

TUCKSHOP



WED 22 APR—JULIE, TANJA, LURL & GLADYS

FRI 24 APR—JULIE, ROSE & ANNE-MARIE

MON 27 APR—JULIE, KRISTY, 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

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.

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 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 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

21 APRIL 2026

TERM 2 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 very warm welcome back for the start of Term 2. Hopefully you were able to spend time as a family over the Easter break and students are refreshed and ready to jump into learning for a busy 10 weeks.

Some exciting news on the staff front with Adrienne Worth welcoming her son—Nate, and Jody Connolly welcoming her second son—Cooper. Both boys born before Easter.

Our Brain Boosters for Term 2 began yesterday and the hope is that you take full advantage of the additional one on one learning time from 8:10am on at least 3 mornings each week. Many thanks to our classroom School Learning Officers and our Year 6 students (who are volunteering before school to assist the younger classes). Our focus for Year 1 & 2 will be Reading; Year 3-5 Math—fast facts, multiplication/division; Year 6 will be targeted intervention (beginning Week 2).

A reminder that Homework Club will continue each morning, so if you don't get all your homework completed head to Room 2 for assistance.

ANZAC Day

Anzac Day, which is commemorated each year on 25 April, will be recognised with a public holiday this Saturday. Anzac Day lives on as a tradition because every person who attends one of the many services held around the country helps carry the spirit and memories of conflicts forward. With the current unrest around the world it is even more important that we remember to honour the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) soldiers. On 25 April we reflect on all countries' soldiers who served and died in all conflicts and peace operations. The day is not about glorifying war, but recognising the service of those who fought and remembering those who lost their lives in the defence of Australia. As is tradition in Innisfail, we will march as a school. The procession begins outside the RSL on Fitzgerald Esplanade at 9:30am and will move forward down Edith St and then back to the RSL. Students are to wear their **sport uniform** and school hat. Students wearing relative's medals

are to wear them on their right side. Any students who are involved in other clubs or groups are encouraged to march with them to bolster their numbers.

Anzac Day Times

- Dawn Service—Cenotaph 5:30am
- Mass—MoGC Church 8am
- Parade—9:15am for 9:30am start

Our school Anzac assembly this Friday will have a guest speaker—Paul Goodrick, organised by our local RSL Branch.

This week, Prep 2027 interviews will be kicking off with current and past siblings and past students from GCP. In Week 5 we will timetable in other families for their interviews. We currently have over 70 applications for our 46 positions for 2027, so there is a strong demand for families wanting to join us at GCP.

Congratulations to our attendance prize winners with more than 100 students attending school every day in Term 1. Special congratulations to Aiya Peillon from Yr 2



who won the Attendance Prize scooter on the last day.

Remember—be at school early and every day that you are healthy.

Only minor works completed over the term break with some air conditioner maintenance, cleaning and building repairs. Many thanks to Mercy and Mr George for having the school ready for students on day one, and Chris Picini for cleaning our Blue Area and surrounds. We have the footpaths logged for cleaning by the CCRC and hopefully they will be done in the near future.

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

SAT 25 APRIL
ANZAC DAY
DAWN SERVICE
CENOTAPH
5:30AM

MASS—MoGC
8:00AM

PARADE 9:15AM



MON 27 APRIL
FEAST OF MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL MASS
9:30AM
WHOLE SCHOOL

THU 7 MAY
MOTHER'S DAY
CONCERT



Attendance MATTERS
Every child, on time, everyday

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

1 DAY per fortnight	1 DAY per week	2 DAYS per week	3 DAYS per week
20 DAYS	40 DAYS	80 DAYS	120 DAYS

90% or more of students attending

90% or more of the time

LEGO CITY 60469 Central Train Station 752 pcs

LEGO Friends 43088 Horse and Riding School 735 pcs

Term 2 Attendance Prizes

The attendance prizes will be available to all students who attend every day (on time before the bell) or have logged an absence on the MyCE App. Aim each day to get to school early!

Life of the School...



Holy Thursday's—the Lord's Last Supper...

Thank you to Miss Hayley Bowie and 6B students for their solemn remembrance presentation last term. Thank you to all the students for returning to classrooms so respectfully, to the sounds of "On a hill far away in Calvary, darkest day of all, Jesus our Lord was crucified, outside the city walls..."

Friday Prayer Assembly...

As Mr Kenny has mentioned on the front page, please join with us on Friday morning for our Anzac Ceremony, Social and Emotional Learning Awards and notices.

Mary, Mother of Good Counsel...



Please join with us for our Patron Saint's Mass on Monday 27th April at 9:30am—Thanks to Fr Kerry. For almost 600 years the Augustinian Order has honoured Mary under the title of Mother of Good Counsel, based on an ancient fresco of that name. The annual feast day is on 26th April. In a church at Genazzano, where the Order of Saint Augustine has served since 1356, is most famous for a small fresco of the infant Jesus and his mother. The fresco gives Mary the title of the 'Mater di Bon Consiglio', Mother of Good Counsel. Good Counsel Primary School honours Mary, our Patron Saint.

Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist...

The children who are preparing for the Sacraments made their commitment at the mass prior to school commencing. Confirmation practice will be on Monday 18 May, followed by the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 19 May. Thank you Mrs Donna Vecchio for the lessons and preparations. We keep in our prayers as they continue on their spiritual journey: Cara, Chloe, Delta, Eli, Ellie, Evie, Frankee, Hunter, Kaiser, Kenzie, Jayleese, Lily G, Lily W, Mason, Nate, Ollie, Riley, Rosalie, Sophia and Spencer.

Save the date- Mother's Day Concert... Thursday 7th May

More information will be available soon.
Yours in Catholic Education –Mrs C—*Maria Caltabiano*



Congratulations Easter Raffle winners: Heath, Chelsea and Crossing Supervisor Stephen.

2026	Term 2 (10 weeks)
Fri 24/4	ANZAC Assembly
Sat 25/4	ANZAC DAY/MARCH & HOLIDAY
Mon 27/4	Mary MoGC Feast Day Mass 9:30am
Fri 1/5	SOCCER GALA DAY
Mon 4/5	May Public Holiday
Thu 7/5	GCPS Mother's Day Concert
Fri 8/5	DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
Wed 13/5	Gen Bryant Yr 5 & 6 Retreat
Fri 15/5	4D Confirmation Prayer Assembly
Tue 19/5	Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm
Fri 22/5	Yr 1 Pentecost Prayer Assembly
Wed 27/5	State of Origin Maroon/Blue Shirts SIMULTANEOUS READING DAY
Thu 28/5	PENINSULA NETBALL
Fri 29/5	First Nations National Reconciliation P&F Trivia Night
Fri 5/6	4L First Eucharist Prayer Assembly
Sun 7/6	Sacrament of First Eucharist MoGC Church 9:00am
Mon 8/6	Yr 6 Liturgy of the Eucharist MoGC Church 9:00am
Wed 10/6	School Officer Day
Thu 11/6	READERS CUP KAMERGUNGA
Fri 12/6	Student Council Prayer Assembly
Mon 15/6	Yr 3 Liturgy of the Word MoGC Church 2:00pm
Fri 19/6	Sports Captains Prayer Assembly
Mon 22/6	GCP Athletics Week

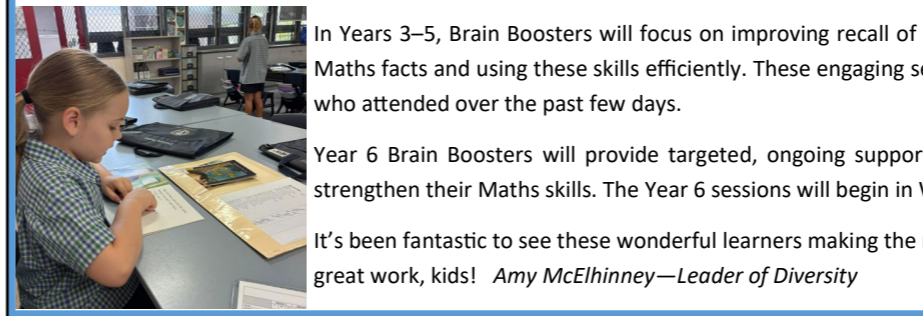


School Attendance... Congratulations to the students who managed 100% Term One attendance. **Cross Country Winners...** 2026 Cross Country—Congratulations to Polding House—Captains Sailah and Noah. Lap Winners—Congratulations to MacKillop House—Captains Ella and Bodhi



Brain Boosters is off to a fantastic start this term, with students eager to dive into learning!

Our focus for Years 1 and 2 continues from last term, with an emphasis on building reading fluency by providing students with extra time for reading practice. Mornings offer a valuable opportunity for students to come into the classroom to read, practise their skills, and change their home reading books, helping to strengthen confidence and consistency in reading. We kindly ask parents and carers to remind their child to come straight to their classroom each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning to make the most of this additional reading practice.



In Years 3–5, Brain Boosters will focus on improving recall of Maths facts and using these skills efficiently. These engaging sessions have already been a huge hit with the students who attended over the past few days.

Year 6 Brain Boosters will provide targeted, ongoing support for students who would benefit from extra help to strengthen their Maths skills. The Year 6 sessions will begin in Week 2.

It's been fantastic to see these wonderful learners making the most of our additional morning support—keep up the great work, kids! *Amy McElhinney—Leader of Diversity*