



## TUCKSHOP

WED 27 AUGUST—JULIE, ANN-MARIE, LEANNE & GLADYS

FRI 29 AUG—JULIE, LURL, MIA, ANDREA & RACHELLE

MON 1 SEPTEMBER—JULIE, SHEILA, PAT & TESS



### FLEXISCHOOL ORDERING CLOSING TIMES


WEDNESDAY - CLOSSES 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



## National Police Remembrance Day

29 SEPTEMBER 2025

WITH HONOUR THEY SERVED

### National Police Remembrance Day 2025

Innisfail Police Church Service

Cassowary Coast Patrol Group

You are cordially invited to attend the 2025 National Police Remembrance Day Service to honour those Police Officers who have died while carrying out their duties.

The service will be at: **Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church**  
90 Rankin Street, Innisfail  
11.00am Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Guests are requested to be seated 10 minutes before the service.

It is anticipated that many police officers, staff members, their families and member of the public will be attending. I hope that you will also be able to attend this very important Remembrance Service.


Members of the Community will be given the opportunity to lay a wreath and participate in the public scattering of petals. Should you wish to lay a wreath, please advise when replying to this invitation.

A morning tea for guests will be served in the adjacent Parish Centre Building at the conclusion of the service.

I would be pleased if you could join us on the occasion.

Nathan Blain  
Inspector Cassowary Coast Patrol Group


Please RSVP to [Caljeia.LinaM@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Caljeia.LinaM@police.qld.gov.au) – phone 40615721  
Please advise if you are intending to lay a wreath



### 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](mailto:accounts.innisfail@cns.catholic.edu.au)



## INNISFAIL DEFENDERS TOUCH ASSOCIATION

WANGAN SPORTS GROUNDS

# JUNIOR SEASON 2

20TH AUGUST TO 12TH NOVEMBER

Register at: [touchfootball.com.au/mysideline](http://touchfootball.com.au/mysideline) or scan the QR Codes

### REGISTER YOUR CHILD

JUNIORS - 6 TO 11 YEARS

\$25 IDTA FEE + ANNUAL \$52 TFA & QLD TOUCH MEMBERSHIP FEE



For further information regarding new TFA & QLD Touch Fee Structure, visit the QLD Touch website.

Unfortunately the Fair Play Vouchers cannot be used for the TFA & QLD Touch Fee. The Fair Play Vouchers can be used for the Innisfail Defenders Touch Association Fee \$25 for 6 to 11 year olds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT [innisfailtouch@gmail.com](mailto:innisfailtouch@gmail.com)

PHOTOS!

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If you have 'Blast from the Past' staff or class photos from 1975 - 1990 - please share them with us to help celebrate 50 years as GCPS.

Please email all photo submissions to:  
[secretary@gcps.qld.edu.au](mailto:secretary@gcps.qld.edu.au)

We can't wait to see them!



# GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

26 AUGUST 2025

TERM 3 Week 7

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 year one of our School Improvement goals was to have increased school attendance and less than 5% unexplained student absences. We have improved in both areas—currently sitting on 90% of students attending 75% of days and less than 1% not explained. Thanks to all families for making attendance a priority. This improvement can be attributed partly to our Administration staff contacting families each morning if they have not logged an absence. While this is costly and time consuming, it is necessary for us in our compliance obligations to do daily check-ins on absences.

Our next improvement goal will be focusing on getting students to school before the bell. Lately this has been a significant issue as late students have to pass through the office to log onto the attendance app.

Parents are urged to get your children to school prior to 8:35am. If you get children to school early they get the chance to socialise with friends, play a game, visit the library (Wed-Fri), attend homework club or brain boosters and get their equipment ready for the day. If arriving after the bell, they are rushing to sign in, missing important learning and stressing out about being late.

Parenting expert Michael Grose has some wise words on being late for school -

**Being late is not okay**  
*Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.*

*Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.*

*As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as "It's not fair that I have to go to school today because Auntie is coming to visit!". Nice try, but the answer should be "No!".*

*As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school*

every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day. Of course there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

*It's reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.*

Our Year 6 leaders were fortunate to experience a mass with 2400 people at the Australian Catholic Education Conference in Cairns last Wednesday. The mass had a 'rock star' feel being held in the Taipans Snake Pit at the Convention Centre with a full band, singers and choir. Bishop Joe celebrated mass with two Archbishops, and five other Bishops from around Australia joined by local priests and our own Fr Kerry to assist in the celebration. One thousand Cairns Diocesan school students and 1400 conference delegates rocked the Convention Centre. It was a once in a lifetime experience for our students.

On Friday our senior girls played in the Fowler's Cup Netball Carnival. Well done girls on participating and thank you to Mrs Russell and Mrs Healey for taking our teams.

Thank you to the P&F for organising the BBQ and to everyone who supported Friday's Fathers' Games Night . A fabulous, fun night.

Congratulations to all our Cassowary Coast District Track & Field athletes who competed at Barlow Park on Sunday/Monday at the Peninsula Trials. Lots of hot competition.

Congratulations to:

Sailah D'Urso—200m - 7th place and 800m - 2nd place  
Shahbaz Kalkat—100m - 5th place, high jump - 3rd place & competed 200m  
Mason Borsato—1500m - 7th place  
Ekamjeet Singh—1500m - 9th place  
Cohen Petersen—long jump - 4th place & competed 200m  
Ollie Haren—shot put - 4th place  
James Davison—placed in all competed events  
Ryan Stephenson— long jump - 7th place & competed 100m  
Dallas Stephenson—high jump - 8th place  
Jack Grant—competed in 100m & 200m  
Harlem Di Carlo—long jump - 8th place & competed 200m  
Addyson Laffin—800m - 8th place & competed 100m & 200m

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

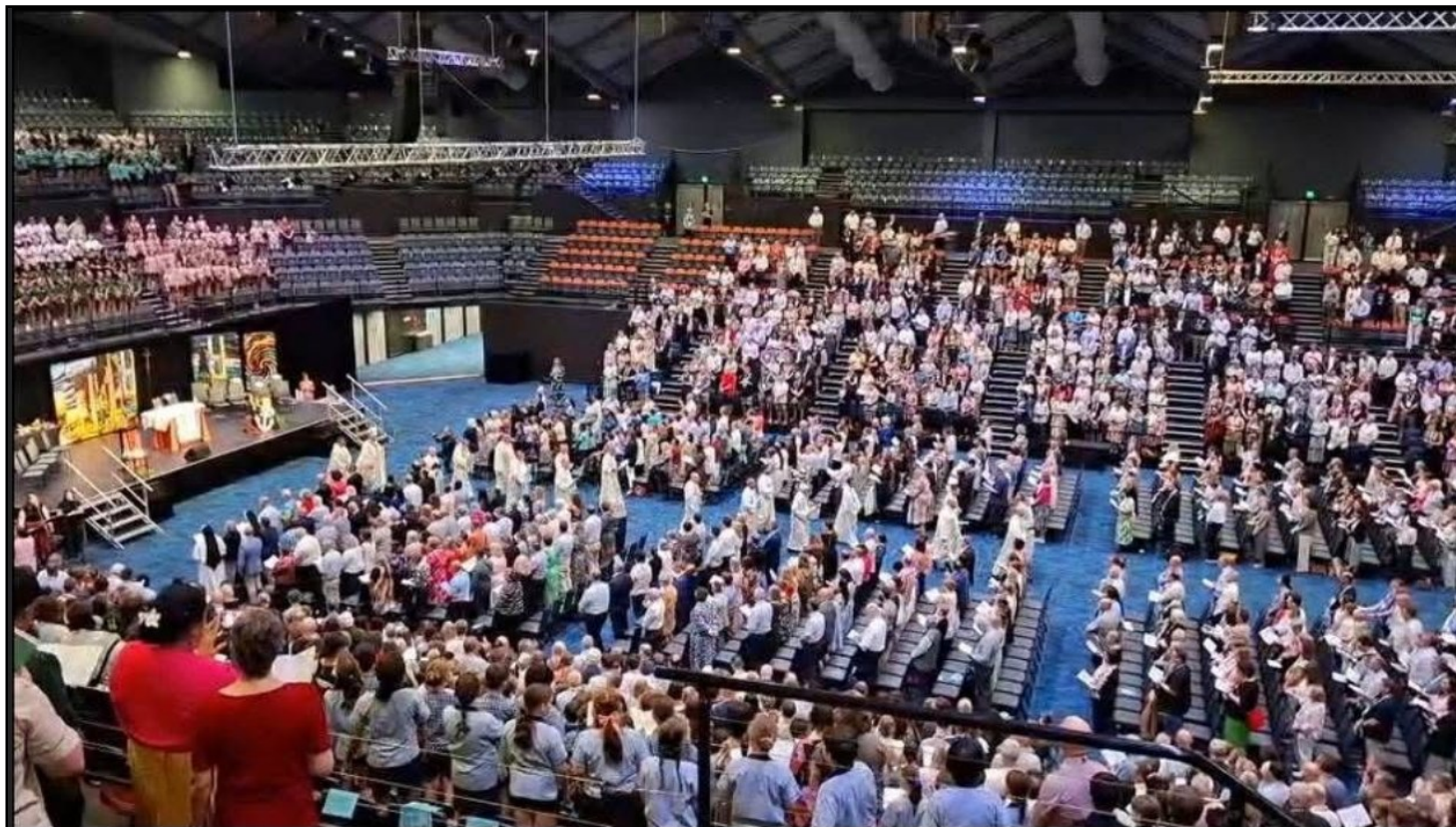
DIARY DATES 2025

MON 14 JULY -  
FRI 19 SEPT

FRI 29 AUG  
PRE-PREP  
SESSION  
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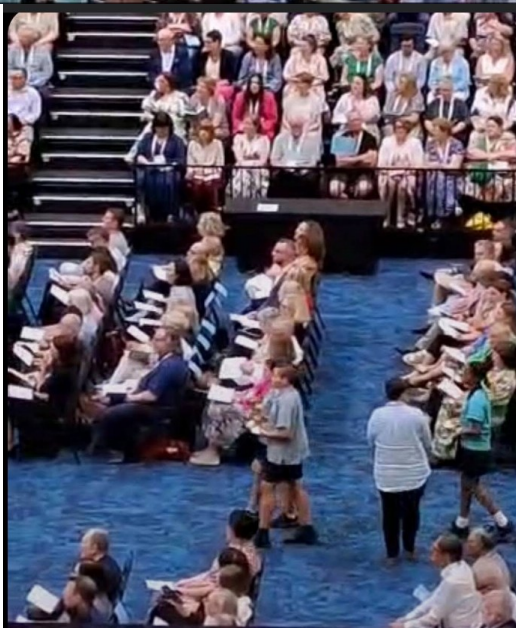
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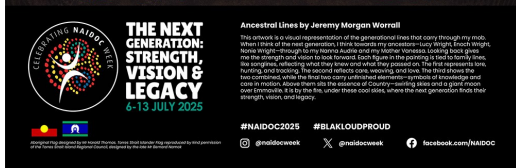
### Eucharistic Celebration— Cairns Convention Centre...

The 2025 Australian Catholic Education Conference held at the Cairns Convention Centre last week saw Bishop Joe Caddy as the main celebrant for the Eucharistic Celebration—*hope, anchored in faith*, held for all the attendees. Representative students from the all the Cairns Diocesan schools were involved at various stages of the proceedings, with our School Captains, Brooklyn and Nate carrying forward the ciborium in preparation for the Eucharistic celebration. A memorable occasion for two excellent leaders.

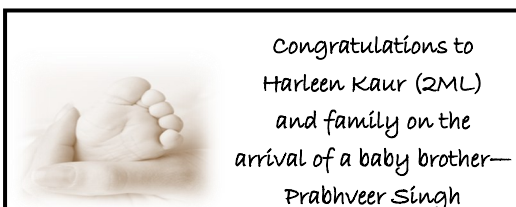


### The next blast from the past—1996 GCPS Staff ...

You're looking out for Ms Lorraine Tabua and Mrs Sue Ah Shay.



GCPS celebrating NAIDOC 2025 with activities in Week 9. The Poster attributed as 'The 2025 National NAIDOC Poster incorporating the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag (licensed by the Torres Strait Island Council):'  
<https://www.naidoc.org.au/posters/poster-gallery/2025-national-naidoc-week-poster>



### 2025 Term 3 (10 weeks)

- 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  
Prep Fairy Tales Assembly  
End of Term

### 2025 Term 4 (9 weeks)

- Mon 6.10 KING'S BIRTHDAY—PUPIL FREE
- Fri 24.10 SOCKTOBER MISSION DAY
- Thu 30.10 Celebrating 50 years as GCPS
- Fri 31.10 WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
- Tue 11.11 Remembrance Day
- Fri 14.11 Yr 6 Camp Prayer Assembly
- Wk 9 Mini Vinnies Hamper Collection
- Fri 21.11 Preps & Yr 1 Nativity Assembly
- Mon 1.12 Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6:00pm
- 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](mailto: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*



Fathers' Games Night—thank you Tuckshop workers/ Congratulations winners.



*We're fundraising* **expressions**  
taking orders now *fundraising*

### Celebrate 50 Years with a special keepsake!

As part of our 50-year celebrations as Good Counsel Primary School, the P&F are excited to offer commemorative tea towels featuring **self-portraits drawn by every student and staff member**. These beautiful **100% cotton tea towels** are not only practical, but also a wonderful way to capture a moment in time. They make the perfect **memento of your child's primary school years**, and are also fantastic as gifts.

Don't miss out—place your order now by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.expressions.com.au/fundraising-schools/Y815NGRcpm0ZbZ9xug7>