



TUCKSHOP

WED 6 AUGUST—JULIE, LEEANNE & GLADYS
FRI 8 AUG—JULIE, LURL & SUE
MON 11 AUG—JULIE, SHEILA & PAT

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'
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Book Week Character Parade Thursday 21 August 9am

Come dressed as your favourite book
character and bring the book along for a
day of celebrating books.



REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 3 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

Celebrating 50 years as Good Counsel Primary School 1975 - 2025

We are recognising the change of name from
Sacred Heart Convent School to
Good Counsel Primary School

Thursday 30 October

8:35am - Assembly

9:10am - Official unveiling of Good Samaritan History Wall

9:20am - School tour / memorabilia display /
sealing of the time capsule

10:20am - Morning Tea

RSVP due 16 October

Enquiries - secretary@gcps.qld.edu.au



Scan QR Code below or visit
<https://www.trybooking.com/DDWIV>
to make your booking



In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus - In all things may God be glorified

\$200 Play On! Sports Vouchers available from 4 August

Play On! Sports Vouchers are helping kids get active and
play their favourite sport.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/playon>



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

5 AUGUST 2025

TERM 3 Week 4

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,

Week 3 will be one to remember with many Catholic Education celebrations. On Tuesday we had over 600 students from our 6 Deanery schools visit for mass, celebrated by Fr Kerry. Mr Durm O'Riordan, Executive Director, spoke of our link with the other 300 schools across the state educating over 160,000 students and the theme—Faith, Hope and Love. All staff attending then shared a morning tea and a Catholic Education Week cake was cut. Our senior students partook in a taster day at GCC (which is always a highlight) while our Prep—Year 4 students had an extended play. It was great to see how our school students mingled at recess and playtime.

On Thursday our School Captains—Brooklyn and Nate visited St Monica's Cathedral to join the other 29 school representatives for our Diocesan CEW mass, followed by morning tea in the Bishop's House grounds.



To top off the week of celebration, thirty of our staff attended the Docemus Awards on Friday night. The awards are in memory of Mr Tom Doolan, former Deputy Director of CES. Docemus—Latin for 'We Teach' recognises the outstanding work of school staff and volunteers across our Diocese.

This year Mrs Andrea Devaney won the Primary Teacher category. Andrea was nominated by her peers and is truly a worthy recipient. A personal citation was read by last year's Primary Teacher winner, Mrs Jess Sinton, and Andrea responded with a thank you to her colleagues and family. An outstanding achievement as twenty very worthy recipients were nominated in the Primary Teacher Category. Andrea shared the night with her family, friends and staff.



We also acknowledge the nominations of Mrs Jade Grimaz, Mrs Kylie Scullen and Mrs Tori Franco in the School Officer Category. In all, over 60 nominations from our 30 schools in 2025. Congratulations to all!

Thank you to all the well wishes on Friday which apparently was World Principal's Day. I love working at GCP and that is because of the wonderful staff, parents and particularly the students who attend each day.

This Friday we welcome our 2026 Preps who will join us for their first of four Pre-Prep sessions this term. Please ensure we make them feel welcome.

This Thursday/Friday our selected students from Years 3-6 will compete in the Cassowary Coast Track & Field selections for the Peninsula Championships. Good luck to all athletes.

Congratulations to Nate Austin and Bodhi Puccini who participated in the Peninsula Cricket Trials last Friday/Saturday in Tolga. They formed part of the Presidents XL team.

Well done to all our Year 4-6 Futsal players who last week competed in the FNQ Futsal Championships in Redlynch. Lots of tight games, wins, losses and draws. Thanks to Mrs Stephenson for coaching the students at lunch times this term.

Regards Liam

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:00PM
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POINTS OF INTEREST

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The Life of the School

DIARY DATES 2025
MON 14 JULY -
FRI 19 SEPT

FRI 8 AUG
PRE-PREP DAY #1
8:35AM—11:00AM

THU 14 AUG
UNDER 8s DAY
PREP—YR 2

FRI 15 AUG
FEAST of the
ASSUMPTION OF MARY
9:30 Mother of Good
Counsel Church

THU 21 AUG
BOOK CHARACTER
PARADE

FRI 22 AUG
FATHERS' NIGHT
P&F BBQ & STUDENT
COUNCIL GAMES
NIGHT



2025	Term 3 (10 weeks)
Fri 8.8	Pre-Prep #1 8:35—11:00am 3M Mary MacKillop Pr Assembly
Thu 14.8	Under 8's Day Prep—Yr 2 Activities Science Day Activities Yr 3-6
Fri 15.8	The Assumption BV Mary Mass MoGC Church 9:30am
Thu 21.8	Book Week Characters Parade Blue Area
Fri 22.8	Pre-Prep #2 8:35—11:00am Fowler's Cup Fathers' Night P&F BBQ & Student Council Games Night.
Fri 29.8	Pre-Prep #3 8:35—11:00am Father's Day Prayer Assembly
Mon 1.9	Yr 2 Liturgy of the Word 2:15pm
Thu 4.9	Ty Williams Cup
Fri 5.9	PUPIL FREE DAY (CTJ—STAFF)
Mon 8.9	Yr 5 Liturgy of the Eucharist 2pm
Week 9	GCPS NAIDOC ACTIVITIES
Fri 12.9	Pre-Prep #4 8:35—11:00am
Wed 17.9	Bike Safety Day Prep—Yr 2
Thu 18.9	Jim Graham Cup Innisfail
Fri 19.9	Sr Mary Mills Netball End of Term

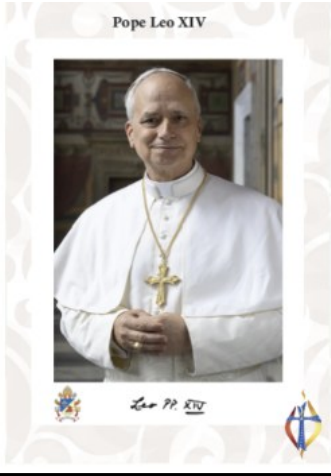
2025	Term 4 (9 weeks)
Fri 24.10	SOCKTOBER MISSION DAY
Thu 30.10	50 Year Name Celebration—GCPS
Fri 31.10	WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
Tue 11.11	Remembrance Day
Thu 4.12	Christmas Concert
Fri 5.12	End of Year Mass

Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop...
Please join 3M students, Miss Rose McGregor and Mrs Katie Cavallaro for Friday's Prayer Assembly to honour Mary MacKillop of the Cross.
To read more about Mary's life see below: —visit the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart website:
<https://www.sosj.org.au/mary-mackillop-feast-day-celebrations-2025/#more-204510>



Mary MacKillop Place, the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Today extend a warm invitation to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Friday, 8 August 2025.

We look forward to welcoming everyone, including our pilgrims and supporters, to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney.



Thank to Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns for providing us with the Pope Leo XIV prayer card during Catholic Education Week 2025—Jubilee Year of Hope.

*Deepest Sympathy to the Butcher family
Scarlett (4F) and Sienna (1D)
for the loss of their Grandi
Peter Stenzel*



FNQ Futsal Championships Success!

On Tuesday and Friday of last week, 45 students from Good Counsel Primary School proudly represented our school at the FNQ Futsal Championships held at Redlynch. Accompanied by Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Grimaz, the students participated in the Under-12s carnival with enthusiasm and determination.

All teams performed exceptionally well, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, courage, and team spirit throughout the event. Most teams progressed to the playoffs, which is a fantastic achievement that reflects their hard work and commitment.

It was a wonderful two days filled with learning, fun and memorable experiences that the students were excited to share. Congratulations to all involved! You did Good Counsel Primary proud!