

Volunteers Needed

TUCKSHOP

WED 11 MAR—JULIE, PAT & LURL
 FRI 13 MAR—JULIE, ROSE, SALLY &
1 HELPER NEEDED
 MON 16 MAR—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

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.

lil Starfish Swim School

Swimming Lessons

Private and Small lessons. Gentle, supportive teaching to help your child build skills and confidence in the water. Fostering a love of swimming in a fun and encouraging environment.

Our Services

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- Bubs come and play days
- Private and Group lessons
- Holiday Intensives

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REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 fees are now overdue.

Please check your emails and spam/junk folder and if not received, contact Admin.

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 Telephone & Internet Banking - BPAY®
 Contact your bank or financial institution to make this payment from your cheque, savings, debit, credit card or transaction account. More info: www.bpay.com.au

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

DISCO CROC BEACH BASH!

FRIDAY 13 MARCH

BBQ 6:30PM
DISCO 7:00PM-8:30PM

BBQ - STEAK OR FISH SANDWICHES
VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE
BRING CASH OR TAP ON THE SQUARE EFT MACHINE

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

10 MARCH 2026

TERM 1 Week 7

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 we have many and varied events at school and in Cairns. Each year the Diocese hosts the CEDC Nulung-Kayn Kasi Student Leader Badge Ceremony, recognising First Nations students who have been elected to school leadership positions. The event for both Primary and Secondary students will be held at MacKillop Catholic College, Cairns, on Tuesday evening. Congratulations to Noah Jackson who will be recognised for his position as Polding Sports Captain.

As mentioned last week our Year 3 & 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN Writing and Reading assessments—tomorrow and Thursday; Conventions of Language and Numeracy, next week. The tests assess the fundamental literacy/numeracy skills that every child needs to become a successful learner in school and beyond. They are a snapshot in time and as such NAPLAN is a national consistent measure to determine whether or not students are meeting important educational outcomes. Students can be reassured that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program and are simply asked to do their best on the day.

Last week's weather event, or lack thereof, provides us a timely reminder to ensure that our parent/carer contact details are up to date. In the event that schools are closed or students need to be sent home early, we need your most current details. Thanks to those families who contacted our Administration to notify they could not get their children to school safely on Friday due to localised flooding.

As always, take the necessary steps to secure your homes and do not put yourselves or your children at risk in severe weather conditions. We do live in FNQ and will most likely have more weather events in the coming months.

BOOKED—Previously known as PTO—Parent Teacher Online, will go live at 4pm today to allow you to select an interview time with the class teacher to discuss early progress for the 2026 school year. The 15 minute time slots allow for discussion on how your child has settled into their new class, focusing on relationships with friends, in class behaviour expectations, completion of school work, homework and if necessary, attendance. Please book in for your interview.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to visit the Book Fair in the Theatrette last week. Thank you to the Yr 6 student helpers who assisted and many thanks to Mrs Farina for the organisation.

Tuckshop Help Wanted Term 2
 If you have half an hour free on tuckshop mornings, Julie would love some assistance in the tuckshop before school. She has many wonderful tuckshop helpers who begin after school starts but does require some help before the bell. Many thanks to Jacqueline Briggs who has been assisting since last year. With her baby due soon she will be unable to continue her assistance in 2026.

Lap Running Dates
 Week 7—our first one completed this morning
 Week 8—Wed 18, Thu 19 March
 Week 9—Tue 24, Wed 25 March
 Please refer to the Seesaw message for times and what to wear.

Saint Patrick's Day next Tuesday—low key green shirt day (if so desired) since it coincides with NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5 students.

Along with the P&F and Student Councillors, I look forward to seeing you at the Disco this Friday night.

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

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



Charism Prayer Assembly...

Thank you 6S for sharing the GCP Good Samaritan Charism history in prayer and song with us.

Class visits...

Thank you Fr Kerry for managing to visit more classes yesterday. Such thoughtful questions being asked by careful listeners. Thank you staff and students for making Fr Kerry so feel welcome in each classroom.

Sports House Captains...

Please join with us on Friday as the sports captains introduce their sports houses and the history behind them.

St Patrick's Day...

Tuesday 17 March is a Green Shirt and Shamrock day to celebrate St Patrick's Day. School uniform applies accordingly.

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

2026	Term 1 (10 weeks)
Wk 7 & 8	NAPLAN YEAR 3 & 5
Fri 13/3	Sports Captains Prayer 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



SOFTBALL SIGN ON DAY

DATE:
21st March & 28th March 2026

TIME:
9-11am

ALL AGES • ALL SKILLS
JUNIORS & SENIORS WELCOME

10-20 WALKER ROAD, EDMONTON

SCAN TO JOIN A LOCAL CLUB

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Our Diversity Teachers at GCPS

At Good Counsel Primary School, we are fortunate to have two highly experienced Diversity teachers who play an essential role in supporting student learning from Prep to Year 6. Susan Ah Shay, our Intervention Teacher, provides targeted literacy support to help strengthen students' reading, writing and foundational skills across the school. Her focused intervention work ensures learners receive the specific guidance they need to make meaningful progress.

Beth Haley, our EAL/D Teacher and Mentor, supports students who are learning English as an additional language by building their confidence and understanding of vocabulary, language structures, and communication skills. In addition to her student-focused work, Beth is also a valued mentor who guides and supports our early-career teachers as they develop their professional practice.

Together, Mrs Ah Shay and Mrs Haley bring many years of expertise and a warm, learner-centred approach to our school. Their dedication, knowledge and commitment to supporting both students and staff make them a tremendous asset to the GCPS community, and we are deeply grateful for the positive impact they have each day.

Amy McElhinney
Leader of Diversity





BreastScreen is coming to

Innisfail

23 April - 22 July 2026

Located at the Showgrounds

- Free breast screening for women over 40
- No doctor's referral needed

Women aged 50-74 are especially encouraged to attend



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