

TUCKSHOP

WED 22 OCT—JULIE, LEEANNE, GLADYS
 FRI 24 OCT—JULIE, ANNE MARIE & MIA
 MON 27 OCT—JULIE, PAT & SHEILA

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

Dream Car ART CONTEST

Create your own Dream Car and you could win!

Dream Car Art Contest

The Toyota Dream Car Art Contest is a chance for tomorrow's engineers, designers and creative thinkers to let their imaginations run wild by drawing their 'Dream Car'. Click the link for details. <https://www.toyota.com.au/explore/community/trust/projects/dreamcar?>
 How to enter: * Complete the drawing on the official entry form handed out today. * Parents to submit entries online at [toyota.com.au/dreamcar](https://www.toyota.com.au/dreamcar) by the 19th December. * 3 categories - Under 8, 8-11 yrs, 12-15 yrs
 All entries must be created by hand (drawing, painting, collage etc) and submitted online. Example drawings available online.
 - How does your dream car help the planet? Explore renewable energy, aerodynamics, or future technology. Experiment with shapes, colours, and materials to bring an imaginative idea to life.

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.

TRASH

EASURE

Thank you for all the items that have been dropped off this week. Please keep them coming. The Trash and Treasure will be held in Week 6 to avoid Wk 4's Socktober and Wk 5's 50th celebrations.

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 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
 21 OCTOBER 2025
 TERM 4 Week 3

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,

Yesterday I returned from just over a week of long service leave where I spent time in Brisbane and Toowoomba with family. It is certainly great to return home to less traffic and life at a more relaxed pace. Many thanks to Mrs C and our leadership team and staff for covering for me during my time away. A special thank you to our students who, for the most part, were well behaved and school was relatively quiet.

It seems an age ago, but the last days before my leave were on the Year 5 Camp to Tinaroo. This was an amazing experience for our students as they participated in many and varied activities all centred around challenging themselves, developing leadership and team work skills, and for some, being away from home for the first time. Our students took on all challenges with such eagerness and it was a pleasure working with them. Many thanks to Mrs Sinton, Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Paterson for their organisation and commitment to the camp. Thanks also to our parent volunteers who assisted with supervision, activities and even washing up. Our Year5s now look forward to their Leadership Day on 20 November when they consider nominating for positions in 2026.

This week (Thursday), our Year 4 students are off to Herberton for their excursion. It will be an early start as they have a new itinerary this year visiting the Mining Museum as well at the Herberton Historic Village. It is a full day of learning about our early pioneering history in Far North Queensland, focusing on the past. There are 60 original buildings, antique motor vehicles, the original classrooms, small engines, blacksmith display, printing press and so much of yesteryear. Our students are always amazed at how life was in the early days before electricity, mobile phones and life as we know it today. We will share some pictures in next week's newsletter.

A reminder to please be careful if dropping off students or picking them up from the Prep carpark. In recent weeks we have had two close calls with families walking into school. Also please be mindful that double parking other parents is problematic.

To assist with our planning for enrolment numbers for 2026, please let me know confidentially if you are planning on moving your child/ren from GCP due to a work transfer or moving residence.

Last week, we were saddened to hear of the passing of Fr John McGrath. He was a priest for some 60 years. When I came to the Diocese in 1990 he was the Director of Catholic Education, a position he held for 13 years. During his priestly life, he served in Cairns, Atherton, Tully, Malanda, Herberton, Waiben and Innisfail. May he rest in peace after a life of service to so many.

The Socktober class challenge kicked off yesterday, with Yr 6. The Preps and Yr 5 classes held theirs today. Friday's finals will see who has scored the winning goal with the make-shift soccer ball. Remember to wear those colourful crazy socks on Friday, and bring along a gold coin for the children of Zambia.

Regards Liam

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OFFICE HOURS
 8:00 AM—3:00PM
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POINTS OF INTEREST

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 The Life of the School
 DIARY DATES 2025
 TUE 7 OCT -
 FRI 5 DEC
 TUE 21 OCT
 P&F MEETING
 THEATRETTE
 7PM
 THU 23 OCT
 YR 4 HERBERTON
 EXCURSION
 7AM
 HISTORIC VILLAGE
 HERBERTON
 FRI 24 OCT
 GOLD COIN
 SOCKTOBER



Thank you to the Student Council for their tribute to St Francis of Assisi Prayer Assembly last Friday. Next year will be 800 years of his passing. We pray: *Loving God, help me to be a peacemaker, not a peace breaker. Help me to be a person of love not hate. When I am hurt, help me to be forgiving. When I have doubt, give me faith. When I feel hopeless, give me hope. When others are filled with sadness, help me bring joy. Loving God, help me to comfort others before my own comfort. Help me to understand others and listen to them first. To love others as you love me. To give to others before I receive. To be happy to forgive first before I accept forgiveness. Amen*



Thank you Fr Kerry for leading the Yr 1 Creation Liturgy of the Word in Mother of Good Counsel Church yesterday. Thank you to the teachers and school officers and extended family who were there to support the special occasion.

Next Monday, the Preps will share their Liturgy of the Word at 2:15pm.

Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C (Maria Caltabiano APRE)

Deepest Sympathy...
Dilnoor (6S) and Sukhnoor Singh (3M)
and family, for the loss of their
dear Aunt in Melbourne.



2025 Term 4 (9 weeks)

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

That's it for the 'Blast from the Past' pics as we are now only days away from our GCP 50th celebration. Thank you to everyone who has assisted with photos and information, though there are still many gaps—especially 1975! Choir—2008, our Miss Bowie with the 2013 Netball Squad, and the 2017 Yr 6 Longreach photo.

This is a call to all past GCP students who currently have children/grandchildren enrolled at Good Counsel Primary—I have a list but it is not complete. You are invited to attend the celebrations on Thursday 30 October so that we can photograph you with your child/children for the next celebration in 2050. Thank you to past students who have already gone online to register their attendance.

