



TUCKSHOP



WED 04 MAR—JULIE, PAT & GLADYS

FRI 06 MAR—JULIE, ROSE, SUE &

1 HELPER NEEDED

MON 9 MAR—JULIE, LURL, SHEILA & LINA

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



advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

SCHOOL PHOTOS—MONDAY 23 MARCH

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 11pm Sunday 22 March (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

Enter the school 9 digit code available on the

MyCE App - go to 'My Schools' tab then

'Documents'—School Photo Information.



Date: Wednesday 4 March to Friday 6 March

Time: 8am – 8.30am, lunch times, 3pm - 3.30pm

Place: Theatrette

All commission earned is used to purchase books for our Library.

EFTPOS available.

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 fees have now been issued.

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

DISCO CROC BEACH BASH MENU

- STEAK SANDWICH \$7.50
- FISH SANDWICH \$7.50
- VEGETARIAN SANDWICH \$7.50
- SAUSAGE ON BREAD \$2.50
- WATER \$2.50
- SLUSHIES \$2.00
- CAPPUCCINO \$3.00
- INSTANT TEA/COFFEE—GOLD COIN
- CASH AND EFTPOS AVAILABLE
- BYO ALL OTHER DRINK OPTIONS



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

3 MARCH 2026

TERM 1 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,

One of our key goals at GCP in 2026 is to improve our students' reading and their reading data. Students learning to read is key to opening up their world to so many opportunities. Reading to, or with your child, for only 15—20 minutes each day exposes them to thousands of new words, sparks their imagination (which can assist with writing) and can foster a love of reading for life. Parents are stretched and time poor and our children love to hover towards screens, but research is clear that "Being read to and reading—real books and stories—are essential components to human development". Dr Norman Swan.

Reading helps with early brain development, helping the brain to detect meaning and patterns in language. The physical form of a book is especially beneficial, because it gives children time to take in the static images, connect them to the story and turn the pages when they are ready.

Reading increases the bond between children and their carers. When you read together you are physically syncing your brainwaves, breathing and heartrate. Your attention and mood align, helping children form strong emotional bonds with their parents and vice versa. It's a process that can't be replicated by a screen.



Reading exposes children to a greater variety of language. Children who are read a book a day can be exposed to 300,000 more words than children who are never read to before they start school. This broadens their vocabulary, understanding of language and self-expression, which are life-long skills.

This year we have introduced 'Brain Boosters' at 8:10am each morning before school. The uptake has been amazing and thank you to those parents/carers who have made the huge effort to get your child to school early to attend their session, well done. These sessions don't replace reading at home but boost and support students as additional reading.

A gentle reminder to parents/carers in Yrs 1-6 to complete Mrs C's appraisal survey by close of business Thursday 4 March.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the 10-12years Cassowary Coast District Netball teams to participate at the Peninsula Netball Trials this Friday.

Girls	Boys
Laynie L	Ryan S
Tori L	Ricki D
Leah P	Dallas S
Ella H	Ollie H

NAPLAN 2026

Over the next two weeks, students in Years 3 & 5 as well as Year 7 & 9 will participate in the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The purpose of the testing is to gain an overall picture of where students, schools and education sectors sit to guide future educational assistance (for students) and assist with policy development and decision making. There will surely be some media attention about NAPLAN next week, but my advice for students is to take their time, give it their best, and have a go at every question.

Next Friday we will have our P&F 'Meet & Greet' BBQ and Student Council 'Beach & Crocs Disco' in the Blue Area. A great event to attend and mingle as a school community. Lots of dancing, games and lucky door prizes. Menu options are on the back page and remember to BYO other drink options.

Regards
Liam

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:00PM
Ph: 07 4063 0600

POINTS OF INTEREST

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DIARY DATES 2026
WED 28 JAN -
THU 2 APR

BOOK FAIR—
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FRI 13 MAR
P&F MEET & GREET
STUDENT COUNCIL
DISCO



TUE 17 MAR
ST PATRICK'S
GREEN DRESS DAY



MON 23 MARCH
NEW DATE FOR
SCHOOL
PHOTO DAY



Life of the School...



Sacrament of First Reconciliation Prayer Assembly...

Thank you to Mrs Donna Vecchio for being with the children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation bestowed by Kerry Crowley last week. We keep in our prayers of support for their sacramental journey this year: Cara, Chloe, Delta, Eli, Ellie, Evie, Frankee, Hunter, Kaiser, Kenzie, Jayleese, Lily, Lily, Mason, Nate, Ollie, Riley, Rosalie, Sophia and Spencer.

We remember that we are called to bear the fruits of the Spirit in our lives – 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control', so that we can live in right relationships with others. Sometimes we fail to be loving, peace-filled, forgiving people, but God is always ready with open arms to receive us back and give us another chance when we show repentance.

Charism Prayer Assembly...

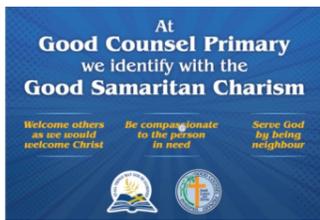
Please join with 6S on Friday as the students share their GCP Charism presentation with us. Thank you Miss Casey Sheil for preparing the students.

The question currently being discussed in Year 6 is: What is faith? The Catholic faith is the Christianity originally handed down from Jesus Christ to his Apostles more than 2000 years ago.

The Apostles, in turn, handed down the Christian faith to those who followed, from Saint Peter, through the centuries of Popes, Bishops and Priests to those who believe. The Sisters of the Good Samaritan brought their faith to Geraldton/Innisfail, set up our school as the Sacred Heart Convent School, and demonstrated their faith as they practised their love of God and the love of neighbour.

Found—please check with Ms Bartolo in Admin. Office if this is yours.

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE



2026	Term 1 (10 weeks)
Fri 6/3	6S Good Samaritan Charism Assembly
Wk 7 & 8	NAPLAN YEAR 3 & 5
Fri 13/3	Sports Captains Assembly P&F MEET & GREET; DISCO
Tue 17/3	St Patrick's Green Dress Day
Fri 20/3	Harmony Day
Mon 23/3	SCHOOL PHOTOS
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
	Easter - School Holidays
Mon 20/4	Term 2 (10 weeks)
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
Fri 26/6	Term Two ends
Mon 13/7	Term 3 (10 weeks)
Week 3	Catholic Education Week
Week 6	Book Week—Symphony of Stories
Fri 4/9	CTJ/Pupil Free Day
Fri 18/9	Term 3 ends

Deepest Sympathy
Sienna Albert 1GS and family
on the loss of their
great-grandmother—
Valerie Driscoll (91 years)

Deepest Sympathy
Mrs Teagan Lizzio 4L and family
on the loss of
their grandfather
David Forster (85 years)



The Curriculum Corner

Literacy:

This week I found Mr Kenny in the library reading his favourite book!

If you are wondering why we are focussing on reading this year, check out this website:

<https://childmind.org/article/why-is-it-important-to-read-to-your-child/>

It is just a reminder of how important literacy is in a child's life in building language skills, vocabulary, general knowledge and helping them to learn more effectively in school.

Thank you to those who have sent in pictures for our library collage; 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.

Texts of the week:

