



TUCKSHOP



WED 12 NOV—JULIE, PAT, GLADYS,
 & 1 HELPER NEEDED
 FRI 14 NOV—JULIE, SUE & **2 HELPERS NEEDED**
 MON 17 NOV —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

YOU ARE INVITED TO
**Good Counsel
 Playgroup's
 Christmas Party**

FIND US IN THE GOOD SAMARITAN HALL
 ON OWEN ST

Friday 21st November

\$8.50 ENTRY | SANTA VISIT

Food - Fun - Face Painting - Presents

GCPS Christmas Concert 2025

Date—Thursday 4 December
 Place—Blue Covered Area
 Time—Please bring children at
 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

What to wear: Students are to wear their navy
 blue shorts/skorts and weekday socks
 with black shoes.

Year 1 – 6: Christmas shirt in traditional
 Christmas colours of white, red or green
 if possible.

Prep: Shirt details to come...

SOS
 Calling all milk drinkers!
 Could you please send in your 2L plastic
 milk bottles (rinsed & lid on).
 We need them for a Christmas craft activity.
 Your help is greatly appreciated!

REMINDER TERM FEES
 Term 4 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**



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

11 NOVEMBER 2025

TERM 4 Week 6

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,
 Last Wednesday evening at the Innisfail Shire Hall I attended the GCC Awards Night. Such events are to celebrate the accomplishments of students recognising academic, cultural, spiritual and sporting achievements. The highlight for me was seeing so many past GCP students being recognised on stage. The grounding they received at primary school certainly set them up for success, but they had to show dedication to their studies and training to be able to achieve the results acknowledged. Well done to all involved.

Today we commemorate Remembrance Day, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. It is not only to remember those who have given their lives in service, but also to reflect on the historical events that led to this day of international significance. The Remembrance Day minute of silence was formalised in Australia in 1997 by Governor-General Sir William Dean urging Australians to observe one minute of silence at 11am on 11 November each year to recognise the ending of World War I.

We not only remember the end of the 'Great War' in 1918 but now it is a time to honour those who served and are still serving in conflicts and peace keeping missions around the world. It is particularly important today as we have so much unrest in our world. A red poppy is worn as a symbol of Remembrance because it was the flower that bloomed across the battlefields of Northern France and Belgium during World War I. Strangely in Australia, much emphasis is placed on ANZAC Day 25 April and the battles at Gallipoli where 8700 soldiers died and 18,000 were injured. The battles of the Western Front saw an incredible 46,000 Australians pay the ultimate sacrifice and 134,000 were wounded over four years.

At school today our students participated in our own Remembrance Day ceremony and our Captains attended the Cassowary Coast Service at the RSL Cenotaph on the Esplanade.



Lest We Forget.

This Friday, 14 November is World Diabetes Day. The day aims to raise awareness about diabetes, promote better care, reduce stigma and encourage action around the world. We are highlighting the day in 2025 as one past pupil and one current student were both diagnosed within a week of each other this year. We also have several school parents who live with diabetes and we hope by raising awareness and much needed research funds, work can continue to assist young and older people live with diabetes.

This date—14 November is observed to commemorate the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting who co-discovered insulin. The colour blue (shirt) may be worn by Preps to Yr 4 students with Friday sports shorts. Year 5/6 students will be competing at the Billy Slater League Tag Championships and will be provided with a blue hair ribbon or blue arm band.

Feel free to donate a gold coin to support research and education into diabetes. If you wish to wear your sports uniform on Friday, you can still donate after our assembly.

Regards Liam

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

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DIARY DATES 2025
 TUE 7 OCT -
 FRI 5 DEC

FRI 14 NOV



**BILLY SLATER
 LEAGUE TAG DAY**

**THU 20 NOV
 YR 5**

LEADERSHIP DAY

**FRI 21 NOV
 YR 6 CAMP
 ASSEMBLY**

**PLAYGROUP
 CHRISTMAS
 PARTY**

**FRI 28 NOV
 YR 1 NATIVITY
 ASSEMBLY**



Life of the School...



Remembrance Day... Thank you to the Student Councillors and Mrs Amy McElhinney who led this morning's commemoration ceremony at school, while Mr Kenny and the School Captains represented GCP at the RSL Cenotaph on Fitzgerald Esplanade.

Hats, Fascinators, Ties and Bags... Lots of creativity on display last week. Congratulations to those who participated.

GCPS 50th Memorabilia... still on display in the Theatrette until Thursday—please take the time to check it out.

Last Friday, Mrs Lesley Erbacher—past GCP parent & teacher and Mrs Liz Mc Avoy—past GCP parent came along, having been unable to attend on our special day.



2025	Term 4 (9 weeks)
Fri 14.11	Billy Slater League Tag Day
Fri 14.11	World Diabetes Day
Fri 21.11	Yr 6 Camp Prayer Assembly
Wk 9	Mini Vinnies Hamper Collection
Fri 21.11	Playgroup Christmas Party
Fri 28.11	Yr 1 Nativity Prayer Assembly with Mini Vinnies Hampers
Mon 1.12	2026 Leadership Assembly
Mon 1.12	Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6:00pm
Thu 4.12	6:30 for 7pm Christmas Concert
Fri 5.12	9:00am End of Year Mass
Fri 5.12	12:00pm Yr 6 Countdown

Deepest Sympathy...

*Jade and Michael Grmaz, Bridie (4L) and family, for the loss of their dear Nona—
Erminia Di Stefano*

*And for the loss of their dear Poppy—
Graham Kirkman.*



Social and Emotional Learning Certificates...

aplenty last week. Last week for awards as next week will be the Year 6 Outback Camp Prayer Assembly—supported by the Preps.



Above: 2025 Eco-Challenge Competition... congratulations to the winners of a virtual excursion with Reef Ed for their class. **Below: Premier's Reading Challenge participants...** Congratulations to all the award recipients.

