




TUCKSHOP



WED 10 SEPT—JULIE, GLADYS & LEEANNE
 FRI 12 SEPT—JULIE, LURL, MIA & 1 HELPER NEEDED
 MON 15 SEPT—JULIE, SHEILA, PAT & LINA

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



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.



Bill Code: Ref:

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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

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

We can't wait to see them!



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

9 SEPTEMBER 2025

TERM 3 Week 9

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,

At GCP we celebrate and recognise NAIDOC Week 2025 this week. NAIDOC Week across Australia is celebrated during the mid year school break. This year was the 50 year anniversary of NAIDOC celebrations. The theme for 2025 is "The Next Generation": Strength, Vision & Legacy." This theme celebrates the enduring spirit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, focusing on the wisdom passed down through generations, the growing leadership of young people, and the importance of carrying stories and culture forward into the future.

The next generation—a call to uplift, invest in, and listen to the young people who are the future leaders and custodians of culture.

Strength—acknowledges the resilience and vitality of indigenous cultures and the strength of communities and individuals.

Vision—encourages looking forward with hope and determination, envisioning a future built on justice, equality and a thriving community for all.

Legacy—honours the ancestors, their stories, achievements and the knowledge they passed down to pave the way for future generations.




National Child Protection Week is from 7—13 September, but actually it should run all year, as our duty is to keep all children and young people safe. The theme this year "Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action". It highlights that while open discussions are crucial, words alone are not enough. As a school and wider community, we have role in protecting children. At school, our Student Protection contacts are Miss Carmel, Counsellor, Mrs 'C' (APA/APRE), and myself as Principal. However, all staff members have been trained specifically each year in how to 'report' as it is a legal requirement of schools to do so. Remember, "Protecting children is everyone's business".

Last Wednesday, 4 of our students competed at the "All Abilities Day" at Barlow Park. It is a wonderful event organised by Peninsula School Sport with the assistance of approximately 20 FNQ sporting associations. It gave students an opportunity to experience and participate in non-competitive (apparently) sports including lawn bowls, athletics, cricket, netball, touch etc. What a day for our students to join 200 other students from over 30 schools in the region. PTO

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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

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



Life of the School...

Many thanks to Mrs Amy McElhinney for once again organising our students to attend.

Last Thursday our Year 3 & 4 boys played at the annual Ty Williams Rugby League Carnival. A great day! Thanks to Mrs Daniella Stephenson for training the boys this term, and for Miss Neisha Ah Kee for assisting on the day.

This Friday our Year 3 and 4 girls will play in the FNQ Netta Netball Carnival in Cairns. We wish them every success.

Regards *Liam*



Year 5 Happy Birthday Mary, Mother of Jesus Liturgy...

Thank you Father Kerry for celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist on Mary’s Nativity Feast Day with the students of 5DS & 5SP yesterday. Thank you parents and grandparents who were there to join in the celebration in Mother of Good Counsel Church. Thank you Mrs Brooke Davis, Mrs Lisa Paterson and Mrs Daniella Stephenson for the preparations.



GCPS 1976—Yr 7 class including our very own Mrs Grace Slater.

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TREASURE

**GCPS MINI VINNIES
TRASH ‘N’ TREASURE
TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**

- asking for more items to sell as the collection is not sufficient to go ahead currently. Thank you if you have already sent goods into the Admin Office.

2025	Term 3 (10 weeks)
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
Wed—Fri	Yr 5 Tinaroo Camp
Fri 10.10	Our Lady of the Rosary Pr. Assembly
Thu 16.10	GCC Year 7 Orientation Day
Fri 17.10	Student Council Prayer Assembly
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 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
Fri 5.12	End of Year Mass

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

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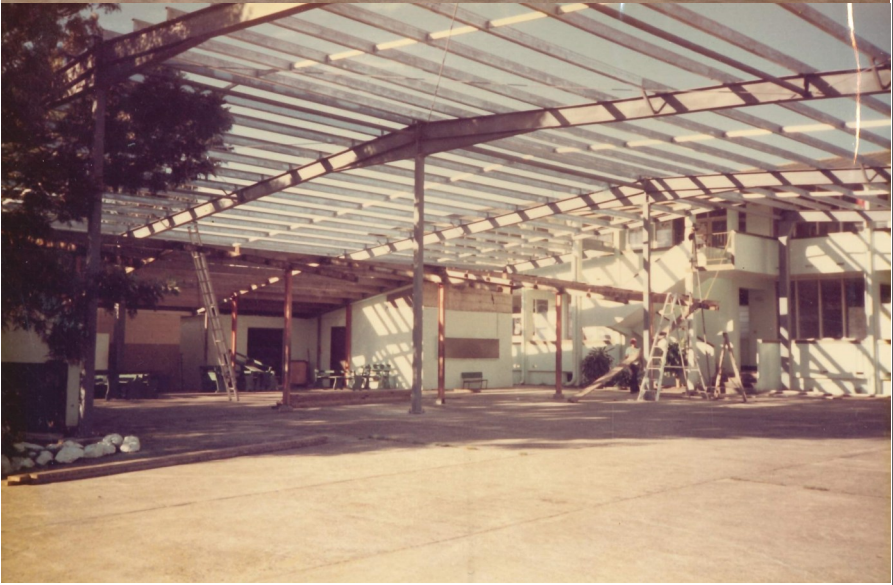
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Cassowary Coast LIBRARY & MUSEUM SERVICES



Thank you to Mr Dave Haslam above with the 1980 U/12 GCS Footy team and below, Ms Christine Brischetto, in her Yr 2 class in 1987, (middle row beside the teacher) for answering the call. Please if are a past pupil/staff member, we’d love your photo memories. Please contact Ms Bartolo in the Admin Office if you can assist 1975—1990.



In 1989, the 'not so Blue Area' was covered with a roof to protect students from the weather. Such an amazing feat and so much appreciated when the skies turn grey. Thank you Mrs Leigh Onaindia GCC for sharing this photo.