



TUCKSHOP



WED 15 OCT—JULIE, LEEANNE, GLADYS

FRI 17 OCT—JULIE, LURL & 1 HELPER NEEDED

MON 20 OCT—JULIE, PAT & SHEILA

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




Year 7 in 2026

ORIENTATION DAY

THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER

Full-day experience
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Morning Tea & BBQ Lunch provided

Parent Tour & Morning Tea available
9:00 am - 10:00 am

School uniform to be worn with closed-in shoes

Please bring

- water bottle
- school hat

Please notify your bus company at least 2 weeks prior of any changes to your child's travel arrangements on this day.

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 4 fees will be issued shortly.

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



REMINDER

Extra Curricular Photo Day

Wednesday 22 October

Advanced Life will be onsite to take the Year 6 Camp, Netball Team, Football Team and the All Abilities Sports Team photos.

Yr 6 students please be sure to wear your Camp Shirt.



Last call out for Trash or Treasure pre-loved items to be donated to the Yr 6 Mini Vinnies team. Please drop all items to the Office before next week. Thank you.

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 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

14 OCTOBER 2025

TERM 4 Week 2

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 week I am away on Long Service Leave. Over the past month at school we have been analysing our reading data from a new assessment tool that has been implemented by our Diocese. While generally our Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN results for Reading are amazing, with well over 75% of students in exceeding or strong (well above the National Average), we can see that our students need to continue to grow. This will be a major focus this term and leading into 2026. Over the next few weeks we will have some information to assist you in understanding the importance of reading daily as it improves comprehension and student performance.

Do you have memories of reading with your children or of your parents/grandparents reading to you? Reading is a wonderful way of fostering literacy in young children. Daily reading has benefits that go way beyond childhood. Establishing the skills needed for reading is vital for work and everyday activities such as filling out forms and following written instructions. Helping your child to develop successful reading strategies is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. If just for 15-20 mins each day, put your phone away or turn off the device and read with your child.

- There are 4 main benefits of reading:
- Enhanced brain activity**
Unlike watching television or streamed entertainment, reading requires focus. This engages the mind and stimulates more brain regions than passive forms of entertainment.
 - Improved vocabulary**
By exposing students to new words, reading can expand vocabulary. Studies have found that reading-related activities were the primary cause of vocabulary growth from grades four to ten.
 - Developing critical thinking**
Reading widely allows students to encounter

different ideas and ways of understanding the world, compelling them to consider what they believe and why.

4. Increased ability to understand others
Encountering different ideas also helps us to understand others. Furthermore, reading can enhance mental and emotional wellbeing. The therapeutic effect of reading is known as bibliotherapy, which is derived from two Greek words: *biblion*, meaning book, and *therapeia* or healing.

Why students who ready daily perform better at school...
If the aforementioned benefits are not enough to convince you of the benefits of children reading regularly, research has consistently linked reading outside of school hours to improved performance across all grades. Students who read independently have greater reading comprehension, verbal fluency and general knowledge than those who do not. They become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas, and have greater content knowledge than their non-reading peers.

More reading in next week's newsletter.
<https://www.acc.edu.au/blog/reading-comprehension-student-performance/>

Last week, I made mention of the holiday works to the retaining wall (photo on p.2) and the new seating in the Rankin St entrance.



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
TUE 7 OCT -
FRI 5 DEC

THU 16 OCT
GCC YR 7
ORIENTATION DAY

YR 1 EXCURSION
WARRINA LAKES

YR 2 EXCURSION
SHIRE HALL &
ETTY BAY

TUE 21 OCT
P&F MEETING
THEATRETTE
7PM

THU 23 OCT
YR 4 HERBERTON
EXCURSION
7AM

FRI 24 OCT
GOLD COIN
SOCKTOBER



As per page 1...

Holiday work on the retaining wall behind the oval.

Catholic Missions....

Last Thursday, the Queensland Philanthropy Officer spoke with the students about her experience visiting the people in the Diocese of Mpika in Zambia early this year. This year, Catholic Mission is partnering with the Mpika Diocese of Zambia to bring hope and healing to some of the most remote communities in the country. Access to maternal and child healthcare remains a significant challenge, especially in

rural areas where 60 percent of the population lives. On average, there are fewer than 14 doctors per 100,000 people—well below the World Health Organisation's recommendation of 250 doctors per 100,000. The students were able to use the VR goggles showing how life is in Zambia.

For more information: <https://www.socktober.org.au/about/zambia>

Catholic Missions Socktober....

The Catholic Mission Socktober gold coin donation—crazy and colourful socks day in support of the people of the Mpika Diocese of Zambia, will take place on Friday 24 October. The Sockball Competition will run throughout the day with each year level competing for the chance to put forward their best in the Sockball finals off at 1:20pm.

2025 Term 4 (9 weeks)

Thu 16.10	GCC Year 7 Orientation Day
Thu 16.10	Yr 1 Warrina Lakes Excursion
Fri 17.10	Student Council Prayer Assembly
Fri 17.10	Pool—Yr 5, 3, 2
Mon 20.10	Yr 1 Liturgy 2.15pm
Fri 24.10	SOCKTOBER GOLD COIN & CRAZY SOCKS MISSION DAY
Fri 24.10	Pool—Yr 3, 2, Prep
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	Yr 1 Nativity Prayer Assembly
Mon 1.12	Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6:00pm
Thu 4.12	Christmas Concert
Fri 5.12	End of Year Mass



2020—Socktober blast from the past. Below the Yr 7 Outback Campers of 2008. Who do you recognise?

We are on a countdown to the celebrations on Thursday 30th October. Please keep those photos coming in. If you have yet to RSVP, please scan the QR Code to let us know you will be joining us to celebrate.



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/GDWV> to make your booking

In Omnis Glorificatur Deus - In all things may God be glorified

Deepest Sympathy...

*Haidee and Matthew Healey,
 Delta (3DW) and Cooper (GCC) for the loss of
 their uncle and great uncle—Jim Boyd*

Deepest Sympathy...

*Summer De Faveri (2ML)
 and family, for the loss of their
 Poppy—Robin Robertson*