


TUCKSHOP



FRI 30 JAN—JULIE, LURL & ROSE

MON 2 FEB—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

TUCKSHOP TUBS ARE NO LONGER KEPT OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOMS. ALL BROWN BAGS WITH CASH TO THE TUCKSHOP BEFORE THE FIRST BELL.



UNIFORM SHOP

2026 OPENING HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

8:00–8:30am OR 11:00am–12:30pm

HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED?

A reminder—if you have changed any of these details since enrolling your child/ren:

- A change of address
- A change of contact details
- Become an Australian Citizen
- Updated your Visa/Passport information

Please log onto the MyCE App, tap on the Parent Portal tab and click on 'Update Your Details', or alternatively, send an email to secretary@gcps.qld.edu.au with any updated information.

Innisfail Netball Sign On—2026

5—7 yr old every Tuesday 5:00-5:30pm

8—10 yr old every Tuesday 5:30-6:15pm

Runs through until the end of Term 3

Location: Netball Courts—124 Ernest St

Cost: \$200 p/person

For further information please contact:

president.idna@gmail.com



Every child, early to school, before the bell, every day in 2026

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 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



Good Counsel Primary, Term 1 2026

- Attendance prize

Adrenalin - ALL TERRAIN SCOOTER

Playgroup

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

CATERING FOR CHILDREN - BIRTH TO 5 YEARS

FRIDAY MORNINGS 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

GOOD SAMARITAN HALL (ACCESS VIA OWEN STREET)

COST: \$2.00 PER FAMILY

BYO: HAT, MORNING TEA & WATER BOTTLE

CO-ORDINATOR: ASHLEIGH GORDON-COOKE

0459 676 121

JOIN OUR 'GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP' PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

28 JANUARY 2026

TERM 1 Week 1

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,

A huge welcome to the 2026 school year at GCP. From my contact with families over the past few weeks, many of you are happy to see Week 1 swing into action and get your children back into the routine of school.

A very special welcome to our new students—all 50 Preps and our ten new students who have joined us in various classes: Kohen, Tahlia, Inahri, Kaiser, Evelyn, Jayden, Xavier, Flynn, Cooper and Zyla.

We also have new staff members who we welcome—Miss Courtney Spokes teaching in Yr 5S; Miss Alexis Onaindia who will be a School Learning Officer in Prep; Mrs Jamie Genocchio who will be an SLO in Yr 5 and Miss Emily O'Brien joining us as an SLO for Term 1 in Yr 6. We have a chance to welcome our new staff and students this Friday at our first prayer assembly.

Over the next few weeks students will be reminded of class and school expectations and our ways of engaging in learning at GCP. Lots of new learning will follow once routines are set. Teachers have been in for several weeks preparing in their teaching teams, setting up classrooms and getting the final touches to their plans all ready for Week 1.

A massive focus for 2026 will be for parents/carers to get your child/children to school early. Our data for 2025 was not favourable for late arrivals. So much valuable teaching time is lost even being 10 minutes late. This year, please make a concerted effort to set the alarm early, remove students from the TV and devices and get them to school prior to the bell.

This year we are investing a substantial amount of money into school learning officers starting work at 8:10am in each year level to assist with listening to students read. Overall our school reading data is 'good' but it could be much better. All students will be accessing

additional reading time with the aim to improve reading fluency and comprehension. This service does not replace home reading each night, but is in addition.

The attendance prize (scooter) will be available to all students who attend every day (on time before the bell) or have logged an absence on the MyCE App. Details of prize on the back page. Aim to get to school early.

RANKIN ST PICK-UP 3:00—3:30pm

Due to the massive numbers of students being collected from Rankin St each afternoon, we are looking to minimise the backlog of traffic by encouraging parents with GCP/GCC siblings to use the Owen St Pick-up in the afternoons. For example—if you have a Yr 3 student at GCP and 2 GCC students, have your Yr 3 student go to Owen St—top end where the GCP teacher is on duty, and collect your children from there. Students are supervised from school to Owen St and we have small numbers utilising this service.

Next week kicks off our first sporting teams with selections for Under 12 Rugby League and Netball. We are also commencing Yr 3-6 class sport, giving students access to a variety of sports in their class group. More information next week when we have Yr 5/6 sport.

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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 2026

WED 28 JAN - THU 2 APR

MON 2 FEB

YEAR 3

TEACHER/PARENT MEETING

3DW CLASSROOM

3:15PM

TUE 3 FEB

YEAR 6

TEACHER/PARENT MEETING

THEATRETTE

5:00PM

WED 4 FEB

TEACHER/PARENT MEETING

THEATRETTE

YEAR 2—3:15PM

YEAR 5— 4:30PM



Regards Liam

Life of the School...

Welcome to Good Counsel Primary if you are new, and welcome back if you were with us last year. May our journey together, through 2026, be one of new beginnings and continued GCP fellowship.

Friday Assembly...

The Student Councillors and the Flag Attendants will be in action to welcome new students from Yr 1-6 who will receive certificates during the assembly, while Preps will receive theirs in the classroom.

Beginning School Mass...

Please join us for our school mass on Friday 6 February 9:30am at Mother of Good Counsel Church, as we celebrate the commencement of the school year, as well as welcome our Preps and all the new to the school staff and students. The Student Leaders— School Captains, Student Councillors, Flag Attendants and Sports House Captains, will be receiving their badges during this celebration.

St Francis of Assisi...

The great spiritual experience of the Jubilee Year 2025 is now behind us. We are now facing another special moment: the Year of Saint Francis. The special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis has been proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV to take place from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027, on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The Jubilee Year of Hope was a time of grace; the Church opened wide her doors. Now it is essential to ask ourselves: what has happened to me since then? To find out more visit— <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-01/year-saint-francis-indulgence-assisi.html>

Yours in Catholic Education—
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE



Year 1D with Miss Douglas

Year 3M with Miss McGregor



Year 1GS with Mrs Gangemi

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi
(Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

2026	Term 1 (10 weeks)
Fri 30/1	Student Council Welcome Assembly
Fri 6/2	Beginning School Mass 9:30am
Fri 13/2	Project Compassion 5S Assembly
Wed 18/3	Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Fri 20/2	Mini Vinnies Ceremony
Thu 26/2	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Fri 27/2	Good Samaritan Charism Assembly
Fri 6/3	Sports Captains Assembly
Wk 7 & 8	NAPLAN
Fri 13/3	Acts of Kindness Assembly
Tue 17/3	St Patrick’s Green Dress Day
Fri 20/3	Harmony Day
Fri 27/3	Palm Sunday 3DW Assembly
Tue 31/3	Last Supper 6B 8:30am
Wed 1/4	CROSS COUNTRY
Thu 2/4	Stations of the Cross 5DP 8:30am Term One ends
Fri 3/4	Good Friday
	Easter - School Holidays
2026	TERM 2
Mon 20/4	Term 2 commences
Fri 24/4	ANZAC Assembly
Sat 25/4	ANZAC DAY & HOLIDAY
Mon 27/4	Mary MoGC Feast Day Mass 9:30am
Mon 4/5	May Public Holiday
Thu 7/5	GCPS Mother’s Day at GCP
Fri 22/5	Yr 1 Pentecost Prayer Assembly
Wed 10/6	School Officer Day

2026 Parent Information Sessions		
Wk 2 Mon 2/2	3:15pm Yr 3 Room 7	
Wk 2 Tue 3/2	5:00pm Yr 6 Theatrette	
Wk 2 Wed 4/2	3:15pm Yr 2 Theatrette 4:30pm Yr 5 Theatrette	
Wk 3 Wed 11/2	3:30pm Preps Theatrette 4:30pm Yr 4 Theatrette	
Wk 3 Thu 12/2	5:00pm Yr 1 Theatrette	



Welcome to the Principal’s Office—the Prep boys—all eyes on Mr Kenny’s photographs.

Sacramental Program 2026

Enrolments are still being taken for the Sacramental Program for 2026. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 this year (or an older grade) then please advise the Yr 4 teachers and contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40465225 or call in to Angie’s office to fill in an enrolment form as soon as possible.

The Sacramental Program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. There will be an Information Session on **Monday 2nd February at 4:30pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church** to meet you and your child/ren and to provide an overview of the year.

If you know a family who may have asked about the program please pass this information on to them.



The Curriculum Corner

Dear parents and carers,
This year, one of our whole-school focus areas will be reading. We know that developing strong reading habits is essential for every child’s learning journey, and we are excited to partner with our families in encouraging a love of books. Each week, we will share practical tips for supporting reading at home, highlight engaging and high-quality texts, and offer ideas to help spark curiosity and enjoyment. We look forward to working together with you to make reading a joyful and meaningful part of every student’s day. The below link is a short video explaining more about the importance of making every reading opportunity count and how we might do this. <https://youtu.be/NzBu1dOxMuM>

If you have a picture of your child reading, or you reading to your child, please email it to mhelm@cns.catholic.edu.au to be featured in library collages throughout the term. We look forward to partnering with families for a positive and inspiring year of learning!

Maree Helm—Leader of Learning and Teaching

Texts of the week:

