



TUCKSHOP



WED 20 AUGUST—JULIE, LURL & GLADYS
FRI 22 AUG—JULIE, ANN-MARIE & 1 HELPER NEEDED
MON 25 AUG—JULIE, SHEILA, LINA

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
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 8:45am

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
That equals...	20 DAYS
Which is...	4 WEEKS
and over 12 months of missing school...	1.5 YEARS
Which means your child's learning progress might be...	2.5 YEARS
	2 DAYS
	40 DAYS
	8 WEEKS
	2 YEARS
	3 DAYS
	120 DAYS
	16 WEEKS
	5 YEARS
	24 WEEKS
	8 YEARS

\$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

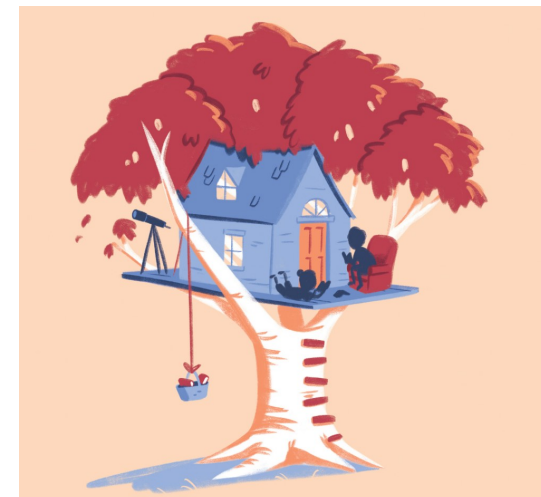
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TERM 3 Week 6

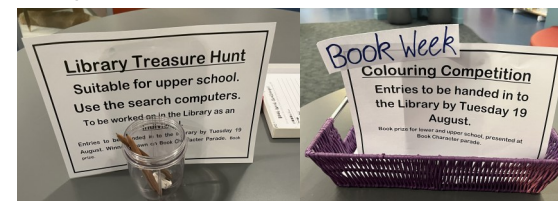
With a sense of the First Nations country upon which Good Counsel Primary is situated, where learning and ceremony have taken place over many thousands of years, we acknowledge the Mamu People and pay our respects to all Elders—past and present.

Dear Parents/Carers,
This Thursday we will celebrate Children's Book Week with the rest of the nation. Children's Book Week celebrates 80 years in 2025, which is 8 decades of dedication to inspiring young minds to journey through the countless worlds that books offer.

The feature artist for the year, Jess McGeachin, has brilliantly captured this adventurous spirit in his artwork which features a whimsical map filled with imaginary characters. Jess' illustration invites young readers to embark on fantastical journeys, inspiring them to travel through the worlds that books open up. As an award winning Australian picture book illustrator, Jess' work encourages children to imagine, explore and create their own adventures.



Mrs Farina has set up a wonderful display in the library for Book Week—ready to take you on an adventure. She has a Library Treasure Hunt and Book Week colouring competition.



Our Book Character Parade will be on Thursday morning at 8:45am. It would be great to see all students come dressed in a book character costume, whether purchased,

re-used or created. It is important that they parade with their book to showcase which one they enjoyed or what book inspired them to dress up. Book Week is not only about dressing up, it is about inspiring children to read.

Reading involves a search for meaning and understanding. Students need to learn the sounds of language and how they correspond to print. They need to know how to use language appropriately in different situations and they need to learn to understand and use different types of texts. Remember that reading to your child and talking about the story with them is still one of the most powerful things you can do to help your child become a great reader.



Last Thursday's Under 8's Day provided exciting experiences for those in attendance from Pre-Preps to Yr 2. Many thanks to the helpers.

The Science Day activities allowed students Yr 3-6 to have hands on experiences in the Science Room from the messy to the noisy! Thank you Mrs Amanda Speziali for the preparations and class rotations.

Good luck to our Fowler's Cup Netballers who play in Cairns this Friday. Good luck to our softball students Mia Dillon, Harlem Di Carlo and Charlize Di Carlo competing at the Softball State Championships in Ipswich this week.

Well done to Max Pearson who has returned from the State Touch Football Championships held in Roma last week.

See you all on Friday evening from 6:30pm for the P&F BBQ and Student Council Fathers' Games Night.

Regards Liam

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:00PM
Ph: 07 4063 0600

POINTS OF INTEREST

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DIARY DATES 2025
MON 14 JULY -
FRI 19 SEPT

TUE 19 AUG
P&F MEETING
THEATRETTE
7PM

THU 21 AUG
BOOK CHARACTER
PARADE

FRI 22 AUG
PRE-PREP
SESSION #2
8:35AM—11:00AM

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

FRI 5 SEPT
PUPIL FREE
DAY



Feast of the Assumption....

Thank you Fr Kerry for celebrating Friday's Feast of the Assumption of Mary with us. Thank you to staff, students and parishioners for joining in to make the occasion so special.

Science Day Activities ... Engaging activities in the Science Room.



Deepest Sympathy...
Julia Honnef—Prep H teacher,
for the loss of her grandfather—
Franz Honnef

2025 Term 3 (10 weeks)

- 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

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 Glorificatur Deus - In all things may God be glorified.



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.

Thank you to those who have sent their envelopes in to purchase tickets. Tickets continue to be on sale at school this week. Join us on Friday.



A blast from the past... GCPS 1990 Staff—See if you can find Miss Denise Dillon (Mrs Denise Kenny), and Miss Sue Arnell (Mrs Sue Lynch).