace, with so many conflicts throughout the world.

As a school community we will commemorate Anzac Day on Thursday with a special assembly at 8:40am. This year Mr Lachlan Ogilvie from the Innisfail RSL will be our guest speaker. On Friday our School Captains will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph at 5:25am. There is a mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church at 8:30am, then the March on Fitzgerald Esplanade at 9:15am for a 9:30am start.

Students are to wear their sports uniform and hat. If they are wearing medals of family members, they wear them on their non-badge (right) side of their shirt. Students can choose to march with our GCP community or with other service groups such as Guides, Scouts or Pony Club to bolster their numbers. Students may also attend their local services across the Cassowary Coast.

- ◆ Innisfail RSL Dawn Service—5:25am followed by morning service at 9:30am
- ◆ El Arish RSL Dawn Service—4:00am
- ◆ Tully RSL Dawn Service—5:30am followed by morning service at 9:40am
- ◆ Kurrimine Beach Dawn Service—6:00am followed by morning service at 9:45am
- ◆ Babinda Dawn Service—4:00am followed by morning service at 9:45am

Regards, Liam

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:00PM
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POINTS OF INTEREST

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The Life of the School

DIARY DATES 2025
TUE 22 APRIL -
FRI 27 JUNE

FRI 25 APR
ANZAC DAY
DAWN SERVICE &
STREET MARCH



WED 30 APR
ANDREW CHINN
CONCERT

MON 5 MAY
QLD LABOUR DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY



Stations of the Cross...

The final of our Holy Week assemblies was with the students of 5DS and the Stations of the Cross. Thank you children for the solemn presentation and thank you Mrs Brooke Davis and Mrs Renée Sinton for your preparations



HE IS RISEN...

Lord Jesus, as you greeted your disciples with peace on the day of your resurrection, may that same gift become a blessing for all humanity at this time. Amen.

Thank you to Mercy Tagget for her amazing efforts to organise Easter Sunday events at the altar in Mother of Good Counsel Church.

Easter Vigil Mass...

During Saturday night's Easter Vigil, Fr Kerry welcomed Mrs Tori Franco, Mrs Ashleigh Gordon-Cooke, Mrs Sharon Stephenson, Mrs Jody Connolly and Mrs Beth Haley into the Sacraments of Initiation and the Rite of Reception into the full Communion of the Catholic Church. Fr Kerry also welcomed Spencer Gordon-Cooke into the Parish community through Baptism. This Sunday, Fr Kerry will also welcome Miss Casey Sheil and Mrs Jade Grimaz into the Sacraments of Initiation and the Rite of Reception into the full Communion of the Catholic Church. At both weekend masses, Yr 4 children are invited to make their commitment to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation (in May), and First Eucharist (in June).



Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C—Maria Caltabiano



Deepest Sympathy to the
Hofmann family
Denzel (6DS) and Karter (2ML)
for the loss of their grandmother
Peggy Savage
2008 School Crossing
Supervisor

Deepest Sympathy to
Mrs Sue Ah Shay
and family
for the loss of their aunt
Emma Butland
(100 years)



Cross Country Lap Running: Clancy House
Cross Country Winners—Polding House



Above: Friday flag raising ceremony
with ILO Teneisha Ah Kee, Indiana,
James and Armani. Below: Brain Booster
Awards Nash, Willow and Marlie.



Below: Mini Vinnies Easter Raffle
winners: Kaleb, Eliza, Connor & Evelyn



Left: Feast of the Senses Art Competition
winners: Ava, Elise and Cora.

Below: GCP Term 1 Attendance Prize
winners: Charlotte and Reid



2025	Term 2 (10 weeks)
Thu 24.4	GCPS ANZAC CEREMONY
Fri 25.4	ANZAC Day 5.25am Dawn Service 8:30am Mass MoGC Church 9:30am sharp March
Wed 30.4	9:30am Feast Day Mass Mary, Mother of Good Counsel 1:45pm Andrew Chinn Concert
Fri 2. 5	DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
Mon 5.5	Qld Labour Day Public Holiday
Thu 8.5	GCPS MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT
Fri 9.5	4F Confirmation Prayer Assembly
Mon 12.5	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Fri 16.5	SOCCER GALA DAY
Tue 20.5	9:00am 6DS & 6S Liturgy of the Eucharist (Mass)
Wed 21.5	Simultaneous Reading Day
Mon 26.5	2:00pm 3DW & 3M Liturgy of the Word
Wed 28.5	RUGBY UNION
Fri 30.5	National Reconciliation Prayer Assembly
Wed 4.6	SOFTBALL GALA DAY
Fri 6.6	Yr 1 Pentecost Prayer Assembly
Wed 11.6	SCHOOL OFFICERS' DAY
Thu 12.6	READERS' CUP
Fri 20.6	4WC First Eucharist Prayer Assembly
21/22.6	SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCARIST Masses
Mon 23.6	GCP Field Events
Tue 24.6	GCP Ball Games & Tug-o'-war
Wed 25.6	Athletics Carnival Callendar Park
Fri 27.6	End of Term
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)
Tue 10.6	Yr 4 Reconciliation MoGC Church
Fri 19.9	End of Term
2025	Term 4 (9 weeks)
24.10	SOCKTOBER MISSION DAY
31.10	WORLD TEACHERS' DAY