



TUCKSHOP



WED 01 APR—JULIE, TANJA, PAT & GLADYS

FRI 03 APR—GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

MON 20 APR—SCHOOL RECOMMENCES

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PICKLEBALL FUN!

IN INNISFAIL!

AGES
6-12
YEARS

DATES
APRIL 16TH,
17TH & 18TH

LOCATION
TENNIS COURTS
FITZGERALD ESPLANADE

20% OFF FOR MULTIPLE SIBLINGS!

\$25 PER SESSION

FUN & EASY TO LEARN! ALL KIDS WELCOME!
BUILD SKILLS • MAKE FRIENDS • STAY ACTIVE!

CALL RON TO BOOK!
0400 785 936

SPOTS ARE LIMITED - DON'T MISS OUT!

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 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

FREE GIRLS GOLF CLINIC

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7TH APRIL
4:00 PM -5:00AM

5 - 16 YEAR OLDS
AT HALF MOON BAY GOLF CLUB

WITH PGA PROFESSIONAL GRAHAM BOLTON



0435 533 724
gbolton@pgamember.org.au

REGISTER THROUGH LINK





HOLIDAY CLINICS



DATE: 9/4/2026
TIME: 9.00am - 12.00pm
AGE: 5-12 years
COST: \$59
WHERE: Tully Showgrounds - registration via LeagueStars.com.au




GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

31 MARCH 2026

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, Welcome to Week 10. The time has passed very quickly during Term 1 and students have engaged enthusiastically in their learning. Most parent/teacher meetings have been completed and my hope is that they were worthwhile and a conversation focusing on resetting goals for Term 2.

Last Sunday in our Catholic Church calendar we celebrated Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Its name originates from accounts of palm branches being waved by the crowds and cloaks being laid on the path for Jesus to ride on a donkey. Palm Sunday is also the beginning of the solemn week of events that led to Jesus' last meal with his friends, his betrayal, then trial and his death on the cross.

Our students in 6B brought us their re-enactment of the Last Supper today and 5DP will on Thursday follow Jesus' steps to his Crucifixion. Both assemblies are marking solemn occasions and we leave the assembly area in silence as a mark of respect.

The joyful part of the Easter story will be celebrated this Sunday while everyone is on holidays. Please attempt to take your children to one of the church celebrations to keep the real meaning of Easter alive. Jesus' Resurrection! Refer to Mass times on page 3. This is ever so difficult in our commercial world where Easter is only promoted as chocolate eggs, bunnies, bilbies and holidays.

This Thursday we will hand out our Term 1 Attendance prizes. Early and before the bell attendance has been a huge focus at GCP this year. We have, at considerable expense, employed staff from 8:10am to assist students with Brain Boosters, Yr 1 & 2 Reading and Homework Club. The results have been amazing with so many students accessing the service on their set day. These initiatives will continue into next term, so stay tuned to notices of which days your child is

rostered. Our front office staff, Mrs Denise Archer & Ms Elisha Bartolo, are very happy as they have had fewer late arrivals which frees them to complete their administration work.

A belated thank you to Lina Liu for her time and expertise making our fried rice and home made spring rolls for our Harmony Day special tuckshop menu last week. From the students' comments, they were delicious!



Thank you also to the Innisfail United Soccer Club for donating the use of their slushie machines for our Beach Bash Disco. The slushies, especially the rainbow ones, were a great hit.

GCP Cross Country will take place at school tomorrow. We will commence with Preps at 8:45am working through to Yr 6. Rain, hail or shine!

Our scooter prize and our 100% Attendance prizes will be given out on at first break on Thursday along with the Mini Vinnies Easter Raffle prizes. Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets. Envelopes will be returned today.

Please travel carefully if on the roads this Easter break. Enjoy camping and the outdoors if the weather is kind. See you back for Term 2 on Monday 20 April.

Easter blessings to all.

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

WED 1 APRIL
CROSS COUNTRY



FRI 3 APRIL
GOOD FRIDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY



GOOD COUNSEL
PRIMARY
COMMENCES TERM 2
MONDAY 20 APRIL



Palm Sunday...

The disciples led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back, and Jesus got on. Many people spread clothes on the road, while others went to cut branches from the fields. "Hosanna! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:7) Thank you to the students of 3DW, Mrs Andrea Devaney and Mrs Dale Winton for preparing the children to share this important event leading into Holy Week.

Holy Thursday's—the Lord's Last Supper... Jesus took some bread in his hands. Then after he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Eat this and remember me." (Corinthians 11:23) Thank you to the students of 6B and Ms Hayley Bowie for inviting us into this lasting remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice for Christian believers.



Please join with the students of 5DP on Thursday morning 8:35am, as they lead us through the spiritual pilgrimage of the Stations of the Cross, on the actual Holy Thursday in the liturgical calendar. Thank you Mrs Brooke Davis, Mrs Lisa Paterson and Miss Caitlin Melloy, for the preparations and practices.

026	Term 1 (10 weeks)
Wed 1/4	CROSS COUNTRY
Thu 2/4	Stations of the Cross 5DP 8:35am Term One ends
Fri 3/4	Good Friday—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Easter - School Holidays
	Term 2 (10 weeks)
Mon 20/4	GCPS school commences
Fri 24/4	ANZAC Assembly
Sat 25/4	ANZAC DAY/MARCH & 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
Fri 26/6	Term Two ends

Congratulations
to Indie (2C) & Hendrix (PS) Briggs
and family
on the arrival of
a baby sister—
Lenyx Briggs

Congratulations
to Tallon Vue (Prep H)
and family
on the arrival of
a baby sister—
Stella Vue

Special thanks...

To all—students, staff and parents/carers for your participation in my APRE Appraisal this month. Your thoughtful and insightful responses are very much appreciated. My sincere thanks Bronwyn Buckley—CES Director School Performance—Primary, Adrienne Innes—CES Executive Manager Identity and Outreach, Elizabeth Ottone APRE—St Augustine's Primary Mossman, for their time and encouragement during the appraisal day; to the Leadership Team— Mr Liam Kenny, Mrs Amy McElhinney and Ms Maree Helm, for their solid support throughout. Best wishes to each of my readers for a happy and holy Easter. Stay safe. See you back here on Monday 20 April to do it all again. Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C Maria Caltabiano



GCPS - MINI VINNIES EASTER RAFFLE
If you are interested in purchasing \$1.00 tickets
— please return the envelope with correct money,
indicating the number required.
Tickets will also be on sale at school from Thursday 26/3 – Thursday 2/4 8:10 – 8:30am
Raffle will be drawn last day of Term 1 – Thursday 2 April – First Lunch Break



Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY – 2 APRIL
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6.00pm Babinda
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30pm Innisfail

GOOD FRIDAY – 3 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 – 4 APRIL
Reconciliation - 11.30am Innisfail
Easter Vigil 6.00pm Silkwood
Easter Vigil 6.30pm Innisfail

EASTER SUNDAY – 5 APRIL
7.00am Babinda
7.00am South Johnstone
9.00am Innisfail
10.00am El Arish

Curriculum Corner

Just a reminder that Innisfail Young Performers Competition is coming up in June and the closing date for entries is Thursday 30 April. To register your child, visit the following website: Website:

<https://innisfailyoungperformers.org.au/>

If you have any questions, email: innisfailyoungperformers@gmail.com

This week I caught Mrs Mac reading her favourite picture story books: **Monkey Puzzle** and **The Paper Dolls** both by Julia Donaldson!

Need an idea for a craft activity over the holidays? Visit this website to download a range of bookmarks that your child can cut out and decorate!



<https://www.homemade-gifts-made-easy.com/bookmark-template.html#kids>

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 to be featured in a collage in the library throughout the term.

I hope you all have a relaxing Easter break!
Maree Helm, Leader of Learning and Teaching



Texts of the week:

