

WED 3 SEPT—JULIE, PAT, GLADYS & MIA

**FRI 5 SEPT—PUPIL FREE DAY**

MON 8 SEPT—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

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 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/Y8I5NGRcpm0ZzBZ9xug7>

**To Dad on Father's Day**

I sure hope this Father's Day  
Is your very best by far,  
Extra nice and extra fun  
The way you always are.

Times are fun when you're around,  
No nicer dad could ever be found!  
You're the greatest kind of dad  
Any kid has ever had...

**Happy FATHER'S DAY**

**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**

*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)

We can't wait to see them!

**GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**NEWSLETTER**

*SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE*

**2 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**TERM 3 Week 8**

*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,

With the end of term looming, it is an opportune time to check in that students are completing their homework and meeting expectations including their reading requirements. A reminder also to have students in their correct uniform each day, especially 'black' shoes (Monday—Thursday).

This Sunday is Father's Day. It seems we have been building up for it for weeks with our early Fathers' Night and P&F Meet and Greet. Father's Day is always celebrated on the first Sunday in September. It is a day dedicated to appreciating fathers and those who stand in for fathers for their love, guidance and contributions to families and society. The celebration began in the early 1900s and has continued over the decades. In our over commercialised world of giving expensive gifts and cards, maybe this year spending time with your dad is what he would enjoy this Sunday.

A reminder that this **Friday is a Pupil Free Day** for all schools in our District. Teachers will be at school developing and reviewing our school Mathematics documents, while School Learning Officers will receive a Professional Development on Wellbeing.

In Week 4 of next term (Thursday 30 October) we will be hosting our '50 years' since we changed our school name from Sacred Heart Convent School to Good Counsel Primary School. Up until 1975, boys and girls from Year 1 to 3 and girls through to Year 7 were educated on our site, and the boys from Year 4 to 10 were across the road at the Marist Brothers. Once the schools were both renamed all primary ages students attended the Rankin St site for their primary years and the secondary students attended Good Counsel College.

In October 1974, a special meeting was convened by Fr Meagher to put before parents and parishioners the advantages to be gained from a complete integration of the Sacred Heart and Marist Brothers Colleges.

Staff of the two schools were in unanimous support and a survey of 238 students revealed a 76% favourable response. Brother John Holdsworth was announced as the GCC Principal and Sr Kerin Caldwell as the Principal of GCP.

And as they say "The rest is history!" Sr Kerin will be a special guest at our celebrations in October to unveil our Good Samaritan Wall. If you would like to attend the celebrations, please RSVP via the QR Code attached to the newsletter. We are hoping to have past students, teachers, principals, Fr Kerry, Fr James and Fr Frank from the era returning to join the celebrations.

**50 Year Celebration order of events:**

- Special Assembly
- Blessing of the Good Samaritan Wall & Cross
- Official unveiling of the Good Samaritan Wall
- Sealing of the time capsule
- School tour of memorabilia (Theatrette)
- Tour of classrooms
- Morning tea

Due to the numerous cyclones and disasters over the years we are in need of old photos. Particularly 1970s—1990s. If you have class or staff photos from this era, please email a scanned copy to us or drop into the Admin Office and we will scan them.

Artists from the Box Jelly Performing Arts presented *The Grumpiest Boy in the World* over two sessions for Preps—2 and Yr 3—6 in the Blue Area today Thank you Liz, Lotti and Dean for the great entertainment.

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 5 SEPT**  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**FRI 12 SEPT**  
**NAIDOC WEEK**  
**PRAYER ASSEMBLY & IN CLASS ACTIVITIES ALL WEEK**

**FRI 12 SEPT**  
**PRE-PREP SESSION #4**

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

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





Yr 2YL- Friday Father’s Day Prayer Assembly...

Thank you students for honouring your dads with prayers, photos, messages and special song. So good to see dads present.



**Year 2 Friendship Liturgy...** Thank you Father Kerry for celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with the students of 2ML and 2YL yesterday. Thank you parents and grandparents , and great-grandparents who were there to join in the celebration in Mother of Good Counsel Church. Thank you Mrs Sue Lynch, Mrs Rosanne Mifsud and Ms Julie Yang for the preparations.

GCPS MINI VINNIES TRASH ‘N’ TREASURE

The GCPS Mini Vinnies Executive has confirmed that their Trash ‘n’ Treasure venture, put forward by the 6DS & 6S Mini Vinnies, will be held on Tuesday 16 September. The Mini Vinnies will accept items in good condition brought in with a note to say parents support parting with ‘said’ items (please NO soft toys, NO clothing etc). If you are unsure—check with Mrs C. Items will be collected during Weeks 8 & 9, for sale in Week 10. Please bring items to the Admin Office. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Catholic Education Mrs C



Science Week Colouring Competition Winners



**IEU Awards for Excellence in Art Design 2025...** Congratulations to all participants in the various categories—Yr 3 and 4; Yr 5 and Yr 6.



**Brain Boosters...** Term 3 Brain Booster recipients rewarded for the extra effort put towards learning each week.



IEU 2025 Literary Competition

Congratulations to the Yr 5 & 6 recipients of the Certificates of Participation.

2025	Term 3 (10 weeks)
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 NAIDOC PRAYER ASSEMBLY
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
Fri 24.10	SOCKTOBER MISSION DAY
Thu 30.10	Celebrating 50 years as GCPS New Rugby 7s
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

**EVERY FAMILY**

**BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS**

TERM 3 2025

**3 WEEK PROGRAM**

**NEW DATES!**  
Thursdays  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

**9:30am - 11:30am**

**11 Flying Fish Point Rd, Innisfail Estate**

**\$ FREE**

**Bookings Essential**  
Contact:  
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0488 321 605

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