



TUCKSHOP



WED 4 FEB—JULIE, PAT & GLADYS

FRI 6 FEB—JULIE, LURL & SUE

MON 9 FEB—JULIE, PAT & SHEILA

FLEXISCHOOL ORDERING CLOSING TIMES

WEDNESDAY - CLOSES 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

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



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



**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-COKE
0459 676 121**

**JOIN OUR 'GOOD COUNSEL PLAYGROUP' PAGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

3 FEBRUARY 2026

TERM 1 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,

Week 1 has flown past with students settling into new classes. On Friday we welcomed new staff and students and saw our Prep students enter, full of smiles to our assembly. They all received their welcome certificates and lots of photos were taken.

At our assembly we also had our commissioning ceremony for our Adopt-A-Cop Constable Andrew Marr. Sergeant Karl Ah Shay who has been serving our school community for the past 18 years handed over the position to Constable Andrew Marr. Senior Sergeant Pipia officiated over the Adoption formalities and presented the school with a framed certificate. On behalf of our school community I thank Karl (father of Olivia, Yr6 in 2025) for his contribution to GCP over nearly two decades as both our Adopt-A-Cop and parent. We wish Andrew (father of Cora, Yr2) a warm welcome to GCP as our new Adopt-A-Cop.



At school on Monday and Tuesday this week, Dr Matt Sexton has been working in classrooms and with teachers to improve the quality of our teaching of Mathematics. Matt is currently a lecturer at ACU Melbourne and is working on projects with rural schools.

Parent Information Meetings began this week after school. Please attempt to get to your child's class meeting where teachers will outline class and school expectations, homework requirements and important dates for the year. If you cannot attend, teachers will forward handouts or slides to assist in keeping you up to date with what is important for their class in 2026.

Attendance: Thank you for the great response to getting to school before the bell. What an improvement! Keep setting that alarm early so you child/ren can access our before school supports—Brain Boosters, Homework Club, Library—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings plus extra playtime.

This Friday we will celebrate our opening school mass, which will include the blessing and presentation of badges to our Year 6 student leaders—School Captains, Sports House Captains, Student Councillors and Flag Bearers. All are welcome to attend at 9:30am.



A snapshot of the Prep girls visiting on their first day last week.

Regards Liam

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www.gcps.qld.edu.au

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

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

WED 11 FEB
**TEACHER/PARENT
MEETING**
THEATRETTE
PREP—3:30PM
YEAR 4—4:30PM

THU 12 FEB
YEAR 1
**TEACHER/PARENT
MEETING**
THEATRETTE
5:00PM

Life of the School...

Welcome to school assembly...

Congratulations to the Student Council for leading Friday's assembly to welcome new to school staff and students with their certificates—see front page.

Memorial—6 February Saint Paul Miki and his Japanese Companions

Let us pray:

God our strength, may the example of Saint Paul Miki and his companions make us strong in our faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

From the Gospel of Matthew—Jesus Teaches the People (The Beatitudes)

Jesus saw the crowds who were there. He went up on a hill and sat down.

His followers came to him. Jesus taught the people and said:

"Those people who know they have great spiritual needs are happy.

The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Those who are sad now are happy. God will comfort them.

Those who are humble are happy. The earth will belong to them.

Those who want to do right more than anything else are happy.

God will fully satisfy them.

Those who give mercy to others are happy. Mercy will be given to them.

Those who are pure in their thinking are happy. They will be with God.

Those who work to bring peace are happy. God will call them his sons.

Those who are treated badly for doing good are happy.

The kingdom of heaven belongs to them. Mercy will be given to them.

Yours in Catholic Education—

Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C APRE

At Good Counsel Primary we identify with the Good Samaritan Charism

Welcome others as we would welcome Christ

Be compassionate to the person in need

Serve God by being neighbour



congratulations to
Waris Singh Bains
(2ML) and family
on the arrival of a
baby brother—
Arjan Singh

Congratulations to
Mehtab Kaur
(3DW) and family
on the arrival of a
baby sister—
Harjaap Kaur

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. **Thank you to all parents and children who met with Mrs Donna Vecchio in Mother of Good Counsel Church yesterday to be provided with the overview of the year.**

Deepest Sympathy...

*Eli (4L) and Darius (1GS) Galvin
and family on the loss of their
grandfather—Cecil Galvin Jnr*



2026	Term 1 (10 weeks)
Fri 6/2	Beginning School Mass 9:30am
Fri 13/2	GCP Project Compassion Assembly
Wed 18/2	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	GCP Mother's Day at GCP
Fri 22/5	Yr 1 Pentecost Prayer Assembly
Wed 10/6	School Officer Day

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Diversity at GCPS—Supporting every learner

Our Brain Boosters program officially kicked off this week, and it's been wonderful to see our students so engaged and motivated! As part of this whole-school initiative, students are spending extra time in the morning reading with our dedicated School Officers to help strengthen reading fluency and build confidence. Thank you to our families for your support in this initiative — your partnership is greatly appreciated. Year 1 and 2 students are encouraged to pop into their classroom for additional reading practice from 8:10–8:40am every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, while Year 3–6 families are asked to please check **Seesaw** for their child's allocated Brain Boosters days. Look at these keen students proudly taking part in their Brain Boosters sessions!

Amy McElhinney—Leader of Diversity



The Curriculum Corner

Numeracy:

This week we are delighted to welcome Dr Matt Sexton to our school from Australian Catholic University (ACU, Melbourne Campus). Dr Matt will be working alongside our teachers and middle leaders to support the teaching of Mathematics. As part of our school-wide focus this year, we are continuing to strengthen students' mental computation skills. A big part of this is helping children develop strong number sense—being able to recall basic number facts efficiently and accurately. Dr Matt will be working with our staff to strengthen their expertise and sharpen the strategies that help every child succeed in Mathematics.



Literacy:

Reading opportunities are everywhere, and families can make the most of these moments to build their child's confidence and interest in reading. Encouraging children to read everyday texts—such as road signs, recipe books, shopping lists, instructions, menus, and even sports scores—helps them see reading as a natural part of daily life. These short, real-world interactions strengthen vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension in fun and meaningful ways.

So get reading team!!

If you have a picture of your child reading—it could be a regular book, recipe book or a sign - or you reading to your child, please email it to mhelm@cns.catholic.edu.au to be featured in a collage in the library throughout the term.

Looking forward to another wonderful week of learning!

Maree Helm—Leader of Learning and Teaching

Texts of the week:

