



TUCKSHOP



WED 18 MAR—JULIE, PAT & GLADYS

SPECIAL HARMONY DAY MENU FRIDAY 20 MARCH
AVAILABLE ONLY ON FLEXISCHOOLS

THIS SPECIAL MENU INCLUDES A LIMITED NUMBER OF:
SPRING ROLLS—\$1.50 EA
FRIED RICE—\$3.00 P/SERVE

FRI 20 MAR—JULIE, ROSE, SUE, LINA &
1 HELPER NEEDED

MON 23 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



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

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



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.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

17 MARCH 2026

TERM 1 Week 8

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,

Happy St Patrick's Day—17 March.

Celebrated in Australia since 1795 it is a day to wear something green. Approximately 25% of Australians have Irish heritage. Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century. St Patrick was a 5th century missionary and Bishop in Ireland. He was born in Roman Britain to a wealthy family but at age 16 was kidnapped and taken as a slave to Ireland. He spent 6 years working as a shepherd boy and during this time he found God. He fled Ireland and returned home to become a priest. He then returned to Ireland to convert the pagans to Christianity. Tradition has it that he drove all the snakes out of Ireland and used the three leaved shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity—God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Harmony Week runs from 16-22 March with the official day Saturday 21 March. We will celebrate Harmony Day this Friday with Year 6 students bringing you a very colourful assembly. Harmony Week is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from varying cultures and ethnic backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Australia is a very multicultural country with over half of our population being born overseas or having at least one parent, who was born overseas. Our school community has students and families who have over 40 different backgrounds from First Nations to our most recent arrivals.

We celebrate that no matter where you come from, we are united by the Australian values of freedom, respect, fairness, democracy and equal opportunity. On Friday the theme is 'Everyone Belongs'. Children are invited to come dressed in:

- A traditional outfit that highlights their culture
- Anything that represents their cultural heritage e.g. Australian—Green & Gold

- An orange shirt—the official colour of Harmony Day
- Their regular Friday uniform—we will supply an orange ribbon to wear

As part of our Harmony Day celebrations, students can order a Harmony Day special from the tuckshop through Flexischools—homemade spring rolls or fried rice. The usual menu will be running but get your special order in by Wednesday as stock is limited. Many thanks to Lina Liu for cooking up our special, and the tuckshop volunteers for assisting on Friday.

Please note: Year 5/6 students who are participating in Friday sport will need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear and change at lunchtime.

Thank you to our amazing P&F committee and their volunteers who were rushed off their feet Friday night keeping up the food to our huge crowd at the Beach Bash Disco. As usual, the burgers were delicious and the rainbow slushies were a great hit. Special thanks to all who helped out on the night. Well done to our hard working Student Council who organised the Beach/Croc Disco. One of our best organising crew ever. Congratulations to all who won lucky door prizes.



Thank you to those parents who have already booked an interview with their child/ren's teacher. For those yet to secure an interview, please follow the email instructions sent out 9 March as slots are filling quickly.



Please note: There is a planned MyCE outage from 11pm—17 March to 6am—18 March for necessary updates and security. Absences submitted during this maintenance window may fail to deliver.

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 20 MARCH
YR6 WALK IN THEIR
SHOES CHARITY EVENT
3:30PM—5:30PM

MON 23 MARCH
SCHOOL
PHOTO DAY



TUE 24 MARCH
P&F MEETING
THEATRETTE
7PM

LEARN MORE



Innisfail Library
Friday 27 March
5.00pm - 7.00pm



NIGHT AT
THE LIBRARY

Life of the School...



Sports House Captains...

Congratulations captains for the history behind the sports houses. We look forward to the excellent support you will provide Clancy, Polding, Marcellin and MacKillop. In the meantime thank you for organising the equipment and being on duty in the Sports Shed throughout the week. Such a reliable squad.



Many thanks to Natalie Hayward—Corporate Service Manager Canegrowers Innisfail, who presented Sweetest Schools information to the Year 4 students today.

The Curriculum Corner

Innisfail Young Performers Competition is coming up in June. The closing date for entries is Thursday 30 April. Although the school does not organise entries for students, we are more than happy to listen and give feedback to your child if they are entering for Speech and Drama. To register your child, visit the following website:



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

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

If your child is in Yr 5 or Yr 6 and is an avid writer, check out the IEU writing competition – up to \$300 in prizes to be won! Classroom teachers will be able to give students more details. I am happy to give feedback and submit your child's work – get them to come and see me with a draft copy anytime before the end of term.



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. Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Texts of the week:



Maree Helm—Leader of Learning and Teaching

2026	Term 1 (10 weeks)
Fri 20/3	Harmony Day
Mon 23/3	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tue 24/3	P&F Meeting Theatrette 7pm
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



Thank you Mrs Donna Vecchio for these highlights of the P&F Meet & Greet and Student Council Croc/Beach Bash Disco. Check out our Facebook page to see all the evening's special moments. Thank you everyone for assisting to make it special for the children.

