



## TUCKSHOP



WED 18 FEB—JULIE, PAT & GLADYS

FRI 20 FEB—JULIE, ROSE & SUE

MON 23 FEB—JULIE, LURL, 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

ALL BROWN BAGS WITH CASH TO THE TUCKSHOP BEFORE THE FIRST BELL.

### UNIFORM SHOP



2026 OPENING HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

8:00—8:30am OR 11:00am—12:30pm

Limited stock still available!

Take home a piece of GCP history with one of our 50 Years Commemorative Tea Towels.

Available for purchase at the Admin Office.

Price: \$20 each or 3+ for \$18 each.



### REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 fees will be issued shortly.

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



advancedlife school photography & print specialists

### SCHOOL PHOTOS—THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Photos are encouraged to be purchased on-line using Visa, Mastercard, or PayPal. When ordering online, there is no need to complete an envelope. Limited envelopes are available from the front office should you wish to pay cash. Please note, we do not hold cash for change in the office.

Sibling photos ordered online must be completed before midnight Wednesday 25 Feb (the night before photo day).

Only siblings from this school will be photographed together. Please note: Late sibling cash envelope orders will not be accepted after school begins on photo day.

To order please go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

Enter the school 9 digit code available on the MyCE App - go to 'My Schools' tab then 'Documents'—School Photo Information.



### 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



JOIN OUR 'GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP' PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

17 FEBRUARY 2026

TERM 1 Week 4

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,

This week in our church calendar we move from 'Ordinary Time' to the season of 'Lent'. Lent is a period of 40 days of penitential prayer, fasting and giving that begins on Ash Wednesday through Holy Week when Jesus was tried, put to death and rose to new life at Easter.

Today—Shrove Tuesday, which is the day before Lent, remembers that families used up all of their rich foods in preparation for their time of fasting during Lent. The making of pancakes was a way of using up the butter, eggs and sugar so the day became known as Pancake Tuesday. 'Shrove' is derived from the word 'shrive' which relates to a time of self examination, preparation and prayer.

In our classrooms this Wednesday our prayer tablecloths will change to the colour purple—the Lenten season. Our church will be free of flowers and decorations as we prepare for Easter. At our Ash Wednesday ceremonies, we receive an 'ash' cross on our forehead reminding us to be more like Jesus. The ashes are from the palms used at the previous year's Palm Sunday that have been burnt prior to their use on Ash Wednesday.

This Lenten season students are encouraged to do something good for others, rather than giving something up. We too often get selfish and forget about those around us.

This Thursday, parents/carers will receive a survey link which gives you an opportunity to give feedback about Mrs C in her role as APRE/APA (Assistant to the Principal—Religious Education/Administration). Maria is in her final year in the role and the process of the appraisal is to give parents/carers, staff, students (Yr 5/6) and the wider parish community an opportunity to respond to questions about her performance and give us feedback on how the role will look into the future. Please take the time to complete the 5-10 minute survey online.

**Patience**—Please be patient whilst waiting in the Rankin St pick up zone after school. We are working with the Council to upgrade the area but as with all changes, the costs are high

so the Council is awaiting grants. It is best to not all arrive at 3pm but hold for 5-10 minutes and most days the line is free to flow. Be assured your child will be supervised until they are collected. I would rather you be late than have an accident stressing over pick up.



**Parent/Carer Drivers** please observe the 5km speed limit when exiting between the Church/Parish Centre, watching out for children at the stairs and parishioners walking in and out of church.

### Prep Parents

The carparks behind Mother of Good Counsel Church on the lower level are leased by the school from the Parish for our staff. Each morning, if you arrive to vacant bays and you park there, you are taking a booked staff bay. Staff who are working with our children at 8:10—8:40am cannot get in to do their job. Please avoid using these parks for morning drop off. If they are vacant in the afternoon, feel free to use them.

Congratulations to our GCP Netball and Rugby League players who participated in very hot conditions last Thursday and Friday. A highlight for all of them was playing in a school team, working on improving skills and hopefully getting selected to represent at the next level. Thanks to Mrs Daniella Stephenson, Mrs Jamie Genocchio and Mrs Cassie Green for assisting at both events. Students selected for the Cassowary Coast Northern Zone:

**Netball Girls**—Ella, Tori, Laynie and Leah  
**Netball Boys**—Ryan, Dallas, Royce, Ollie and Ricki  
**Rugby League**—  
U/11 Boys—Layken, Sebastian, George and Royce  
U/12 Boys—Ryan, Bodhi and Dallas (shadow)  
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 2026  
WED 28 JAN -  
THU 2 APR

TUE 17 FEB  
P&F AGM  
THEATRETTE  
7PM

ASH WEDNESDAY  
CEREMONIES  
18 FEB  
9:00AM  
Yr 3, 4, 5, 6

10:00AM  
PREP, YR 1, 2  
& YR 11

THU 26 FEB  
SCHOOL  
PHOTO DAY

FRI 20 FEB  
MINI VINNIES  
PRAYER ASSEMBLY  
8:40AM

**Life of the School...**



**Project Compassion...**

Thank you to the little group from 5S who introduced Caritas' Australia's Project Compassion 2026 last Friday. Each class will now be running their thoughtful take to *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

This Lent—Pope Leo IV invites us "to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour." <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/54351>

**Ash Wednesday 18 February...**

Please join with the students in Mother of Good Counsel Church tomorrow: Yr 3—6 classes 9:00am Ashes ceremony, followed by the Preps, Yr 1 & Yr 2 and the GCC Yr 11s at 10:00am.

**Mini Vinnies Ceremony...**

Friday's Prayer Assembly will see the GCPS, 6B and 6S Mini Vinnies Executive receive badges which will allow them, as student leaders, to participate in meetings, organise activities lower school students, and promote social justice in the school. Thank you to all Yr 6 students for being part of the GCPS Mini Vinnies for 2026.

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

**PROJECT COMPASSION  
LENTEN PRAYER**

God of all love,  
We remember that on the night before he died  
Your son, Jesus, prayed  
that his friends 'may all be one.'

Yet we see so much division in the world.  
War, conflict, violence and hatred  
must all distress you.

Millions of people suffer  
when they don't have peace and respect.  
They lack the necessities of life: food, water,  
health, education and security.

We pray that we may all  
*Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.  
May our support for Project Compassion  
be a sign to ourselves and others,  
of our hope for a better world.

This Lent, we pray that our dedication  
to prayer, fasting and almsgiving  
will help restore your vision of justice and peace.

Guided by the Holy Spirit,  
we pray in Jesus' name,  
**Amen.**



Shrove Tuesday pancakes in most classrooms this year, getting back to basics with understanding the true meaning of the day.



2026	Term 1 (10 weeks)
Tue 17/2	P&F Meeting 7pm
Wed 18/2	Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Fri 20/2	Mini Vinnies Ceremony
Thu 26/2	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Fri 27/2	Good Samaritan Charism Assembly
Fri 6/3	Sports Captains Assembly
Wk 7 & 8	NAPLAN
Fri 13/3	Acts of Kindness Assembly
Tue 17/3	St Patrick's Green Dress Day
Fri 20/3	Harmony Day
Fri 27/3	Palm Sunday 3DW Assembly
Tue 31/3	Last Supper 6B 8:30am
Wed 1/4	CROSS COUNTRY
Thu 2/4	Stations of the Cross 5DP 8:30am Term One ends
Fri 3/4	Good Friday—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
<b>Easter - School Holidays</b>	
Mon 20/4	Term 2 commences
Fri 24/4	ANZAC Assembly
Sat 25/4	ANZAC DAY & HOLIDAY
Mon 27/4	Mary MoGC Feast Day Mass 9:30am
Mon 4/5	May Public Holiday
Thu 7/5	GCPS Mother's Day at GCP
Fri 22/5	Yr 1 Pentecost Prayer Assembly
Wed 10/6	School Officer Day

**RECIPE FOR A LENTEN GARDEN**

- Plant five rows of peas –**  
*because no two peas are the same and God loves variety. Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness, Prayer*
- Plant 4 rows of lettuce –**  
*Let us be loyal. Let us be unselfish. Let us be truthful. Let us be faithful.*
- Plant 3 rows of squash—**  
*Squash gossip. Squash criticism. Squash indifference.*
- Plant 2 rows of turnips –**  
*Turn up with a smile. Turn up with determination to do your best.*



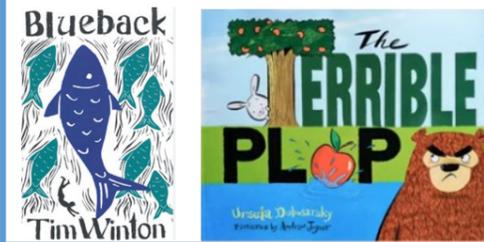
**The Curriculum Corner—Literacy:**

One of the most powerful ways families can support early reading is simply by reading aloud to their child every day. For our lower school students, hearing fluent reading helps them learn how a good reader sounds—how we pause at punctuation, use expression, and make our voice match the meaning of the text. These shared reading moments also build vocabulary, comprehension, and listening skills, all of which are essential foundations for learning to read independently. Even just 10–15 minutes each day can make a huge difference.

Snuggling up with a favourite picture book or exploring a new story together - no matter how old your child is - not only strengthens skills, but also creates positive, joyful reading habits that last.

*If you have a picture of your child reading or you reading your favourite book to your child, please email it to [mhelm@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mhelm@cns.catholic.edu.au) to be featured in a collage in the library throughout the term.*

Maree Helm Leader of Learning and Teaching  
**Texts of the Week**



**INTERNATIONAL LEGENDS OF LEAGUE**

21st February 2026 • Billy Slater Oval - Callendar Park  
Gates Open 12PM • Legends Game From 6:00pm

TICKET PRICES		ADULTS	KIDS (5-12yo)	FAMILY (2A+2K)
PRESALE (VIA QR CODE)		\$15	\$5	\$35
GATE PRICE		\$20	\$5	\$40

**6:00pm Legends Game**  
**AUSTRALIAN LEGENDS VS CASSOWARY COAST ALL STARS**

GAME TIMES	
12:25 PM	U17 Girls Innisfail
1:35 PM	U17 Boys Innisfail
2:45 PM	Womens Innisfail vs Atherton Invitational
3:55 PM	Mens Innisfail vs Tully Invitational
5:30 PM	U6, U7, U8, U9 Innisfail

**6:00pm Legends Game**  
**AUSTRALIAN LEGENDS VS CASSOWARY COAST ALL STARS**

Team	Player
AUSTRALIAN LEGENDS	Cliff Lyons
	Sam Thaiday
	Ben Hannant
	James Tamou
	John Hopoate
	Stu Kelly
	Gerald Beale
	Michael Bani
	Kerry Boustead
	Antonio Winterstein
	Neville Costigan
	Kevin Campion
	Noel Goldthorpe
	Darren Smith
Craig Teevan	
Jaiman Lowe	
Luke Goodwin	
Ki-Shaun Fejo	
Mitchell Martin	
Quielle Murray	
Aaron Nixon	
Nick Williams	
Zac Dejong	
CASSOWARY COAST ALL STARS	Billy Slater
	Ty Williams
	Scott Bolton
	Joel Reithmuller
	Aaron Ketchell
	Jono Growcott
	Fabien Tauli
	Sam Coffey
	Ben Ketchell
	Noel Higgins
	Colin Wilkie
	Ryan Ghietti
	Rob Haren
	Dean Howard
Beau Strickland	
Chris Zanoletti	
Ryan Stepanoff	
Luke Horsford	
Ashley English	
Chris Rummery	
Steve Morice	
Nicholas Accatino	
Luke Romano	
Shaun McLeish	
Paul Ketchell	
Coach Graham Clarke	

**Deepest Sympathy...**  
Hunter Canino (4D) and family on the loss of their great-grandmother—Serafina Tornabene (94 years)

**Deepest Sympathy...**  
Alexis Onaindia (School Officer) and family on the loss of their great-grandfather—Barrie Hodder (93 years)

**Deepest Sympathy...**  
Esther Ungil (2C) and family on the loss of their grandfather—Erepa Ungil (91 years)