

TUCKSHOP



WED 28 MAY—KATHLEEN, GLADYS, LEEANNE & 1 HELPER NEEDED

FRI 30 MAY—JULIE , LEANNE, LINA & 2 HELPERS NEEDED MON 2 JUNE—JULIE, PAT, SHEILA & TASH

FLEXISCHOOL ORDERING CLOSING TIMES

WEDNESDAY - CLOSES 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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PREP ENROLMENTS 2027

Prep enrolments for 2027 are now underway, with many applications already received.

Any existing parents of students with younger siblings, if you have not already done so, please ensure that you have enrolled your Prep student for 2027 as spaces are very limited.

If you have a child that was born between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022 please go to the GCPS website and complete the Application for Enrolment online. If you have any queries, please contact the Office on 40 630 600.

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 2 fees are now overdue.

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

New version is available







GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

27 MAY 2025

TERM 2 Week 6

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,

I have borrowed some words from Fr Kerry's Sunday Bulletin as there is a reference to his visit to our Year 6 classes last week.

Fishing is one of our prized recreations in the Far North, when the weather is right. Bishop Joe, a self-proclaimed keen fisherman was in Cooktown two weeks ago and before his return trip, dropped a line into the Endeavour River; when in Cairns, he makes time to cast his net in the waters off the Esplanade, always hoping!

While visiting our Year 6s Monday last, students asked about the significance of

Pope Leo XIV receiving "The Fisherman's Ring" at his Inauguration Mass. The ring was presented by Filipino Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, evoking St Peter's (the fisherman)



mission to draw people into Christ's net (John 21:4-8). Pope Leo wears this ring symbolising his Apostolic role, as a successor of Peter with Papal Authority and as a 'Fisher of Men' (Mark 1:17).

Bishop Joe Caddy is hosting a Plenary Consultation Event to have the voices of all in the Diocesan Church heard. It is an open invitation to all in our schools and church to contribute your voice to bring about real change.

PLENARY CONSULTATION EVENT - FREE



Saturday 14 June 2025
Brothers Leagues Club Cairns
Book your Seat Now!
Contribute your VOICE
www.shorturl.at/Q3CJQ

If you require <u>Bus Transport</u> on the day, please tick the relevant box when you are completing your registration.

Registrations close on weekend of 31 May/1 June.

This week we engage with Dr Matt Sexton

(Director of Mathematics Teaching and Learning Centre), from the Australian Catholic University of Melbourne. Matt has been working in the area of Mathematics with our Diocese for the past 12 months and we now have the opportunity to work with him to assist our staff in the teaching of Mathematics. He will be visiting our classes, demonstrating lessons and working with teachers to make Mathematics more engaging. Matt will be at school this Friday 30 May and again Wednesday/Thursday 4/5 June.

In Week 8, five school staff will have the opportunity to visit four different schools in Sydney and Wollongong with a focus to see what programs they are concentrating on in the areas of Literacy, Mathematics, Diversity and disadvantage. All four schools are varied in nature from 1600 students to 120 students; high and low socioeconomic status; 80% migrant population and one has over 80% First Nations students. In all cases, these schools have been recommended for their outstanding results in Literacy and Numeracy. We look forward to sharing what we see upon our return.

Raffle tickets for our Mini Vinnies State of Origin Raffle will be on sale tomorrow morning. 5 great prizes available. The Raffle will be drawn at 2nd lunch. Students are invited to wear Blues or Maroons shirts in support of their team, if they so wish. Please note that school uniform applies for everything else.

This week our school marks Reconciliation Week—a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme this year - *Bridging Now to Next*, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. This Friday's assembly will be brought to you by our First Nations students.

Regards,

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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 Tue 22 April -Fri 27 June

WED 28 MAY
STATE OF ORIGIN—
SUPPORTER SHIRTS
DAY



WED 11 JUN SCHOOL OFFICERS DAY



Life of the School...



Student Council Prayer Assembly...

Thank you Student Councillors for the Mary, Help of Christians Prayer Assembly which invited representatives from each class to join with them as they step up to another layer of Student Council leadership, to listen and guide the students in their designated class/classes.



Year 3 Ascension Liturgy of the Word...

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:16-20)

The Ascension is a liturgical Solemnity celebrated by all the Christian Churches. It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday. Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Augustine make reference to it, but it was probably Saint Gregory of Nyssa who influenced the propagation of the feast. Since it falls on Thursday, in many countries, this Solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. With his Ascension into heaven, the presence of the "historical Christ" comes to an end, and the presence of the Body of Christ, the Church, is inaugurated. (Vatican News)

Thank you to Fr Kerry for celebrating this special liturgy with the Yr 3 students. Thank you teachers for the preparations, especially the fabulous singing when technical issues arose—Mrs Andrea Devaney, Mrs Dale Winton—3DW and Miss Rose McGregor 3M. Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who came along to support the children.

We pray...

We pray for the generations of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples that the wisdom of the elders will enrich the culture and spirit of the young as we mark National Reconciliation Week. Lord, hear us.

The winner of the Name the Popes Competition from last week's newsletter is Evie Green 1GS who collects a \$5.00 Tuckshop voucher for her efforts.

Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C (Maria Caltabiano)





