



TUCKSHOP



WED 25 MAR—JULIE, TANJA, PAT & GLADYS

FRI 27 MAR—JULIE, ROSE, SALLY, MELISSA & **1 HELPER NEEDED**

MON 30 MAR—JULIE, KRISTY, 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



SIGN ON DAY 19TH APRIL 26

10.00 A.M - 12.00 P.M

ETTY BAY SURF CLUB

Surf lifesaving offers various roles suitable for everyone, including retirees and those seeking new activities. Many assume it involves being in the water, but many positions don't require getting wet.



SCAN TO SIGN UP

JOIN THE CLUB

- ✔ Meet New People
- ✔ Patrol the Beach
- ✔ Nippers Program
- ✔ Surf Sports

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



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-COOK
0459 676 121



JOIN OUR 'GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP' PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

GCPS—MINI VINNIES EASTER RAFFLE

RAFFLE ENVELOPES ARE INSERTED INTO THE NEWSLETTER—PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN TO THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

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



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

24 MARCH 2026

TERM 1 Week 9

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,

Our assembly area was a sea of colour last Friday with students and staff dressed in National Dress, Orange T-shirt or something that represented their origins, all for Harmony Day. Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 volunteers who shared with us the importance of getting along, celebrating diversity, being inclusive and respecting all peoples no matter their religious, cultural or linguistic backgrounds. The theme of Everyone Belongs is strong at GCP. It is a shame our world leaders cannot get this message onto the world stage in times of war and unrest. Children are not born racist, they unfortunately hear and see racism through the media or from adult views and actions. Let us all celebrate other cultures and our own.

Thank you to our two Year 6 classes who offered up their Friday afternoon last week from 3:30pm-5:30pm to “Walk in their shoes”. It was an event organised by the Year 6 teachers to raise awareness that many people don't have shoes to wear each day. The students donated second hand joggers to the Innisfail Youth Shelter for distribution to needy children. Over 40 students, staff and parents walked or ran a total of 524km around the school precinct, with two students achieving an unbelievable 35 laps or approximately 20km individually. Well done to the additional staff who helped out encouraging, participating or supervising on the track.

Parent/Teacher interviews are well underway with many parents/carers already booking in for discussions with their child's teacher about their progress in Term 1. The 15 minute time slot allows for a catch up about their in class learning, homework, behaviour and setting a focus for Term 2. The importance of communication between home and school cannot be over-stated in the success of your child's educational journey.

Next week we have our Holy Week presentations of the “Last Supper” - Tuesday 8:35am, and “Stations of the Cross” - Thursday 8:35am. Both of these events are quiet presentations in the lead up to remembering the events that led to Jesus' trial and death. Parents and students are asked to leave the Blue Covered Area in silence as a sign of the solemn event.

Wednesday of next week will be our interhouse Cross Country. Students have been doing some practice in the morning completing laps.

On Wednesday, 1 April, students are encouraged to wear their colour house shirt and will run with their colour house hat on show. The course will be around the school precinct with staff at all major check points. We will have a parent area so you get to see the start and finishing of the event. Times and more details next week.

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 24 MARCH
P&F MEETING
THEATRETTE
7PM

WED 1 APRIL
CROSS COUNTRY



FRI 2 APRIL
GOOD FRIDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY



Life of the School...



Harmony Day...

Thank you Yr 6 presenters as organised by Mr Kenny for an inclusive, respectful and culturally relevant to Good Counsel—Harmony Day prayer assembly.

God of Justice, May we always treat each other with kindness so that we may live in friendship as Jesus taught us. Help us to treat everyone in the same way so that our differences may unite us together as people of harmony and peace. Amen.

Mini Vinnies Easter Raffle...

The Mini Vinnies Easter Raffle flyer and envelope are inserted in this Newsletter. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please return the envelope, indicating the number you require, along with payment. Tickets will be returned to you before the Draw. Tickets will go on sale at school on Thursday 26 March from 8:00—8:30am till Thursday 2 April (raffle will be drawn at first break).

Holy Week at school...

Please join with the children of 3DW on Friday at 8:40am, as Palm Sunday then leads us into Holy Week. Tuesday 31 March, 6B students will lead with the Last Supper and on Thursday 2 April, 5DP students will share the Stations of the Cross. Both these solemn presentations will commence 8:35am sharp and students are being asked to make their way back to their classroom in complete silence. Thank you teachers for the preparations.

Project Compassion...

Many thanks to all the classes—teachers and students who are currently wrapping up their Caritas Unite Against Poverty 2026 Project Compassion contribution. Thank you PS, 1D & 1GS. Thank you parents and carers for your generous support.

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



Sincere Sympathy

Steve & Sue Ah Shay
and family
for the loss
of their dear mother
& mother-in-law
Beryl June Ah Shay



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



2026	Term 1 (10 weeks)
Tue 24/3	P&F Meeting Theatrette 7pm
Fri 27/3	Palm Sunday 3DW Assembly
Tue 31/3	Last Supper 6B 8:35am
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 & 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

Reading Intervention Update

Last year, we decided to trial the impact of more targeted 1:1 support to help build students' reading skills, alongside the additional teacher and school officer support already provided throughout the day. We saw great success, and this year we have rolled this approach out across the school.

Students are identified for Reading Intervention based on their DIBELS reading screening results, ensuring support is targeted to those who will benefit most. Throughout this term, students have been engaging in focused 1:1 sessions to consolidate and strengthen their reading skills, and we are excited to see their continued growth.

We would also like to congratulate all students who have attended their Brain Boosters sessions this term. It's fantastic to see them showing commitment and enthusiasm for improving their reading. A reminder that Year 1 and 2 students are encouraged to drop into their classroom every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning for additional reading practice with their school officer.

Thank you to our students, teachers and school officers who are working so hard to improve reading success at GCPS—your dedication is making a difference!

**Amy McElhinney—
Leader of Diversity**

