



TUCKSHOP



WED 25 FEB—JULIE, PAT & GLADYS

FRI 27 FEB—JULIE, ROSE, RICHELLE &
1 HELPER NEEDED

MON 2 MAR—JULIE, LURL, 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

2026 OPENING HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

8:00—8:30am OR 11:00am—12:30pm

Limited stock
still available!

Take home a piece of
GCP history with
one of our 50 Years
Commemorative
Tea Towels.

Available for purchase at
the Admin Office.

Price: \$20 each or 3+ for \$18 each.



Date: Wednesday 4 March to Friday 6 March

Time: 8am – 8.30am, lunch times, 3pm - 3.30pm

Place: Theatrette

All commission earned is used to
purchase books for our Library.

EFTPOS available.

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 fees have now been issued.

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**



advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

SCHOOL PHOTOS—MONDAY 23 MARCH

Photos are encouraged to be purchased on-line using Visa,
Mastercard, or PayPal. When ordering online, there is no
need to complete an envelope. Limited envelopes are
available from the front office should you wish to pay cash.

Please note, we do not hold cash for change in the office.

Sibling photos ordered online **must** be completed **before**
11pm Sunday 22 March (the night before photo day).

Only siblings from this school will be photographed
together. Please note: Late sibling cash envelope orders will
not be accepted after school begins on photo day.

To order please go to www.advancedlife.com.au

Enter the school 9 digit code available on the

MyCE App - go to 'My Schools' tab then
'Documents'—School Photo Information.



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
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GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

24 FEBRUARY 2026

TERM 1 Week 5

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,

It is hard to believe that at the end of this week we will be half way through Term 1. Now is the time to take the opportunity to check in on how your child is settling into their new classroom and possibly home routines.

A self check:

- Is my child having a healthy breakfast?
- Are we at school before the 8:35am bell?
- Have I packed them or are they packing a suitable lunch?
- Is homework being completed by the set date? If I am struggling to get homework completed am I utilising Homework Club at school? 8:10am Monday—Friday.
- Am I getting my child to school early enough to attend 'Brain Boosters' - 8:10am?
- Is my child reading each day/night - 15 mins?
- Am I limiting 'screen time' at home, especially prior to going to bed?
- Is my child getting enough sleep each night? 10-12 hours is the recommended amount for primary aged students.
- If your child is having concerns/issues have you checked in with their teacher or myself?
- Is my child happy to come to school?

Last Thursday GCP Year 5/6 students joined GCC Year 8/9 students and the Year 10 Rugby League Academy students in the GCC Auditorium for a visit from the International Legends of League. The past NRL players spoke to the students about life decisions—Dream, Believe, Achieve. They also highlighted the importance of attending school, setting personal goals, wearing a uniform correctly and making the right choices in life. We were able to hear stories from Gerald Beale, John Hopoate, Kerry Boustead and Sam Thaiday. Many thanks to the Legends for their visit and inspirational presentation and for signing student autographs and photo opportunities. Thanks also to the Radiant Life College, Goondoi Land and Sea Rangers, Innisfail Leprechauns, Qld Government, Lewie Fire Protection and Rebel Sport for sponsoring the event.



Thank you to Mrs Mary O'Farrell—President of the Mother of Good Counsel St Vincent de Paul Chapter who came along to last Friday's Mini Vinnies Ceremony. Well done on being elected as our Mini Vinnies Executive.

Congratulations to the students who have committed to the Parish Sacramental Program for this year. There were approximately 25 students at the Committal Mass and their preparation Retreat Day at GCP on Sunday. Thanks to Mrs Donna Vecchio and her helpers for coordinating the event.

Yesterday our Yr 6 cohort had a visit from Mr Paul Melloy (Principal GCC) and four past students—Izzy Horsford (College Captain), Yr 10 student Cooper Healey, Yr 9 student Elle Gracie and Yr 8 student Brady Devaney. They were here to let our students know the procedure for enrolment at GCC, explain the orientation days and answer any questions relating to their transition to GCC next year. It is always wonderful to see our past students all grown up and representing Good Counsel College professionally. Our Year 6s had many great questions and hopefully feel a little easier about what happens as they move to secondary education at the end of 2026.



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 2026
WED 28 JAN -
THU 2 APR

FRI 27 FEB
SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
PRAYER ASSEMBLY
8:40AM

BOOK FAIR—
SEE PAGE 4

FRI 13 MAR
P&F MEET & GREET
STUDENT COUNCIL
DISCO

MON 23 MARCH
NEW DATE FOR
SCHOOL
PHOTO DAY



Life of the School...



Mini Vinnies Ceremony...

The Mini Vinnies Executive received their badges somewhat belatedly yesterday, instead of at Friday's ceremony, as yesterday was when they arrived. Thank you Fr Kerry for blessing them and the Mini Vinnies and sharing time with all the Year 6s in the Theatre, . Thanks again to Fr Kerry for visiting the Preps and Yr 1s, and 4L as well. Lots of thoughtful and pertinent questions asked of Father Kerry by students. Next visit will be with Yr 2, Yr 3, Yr 5 and 4D. Thank you teachers and students for being so welcoming to our special guest.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Prayer Assembly...

Please join with us on Friday 27 February, as we introduce and pray with the children who commence their sacramental journey this week.

Good Samaritan Charism Prayer Assembly...

Next week, Friday 6 March, the students of 6S will share their celebration of the Good Counsel Charism with us. Let us join with them and reflect on the richness of what these amazing Good Sams did during the time they were here 1903—1992. Thank you Miss Casey Sheil for the preparations.

Scripture...

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew 6:1. 16-18
 Jesus said to his disciples: When you do good deeds, don't try to show off, if you do, you won't get a reward from your Father in heaven. When you go without eating, don't try to look gloomy as those show-offs do when they go without eating. I promise you that they have already had their reward. Instead, comb your hair and wash your face. Then others won't know you are fasting. But your Father sees what is done in private, and he will reward you."



*Yours in Catholic Education—
 Maria Caltabiano —Mrs C APRE*

2026	Term 1 (10 weeks)
Fri 27/2	Sacrament of Reconciliation Prayer Assembly
Fri 6/3	6S Good Samaritan Charism Assembly
Wk 7 & 8	NAPLAN YEAR 3 & 5
Fri 13/3	Sports Captains Assembly P&F MEET & GREET; DISCO
Tue 17/3	St Patrick's Green Dress Day
Fri 20/3	Harmony Day
Mon 23/3	SCHOOL PHOTOS
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—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Easter - School Holidays	
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

*Congratulations
 to Isabella Vue (4L), Maddison Vue (PS)
 Ms Julie Yang and Pha Vue
 and family
 on the arrival of
 twin brother and sister—
 Riley and Charlotte Vue*



Margaret Snell
 Occupational Therapist

**Diversity at GCPS -
 Supporting every learner
 Meet our Therapy Team!**

Lorraine Carroll
 Speech Language
 Pathologist



At Good Counsel Primary School, we are fortunate to have the support of a skilled Therapy Team who work closely with our teachers to strengthen learning for all students. Lorraine Carroll (SLP), Margaret Snell (OT), and Katie Stafford (Psych) provide expert guidance, strategies, and consultation that help our staff respond to students' communication, participation, and wellbeing needs. Their combined expertise enhances classroom practice and ensures our school community is supported to help every learner flourish. We are truly grateful to have such a knowledgeable and well-equipped therapy team supporting our GCPS community.

Amy McElhinney—Leader of Diversity

