



TUCKSHOP



WED 21 MAY—KATHLEEN, GLADYS, LEEANNE & 1 HELPER NEEDED
 FRI 23 MAY—KATHLEEN, SUE, LEANNE & 2 HELPERS NEEDED
 MON 26 MAY—RAQUEL, PAT, SHEILA & TASH

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

TUCKSHOP TUBS ARE NO LONGER KEPT OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOMS. ALL BROWN BAGS WITH CASH TO THE TUCKSHOP BEFORE THE FIRST BELL.



UNIFORM SHOP

2025 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
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JOIN OUR 'GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP' PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

PREP ENROLMENTS 2027

Prep enrolments for 2027 are now underway, with many applications already received.

Any existing parents of students with younger siblings, if you have not already done so, please ensure that you have enrolled your Prep student for 2027 as **spaces are very limited**.

If you have a child that was born between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022 please go to the GCPS website and complete the Application for Enrolment online. If you have any queries, please contact the Office on 40 630 600.

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 2 fees are due today—20 May.

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

Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme

Student Travel Rebates Semester 1

Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$35/week* on bus/ferry fares to and from school (*\$25/week if you, the parent, hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or chartered by the school?

Students With Disability

- Was your child included on the latest Commonwealth Census as a student with a disability requiring supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustments?
- Does your child's Personalised Learning Plan confirm their transport needs are demonstrably different to those of their same aged peers by reason of their disability?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's Travel Capability Rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during May.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st May.



REMINDER: YEAR 3 AQUARIUM EXCURSION



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED TO THE PARENT SLIP AND MADE PAYMENT FOR THE EXCURSION. WE NOW REMIND REMAINING PARENTS TO PLEASE RESPOND & FOLLOW THE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS NOTED IN THE EMAIL.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

20 MAY 2025

TERM 2 Week 5

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,

We are now entering Week 5 of term. At present our school is sitting at 74% attendance with less than 1.2% unexplained. It is very important for children to attend school each and every day (if they are of good health). 'Going to school' becomes a familiar pattern in a child's life and students can fall into a pattern of not attending very easily.



1 or 2 days a week can really add up...



Be at school every day or record your absence and be in the Draw for this amazing Prodigy X Oil Slick Scooter worth \$299 from local store—Wobble In Bicycles.



For the overwhelming majority of our students, homework is completed each week. Well done! We realise that in the lower years parents/carers organise their children and take the time to get homework completed and as students move into the upper school they take on (or should) being proactive in getting it completed. The benefit of homework is a much debated topic but it does teach students skills that they will carry throughout their academic and professional life, from time management and organisation, to self-motivation and autonomous learning. Learning at home also encourages good research habits while encouraging children to take ownership of their tasks.

Homework also helps to reinforce classroom learning and helps parents track what your child is learning at school. Working with your child can also alert you to difficulties they may have in a particular area of the curriculum which can be discussed with the teacher.

Parents who take the time to support their children with homework will assist their academic performance, develop better social skills, behaviour and self confidence and ultimately keep them out of BTO.

The recommended homework per day should be less than 30 minutes—15 minutes reading and 15 minute set work. If you are spending more time that this, please discuss with your class teacher about some modifications.

A reminder that Tuesday to Thursday mornings from 8:10am—8:35am we offer Homework Club in Room 2. Please see me for details on how to join.

This Wednesday we will celebrate National Simultaneous Story Time which is an annual event organised by the Australian Library Association. Thank you to Mrs Farina and Mrs Mifsud for organising activities for all classes. The featured story book for this year is *The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frenkel.

State of Origin Dress Up

Wednesday 28 May students may wear their maroon or blue shirts to support the first game of the 2025 State of Origin Series. School uniform applies to all other clothing. 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 2025
 TUE 22 APRIL -
 FRI 27 JUNE

WED 21 MAY
 NATIONAL
 SIMULTANEOUS
 STORY TIME



WED 28 MAY
 STATE OF ORIGIN
 DRESS UP



WED 11 JUN
 SCHOOL
 OFFICERS
 DAY



Life of the School...



Papal Prayer Assembly...

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies Executive for taking us back in time to meet Pope Pius XII, and those who followed him, and then to get to know a little about Pope Leo XIV. There is now a Student Competition to name the 8 Popes and the years of their Pontificate correctly. First correct entry drawn on Friday will win a \$5 Tuckshop Voucher. Entry forms available from the Admin Office.



Pope Leo XIV...

The inauguration of Pope Leo on Sunday opens up a new chapter for all of us. We pray that Pope Leo may experience peace and tranquillity as he settles into his ministry as successor of St Peter, Bishop of Rome and Universal Pastor. Amen,

Yr 6 Mass today...

Thank you Father Kerry for celebrating the Mass of the Day as part of the Yr 6 Religion studies with the students and their teachers—Mrs Amber Di Carlo, Mrs Amanda Speziali and Miss Casey Sheil. Thank you to family members who were able to come along to support the children with their presence.



Wed 21.5 Simultaneous Storytime

Mon 26.5 2:00pm 3DW & 3M

Liturgy of the Word

Wed 28.5 RUGBY UNION

Fri 30.5 National Reconciliation Assembly

Wed 4.6 SOFTBALL GALA DAY

Fri 6.6 Yr 1 Pentecost Prayer Assembly

Wed 11.6 SCHOOL OFFICERS' DAY

Thu 12.6 READERS' CUP

Fri 20.6 4WC First Eucharist Prayer Assembly

21/22.6 SACRAMENT OF FIRST
EUCARIST Masses

Mon 23.6 GCP Field Events

Tue 24.6 GCP Ball Games & Tug-o'-war

Wed 25.6 Athletics Carnival Callendar Park

Fri 27.6 End of Term

2025 Term 3 (10 weeks)

Thu 17.7 GRANDPARENTS DAY

Tue 29.7 CEW MASS 10:00am MoGC
Church

Fri 5.9 PUPIL FREE DAY (CTJ—STAFF)

Tue 10.6 Yr 4 Reconciliation MoGC Church

Fri 19.9 End of Term

2025 Term 4 (9 weeks)

Fri 24.10 SOCKTOBER MISSION DAY

Fri 31.10 WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Tue 11.11 Remembrance Day

Thu 4.12 Christmas Concert

Fri 5.12 9:00am End of Yr Mass

Congratulations Miss Mackensie-Rose Douglas—1D, who earlier this year received her Education Degree at the ACU Brisbane—Graduation Ceremony.



2025 | ACU
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

PARENT ENGAGEMENT
MINI CONFERENCE

SAT 31 MAY | CAIRNS | 9.00AM-3.30PM



Anxiety.



CSPQ-Diocese of Cairns Parent Engagement Mini Conference.

This important event will be held at St Augustine's Cairns Saturday 31 May 2025. 9am - 3.30pm. I will be there to support the CSPQ organisation and our Engagement, Wellbeing & Learning team. There is also a short CSPQ-Diocese of Cairns Parent Body AGM on this day. I would encourage you all to attend, support, share, encourage your team and/or nominate for a board delegate position if you can. Register here <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/cspq-miniconf2025-cns> If I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out.