



## TUCKSHOP



WED 13 AUGUST—JULIE, LEEANNE & GLADYS

FRI 15 AUG—JULIE, LURL & ANN-MARIE

MON 18 AUG—JULIE, SHEILA, PAT & TESSA

### 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  
0459 676 121



JOIN OUR 'GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP'  
PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

## 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 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**

## 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.

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS...

Please log all absences on the  
MyCE app or call the Admin  
Office before roll call and be in  
the draw to win the amazing  
Elektra Hoverboard prize.



**Attendance MATTERS**

**1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...**

If your child misses...	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS
That equals...	20 DAYS	40 DAYS	80 DAYS	120 DAYS
Which is...	4 WEEKS	8 WEEKS	16 WEEKS	24 WEEKS
and over 12 months of schooling!	1.5 YEARS	2.5 YEARS	5 YEARS	8 YEARS

Which shows your child's missing days add up!

## \$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

12 AUGUST 2025

TERM 3 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,

Last Thursday and Friday over 40 of our students participated in the District Track & Field events at Goondi State School. It was wonderful to see so many GCP students making the finals of the 200m and 100m and then backing up with excellent efforts to place against the best in our district. In the field events we had many students place in the top 3 in long jump, shot put and high jump. The toughest event—the 800m saw a feast of ribbons being worn by our place getters on Thursday afternoon. Special congratulations to our Age Champions who won special trophies for the placings across all track & field events.

2016 Boys—Riley Stephenson  
Girls—Cara Tait

2015 Boys—Shahbaz Kalkat  
Girls—Sailah D'Urso

2014 Girls—Addyson Laffin

Well done to all competitors on your effort, sportsmanship and behaviour, on both days.



Many of our 10–12 year students have been selected and will now travel to Cairns on 24/25 August to compete in the Peninsula Trials against the best in the north. We wish them every success.

This Thursday we will have many and varied activities for students in Prep to Year 2 to experience for Under 8's Day. On site we will have our Pre-Prep (2026) children and our Friday Playgroup families. Hopefully we can enjoy some fine weather to allow us to use the oval area this year. Tea & Coffee on sale for parents - Pg. 3.

The theme for National Science Week is: 'Decoding the Universe—Exploring the unknown with nature's hidden language'. Mrs Speziali has been preparing activities for weeks in preparation for our Year 3-6 students this Thursday, and our Prep-2 students on Friday. Our Science and Tech rooms will be transformed with displays and experiments to encourage curiosity and questioning in Science.

### Road Safety Reminder: Rankin Street

With nearly 100 students departing Rankin St each afternoon, traffic congestion on the corner of Grace & Rankin St is heightened between 3:00pm and 3:15pm. I ask that if there is no free space in the pickup line, drive past and continue to do the loop. QLD Police will be patrolling the intersection and moving cars on, as they have had several public complaints.

We still have parents and students crossing on the church corner (Rankin St and Grace St) in the afternoons. This is unsafe and we ask that you walk to the school crossing which is supervised. All in the name of student safety!

### Fathers' Day Games Night:

Check out the Raffle to be drawn at the P&F BBQ—Student Council Fathers' Games Night being held next week—Friday 22 August. Many thanks to Coastal Marine for donating the Ice Box and the Camping Chair. A great Weber Q is first prize. Tickets available with envelope supplied with this newsletter.

**Date Claimer:** On Thursday 30 October, we will be celebrating our 50 years from changing our school name from Sacred Heart Convent to Good Counsel Primary. If you were a past pupil, or have parents from that era, please make the effort to attend our celebrations. Information inside.

**Get Your Kids into Sport:** \$200 Play On! Sports Vouchers for 2026 are now available. These may be used to assist with registration costs for many town sports. Anyone with a Medicare card is eligible to apply. Information and web link to the site are on the back page.

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  
MON 14 JULY -  
FRI 19 SEPT

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



Life of the School...



Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross...

Many thanks to the students of 3M who shared the Mary MacKillop story, prayers and songs with us at Friday's Prayer Assembly. Thank you to Miss Rose McGregor and Mrs Katie Cavallaro their preparation of the class.

Feast of the Assumption....

Please join with us in Mother of Good Counsel Church on Friday 15 August at 9:30am as Fr Kerry helps us celebrate this special mass for Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

We pray also for GCP family members who are unwell.

*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Congratulations Bishop Joe Caddy...



We take this opportunity to wish Bishop Joe a happy first anniversary of his Ordination which took place on 15 August 2024, at St Monica's Cathedral in Cairns on the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary. Blessings on this day and all the year through in your ministry in the Diocese of Cairns. Thank you for visiting us last year. Please visit us again soon. How quickly does a year go by!

Deepest Sympathy...

*Rosanne and Scott Mifsud,  
Aiden (6DS) and Charlotte (GCC) for the  
loss of their mother and grandmother—  
Lucy Lanzafame*

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](mailto: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*

Did you know...

Tomorrow, 13 August is Left Handed Day. An international day observed annually to celebrate the uniqueness and differences of left-handed individuals. It seems that approximately only twelve percent of the world's population is left handed. Good Counsel Primary celebrates with its left handed staff and students. Let's see what our percentage is—register your name tomorrow to go into the Tuckshop Spin to celebrate our left-handers. (I guess the rest of the year must be for right-handers as we appear not to have a special day.)



2025 Term 3 (10 weeks)

- 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  
GCPS Fathers' Games 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

GCPS MINI VINNIES  
FATHERS GAMES NIGHT  
RAFFLE - TICKETS \$1.00

1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE  
GCPS Baby Q  
Portable BBQ

3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE  
Camping Chair -  
Donated by Joel Solinas  
Coastal Marine

2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE  
Ice Box  
Donated by Joel Solinas

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please return the envelope with correct money, for the number of tickets required by Wed 20/8. Raffle drawn Friday 22/8 - Fathers' Games Night.

The raffle is being administered a little differently this time. The envelope has been issued with the newsletter to the eldest in the family and the invitation above is if you are interested in purchasing. Tickets will be on sale at school during the week. Join us on Friday 22 August for a fun night for dads.

Under 8's Day Store

TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS

Treat Yourself

TEA vs COFFEE

Biscuits - \$1  
Tea - \$1  
Instant Coffee - \$1  
Cappuccino - \$3

Thank you for supporting our GCPS students. We hope you enjoy our GCPS Under 8's Day!