

TUCKSHOP

WED 3 DEC —JULIE, LEEANNE, GLADYS

ANNE MARIE **& 1 HELPER NEEDED**

LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE

FRI 5 DEC—**NO TUCKSHOP**

SCHOOL CONCLUDING AT 12PM

Congratulations to Ruby Torrisi on her recent sporting achievements in Canberra.

3rd Nationals Shot Put 11.9m and a Personal Best 4th Discus.

school photography & print specialists

Dear Parents,

The following school sports and co-curricular groups were photographed on 22/10/2025.

* Year 6 Outback Camp

* Ty Williams Cup

* Senior Netball

* Junior Netball Team 2

* All Abilities

* Senior Rugby League

* Junior Netball Team 1

These group photographs are available for families to purchase at **20% off the normal price until 03/12/2025.**

Images can ordered by visiting:

www.advancedlife.com.au entering the School code (available on the MyCE app—My Schools tab > Documents > Scroll to bottom > School photo information> Click on Advanced Life Flyer > School code located under Step 2.

Please note that while you are not able to preview images in the ordering portal, all purchases are fully refundable for a period of 21 days.

Sports and co-curricular group photos can only be purchased online, PLEASE DO NOT return payment to your school. Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after the discounted early order period has closed. If you have any questions, comments or feedback please contact :

<http://www.advancedlife.com.au/>

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 4 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

Back to School Uniform Shop

Opening Hours 2026

Monday 19 Jan 2026 – 8am -2pm

Tuesday 20 Jan 2026 – 8am–2pm

Thursday 22 Jan 2026 – 7am–2pm

Friday 23 Jan 2026 – 8am–2pm

Tuesday 27 Jan 2026 – 8am–3pm

GCPS Christmas Concert

Date—Thursday 4 December

Place—Blue Covered Area

Time—Please bring children at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

What to wear: All students are to wear their navy blue shorts/skorts and weekday socks with black shoes.

Year 1 to 6: Christmas shirt in traditional Christmas colours of red, green, white or black if possible.

Prep: Please refer to parent letter about Christmas Concert shirt for all information and payment details .

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

2 DECEMBER 2025

TERM 4 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,

Liturgically, this week we commenced the season of Advent—the four weeks of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. Our Year 1 class beautifully brought the Nativity story alive last Friday through the eyes of the donkey—a key figure in the story as it carried Mary, escorted by Joseph, from Nazareth to Bethlehem. As part of the presentation our Mini Vinnies’ representatives brought forward over 60 food hampers for families who are less fortunate than ourselves. The hamper items have been collected from our school community over the past few weeks and have been passed on to the St Vincent de Paul Society for distribution over the Christmas period. Thank you all for your thoughtful and generous donations.

Yesterday we announced some of our leaders for 2026 with School Captains, Student Councillors, Sports Colour House Captains and Flag Attendants being named. There will be future leadership positions available in the new year with our 2026 Mini Vinnies leadership being presented in early February. This year I was so proud of how our Year 5 students conducted themselves in humbly receiving their positions, but also in the way those who missed out on a position took it in their stride and coped with their disappointment. Unfortunately there is not a position for everyone and those who were unsuccessful can now look to other leadership opportunities in 2026.

Colour House	Sports Captains	Flag Attendants
Clancy	Ricki Di Carlo Leah Picini	Eliza Davison
MacKillop	Bodhi Puccini Ella Horsford	Evie McCarthy
Marcellin	Ryan Forsyth Charlize Di Carlo	Nate Gil
Polding	Noah Jackson Sailah D’Urso	

Last night our Year 6 students were all dressed up for their Graduation Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church, then onto the Innisfail Shire Hall for their dinner, speeches and presentations. A wonderful event in two of Innisfail’s most beautiful buildings. A delightful evening to celebrate the end of their educational journey with us. Special thanks to Fr Kerry and Fr James for last night’s celebration of the mass with the Year 6 children, their parents, grandparents, families and staff, in what is a very busy time of year.

After a very full year of academic, sporting, spiritual and cultural experiences, we bring the 2025 school year to a close this week. Please take the time to read your child’s Report Card which will be available digitally this Thursday. Class allocations and book lists will be emailed Wednesday afternoon. When your child receives notification of their class for 2026, support them knowing that we have put many hours into placing them. We have considered friendship requests, who they are and are not working best with, number of boys/girls and the academic strengths and supports required by the whole class group.

Thursday night we will have our Christmas Concert. A reminder—stage set up is different this year, facing the Tuckshop. Giant Christmas Raffle tickets will be sold from the Tuckshop. If bringing teenaged siblings,

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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 7 OCT -

FRI 5 DEC

THU 4 DEC

CHRISTMAS

CONCERT -

DETAILS ON

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FRI 5 DEC

END OF YEAR

MASS 9AM

SCHOOL

CONCLUDES AT

MIDDAY

12PM

WED 28 JAN 2026

SCHOOL RESUMES

YR 1—6

PREPS REFER TO

CORRESPONDENCE

FOR STAGGER

START DATES



continued from page 1... please ensure they are coming to watch the concert, not just catch up with friends or play on the oval. On Friday we conclude with our End of Year Mass at 9:00am and countdown at 12:00pm. Please ensure you have made arrangements to collect your child/children at 12pm as staff will be having their lunch off-site this year. A huge thank you to our amazing staff of 2025 for all the extra they do for our students.

Christmas Mass times are listed on this page. Try to keep 'Christ' in Christmas this year and attend a service as a family.

Regards *Liam*

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24 December

Innisfail ~ Vigil 6:30pm

Midnight Mass

(Christmas Carols 11:30pm)

Silkwood ~ Vigil 6:00pm

Christmas Day

Thursday 25 December

South Johnstone ~ 7:00am

Babinda ~ 7:00am

Innisfail ~ 9:00am

El Arish ~ 10:00am

Long, long ago in a land far away, there came the dawn of The First Christmas Day, and each year we see that promise reborn, that God gave the world on that first Christmas Morn... (Helen Steiner Rice)

Each year seems to roll through that much faster than the last, and here we are once more, at the end of another special year wherein we journeyed together. Thank you for taking the time to read the Newsletter each week. Many thanks for your support throughout 2025. Christmas Blessings to you and yours for a safe school break. Let's do it all again in 2026.

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

Christmas Pageant Children's Christmas Eve Mass – 6:30pm

If you would like your child to be a part of the pageant, the first practice will be on **Friday 12th December at 3:30pm** in Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church. *Come and be a part of the real meaning of Christmas.* If you require further information, please contact Angie Pennisi at the Parish Centre on 40 46 5225, or Alison McIlwain 0414 016 904 and Donna Vecchio



Mini Vinnies Christmas Raffle
tickets \$1.00 each, may be purchased by returning the envelope included with this newsletter, with the correct money. Tickets will be available at school tomorrow and Thursday.

2025	Term 4 (9 weeks)
Thu 4.12	6:30 for 7pm Christmas Concert
Fri 5.12	9:00am End of Year Mass
Fri 5.12	12:00pm Yr 6 Countdown
2026	Term 4 (10 weeks)
Mon 26.1	Australia Day
Tue 27.1	Diocesan Pupil Free Day Staff Mandatory Training
Wed 28.1	School commences Yr 1—6 Preps refer to correspondence

