

**Volunteers needed**

**TUCKSHOP**

WED 17 SEPT—JULIE, GLADYS & 1 HELPER NEEDED  
FRI 19 SEPT—JULIE, SUE, ROSE & 1 HELPER NEEDED  
MON 6 OCT—KING'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

**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

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

**Celebrate 50 Years with a special keepsake!**

As part of our 50-year celebrations as Good Counsel Primary School, the P&F is excited to offer a commemorative tea towel featuring **self-portraits drawn by every student and staff member**.

This beautiful **100% cotton tea towel** is not only practical, but also a wonderful way to capture a moment in time. It makes the perfect **memento of your child's primary school years**, and is also fantastic as a gift.

Price: \$20 each, or order 3+ for \$18 each.

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

**Orders close: Thursday 2 October, 2025.**

<https://www.expressions.com.au/fundraising-schools/Y8I5NGRcpm0ZzBZ9xug7>

**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)

*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*

**PHOTOS! PHOTOS! PHOTOS!**

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) or drop them into the office for us to scan. We can't wait to see them!

**GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

*SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE*

**16 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**TERM 3 Week 10**

*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,

In the last few weeks our student attendance has dropped off due to some sickness, but lots of students are constantly missing a Friday to go shopping in Cairns, camping or fishing. While this is all great family time, it does affect the continuity of schooling. The odd day a semester to take advantage of the weather is acceptable, but for some students who are sitting on less than 90% attendance, this adds up and does begin to affect how they are progressing at school. Obviously if students are attending medical appointments this is completely understandable as many of these are in Cairns and not available locally.

A reminder that we have the draw for the Elektra Hoverboard attendance notification prize which will be drawn this Friday. All students who have been to school every day for Term 3 will also receive a special prize.



This week, classes will be finishing off core teaching and term assessments, so let's work up until the end of term.

Best wishes to Miss Forster (4F) who, over the holidays, is getting married in Cairns. We wish her all the best at this special time. When she returns, she will be Mrs Lizzio (4L).



A busy week with the Year 2 excursion, Bike Safety Day (Prep-Yr2), rugby league, netball carnivals, Prep Storytelling presentation and class homework rewards.

Congratulations to our Netta girls who participated in the Netta Carnival in Cairns last Friday. Some great results. Many thanks to Miss Worth for coaching the girls all term as a lead up to the event.



Well done to the GCP students who competed in the Little Athletics HART Winter Regional Championships held in Tolga over the weekend. Events were hurdles, throws, jumps, sprints and walks.



**Tuckshop Menu change for Term 4.** No more tacos on Mondays. New chicken and gravy rolls on Monday first and second lunch—\$5.00. Check Flexischools.

Good luck to our club netballers—'Banana Bunch', who are playing finals this Tuesday night. More information available on Innisfail & District Netball Association Facebook page.

**School Crossing Information**  
A reminder to please stay behind the yellow line and wait until the Crossing Guard has blown the whistle before entering the road way. A couple of near misses of late.



A reminder that school for Term 4 resumes on Tuesday 7 October due to the Monday King's Birthday Holiday.

Regards Liam

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[www.gcps.qld.edu.au](http://www.gcps.qld.edu.au)

**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

**WED 17 SEPT**  
**BIKE SAFETY DAY**  
**PREP—YEAR 2**

**THU 18 SEPT**  
**YR 2 EXCURSION**

**FRI 19 SEPT**  
**PREP STORYTELLING PRESENTATION**  
**8:40AM**

**TUE 7 OCT**  
**SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 4**





GCPS NAIDOC celebrations...

You have lived in this land and fashioned a culture that endures to this day. And during all this time, the spirit of God has been with you. Pope John Paul II Alice Springs 1986

Thank you to our First Nations students and our ILO—Teneisha Ah Kee for Friday's Prayer Assembly. Thank you parents for supporting the children. Our 'Belonging Board' has been updated with cultural details to include the 2025 newcomers.



Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

**Christ Has No Body**  
*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth  
but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which  
he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which  
he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with  
which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are  
the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are  
his body.  
Christ has no body now but  
yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but  
yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which  
he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on  
earth but yours.*

Bike Safety Day...

Thank you to Mrs Sue Ah Shay for organising tomorrow's Prep—Yr 2 Bike Safety Day. Thank you in advance to the GCP Adopt-A-Cop Senior Sergeant Karl Ah Shay and the support officers.

Prep Storytelling...

Please join with the Preps at 8:40am for their special presentation in the Blue Area. Thank you to the Prep Team—Julia Honnef, Jess Sinton, Bianca Borg, Terri Puccini and Ella Sciacca.

**Attendance MATTERS**

MON TUE WED THU FRI

**Every child, on time, every day**

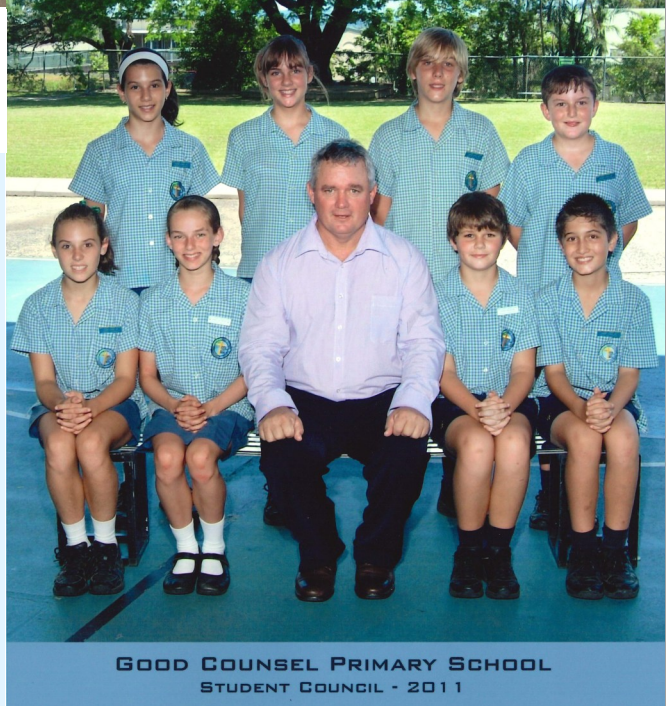
Partial absences = missed learning  
Punctuality is important

**Attendance on time...**  
The 'on time' magic time, for the classroom is 8:35am.  
Thank you to all the parents who ensure their child/children's punctuality.

2025	Term 3 (10 weeks)
Wed 17.9	Bike Safety Day Prep—Yr 2
Thu 18.9	Jim Graham Cup Innisfail
Fri 19.9	Sr Mary Mills Netball
	Prep Storytelling Presentation
	End of Term
2025	Term 4 (9 weeks)
Mon 6.10	KING'S BIRTHDAY—PUPIL FREE
Wed—Fri	Yr 5 Tinaroo Camp
Fri 10.10	Our Lady of the Rosary Assembly
Thu 16.10	GCC Year 7 Orientation Day
Fri 17.10	Student Council Prayer Assembly
Mon 20.10	Yr 1 Liturgy 2.15pm
Fri 24.10	SOCKTOBER MISSION DAY
Mon 27.10	Prep Liturgy 2:15pm
Thu 30.10	Celebrating 50 years as GCPS
Fri 31.10	WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
Mon 3.11	Yr 4 Eucharistic Liturgy 2:00pm
Tue 11.11	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Fri 14.11	Billy Slater League Tag Day
Fri 21.11	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



Still with the 50 years of memories—Term 3's final edition features our principals who commenced at GCPS in 1994, 1999, 2011—Mrs Mhornin Kerrigan, Mr Gus Lindsay, Mr Liam Kenny, as well as various student leaders over the years. See if you recognise a some current parents and a few aunts as well. Please keep those photos coming in—especially 1975—1985.





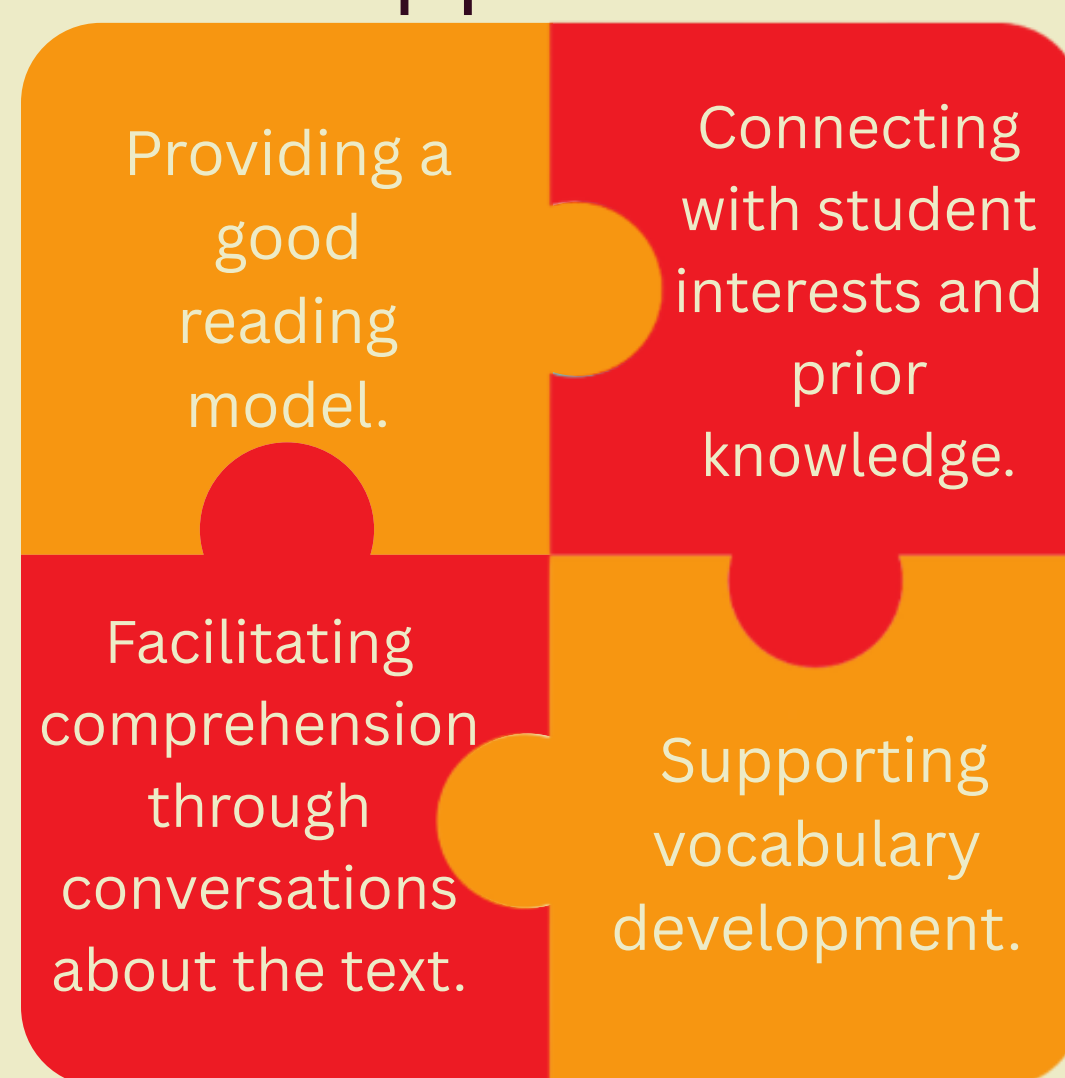
# Parent Workshop: Supporting your student with reading



This **free** online session will focus on supporting **middle years students** with their **reading**.

If you have ever felt puzzled over how to **support your child's reading**, then **this workshop will offer you a variety of helpful strategies.**

The session will include ideas that align with the Griff LinC approach:



**Wednesday 15 October 2025**

**5pm-6pm**

**RSVP [here](#)**



Dr Frances Hoyte



Dr Kylie Bradfield



Dr Deb Brosseuk



For more information about Griff LinC see: 





# SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



## Innisfail Library

### Peg Puppets

Wednesday 24 September

10.30am - 11.30am

### Bobble Heads

Wednesday 1 October

10.30am - 11.30am

## Cardwell Library

### Mini Worlds

Wednesday 24 September

10.00am - 11.00am

### Creation Station

Monday 29 September

to Friday 3 October

ALL DAY

## Mission Beach Library

### Music Makers

Tuesday 23 September

10.00am - 11.00am

### Creation Station

Monday 29 September

to Friday 3 October

ALL DAY

## Tully Library

### Embossed Foil Art

Thursday 25 September

2.30pm - 3.30pm

### Puzzle Piece Photo Frames

Thursday 2 October

2.30pm - 3.30pm

## Bookings Essential

*To book scan QR code, call or visit your library*



*What's on at  
your library?*

**1300 366 616**  
[cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries)

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## 14-21 September Innisfail



### Sunday 14th Sept

**Art Deco High Tea** Shire Hall  
Doors open 1.30pm for 2.15pm  
\$50.00 Dress to impress in your  
Art Deco fashions.

Tables of 8 0429 368 998  
trybooking.com/DBMDK

### Monday 15th Sept

**History Museum** 9-13 Edith St  
Innisfail Mon to Sat 10am-2pm

**Shire Hall Tour** 10.00am  
FREE entry. Meet in hall foyer

**Crown Hotel** open lunch &  
dinner 7 days 4061 4722

### Tuesday 16th Sept

**Art Deco Guided History Walk**  
2pm from Shire Hall foyer \$10.00

**Brothers Leagues Club** Bistro  
dinner & FREE trivia 4061 7199

### Wednesday 17th Sept

**Shire Hall Tour** 10am  
FREE entry. Meet in hall foyer

**A Century of Art Deco Design**  
Presentation at Innisfail Library  
2pm FREE Entry. Online library  
booking or 1300 366 616

### Historical Cemetery Walk

'Stories from the Past'  
6pm \$5.00 BYO torch

### Thursday 18th Sept

**Art Deco Guided History Walk**  
10am from Shire Hall foyer  
\$10.00

### Vintage Hat Workshop

Design & decorate a garden party  
hat 10am-2pm \$50.00

0429 368 998

trybooking.com/DBMDR

**Art Deco Trivia** 8 per team  
Innisfail RSL Club 7pm \$2.00pp  
Dress to impress in your Deco!  
Book a team/dinner 4061 1601

### Friday 19th Sept

**A Century of Art Deco Design**  
Presentation at Innisfail Library  
10am FREE Entry. Online library  
booking or 1300 366 616

**Shire Hall Tour** 12pm  
FREE entry. Meet in hall foyer

**Singing Workshop** Unleash your  
Deco Diva! 2-4pm \$10.00  
trybooking.com/DBMDM  
0409 442 246

### 1920s Murder Mystery Dinner

Dress to impress in your 1920s  
fashions. Brothers Leagues Club  
6pm for 6.30pm \$55.00 Tables  
of 6 trybooking.com/DBMDN

### Saturday 20th Sept

**Lions Market** in ANZAC Park  
7.00am-12pm FREE entry

**Great Gatsby 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
**Picnic** Jack Fossey Park 2-5pm

BYO chair, rug & picnic (no  
alcohol please). Vintage cars,  
entertainment & refreshments.  
Doggy Deco Parade at 3.30pm  
Dress to impress in your Deco  
fashions! Prizes to be won.  
FREE entry.

### Movie Night 'The Great Gatsby'

7pm FREE entry. RSL Club  
Dinner bookings 4061 1601

### Sunday 21st Sept

**Vintage Market** Shire Hall  
Innisfail 9am-2pm Refreshments  
& entertainment all day  
Gold coin entry

Stall bookings: 0439 817 100

### Art Deco Guided Town Walks

11am & 1pm \$10.00

Meet in Shire Hall foyer

### Mini-Rail Family Fun Day

Stalls, train rides, food & fun  
Warrina Lakes 10am-2pm

### MORE TO DO:

Paronella Park \* Mamu Tropical  
Skywalk \* Innisfail Antiques &  
Restoration \* Museums- Innisfail,  
El Arish, Cardwell, Babinda  
(check opening times) \* Self-  
guided Town Walks of Innisfail &  
Tully. Booklet or FREE app guide

### MORE INFO:

[www.innisfailhistory.com.au](http://www.innisfailhistory.com.au)

