



### TUCKSHOP

WED 29 APR—JULIE, TANJA, PAT, GLADYS & ANNE-MARIE  
FRI 1 MAY—JULIE, ROSE, SUE & 2 HELPERS NEEDED  
MON 4 MAY—LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

### 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  
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

GCPS P & F COMMITTEE PRESENTS...

# Trivia Night

"adults only, child-free event"

FRIDAY 29 MAY  
6:30 PM

TEAM UP FOR THE ULTIMATE TRIVIA TEST

QUIZ . GAMES . FUN

BYO FOOD | BYO DRINKS

Good Counsel Primary School, Blue Covered Area

stay tuned for more details



Don't forget to update your MyCE app as required and be sure to turn on notifications so that important information is not missed.

### REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 2 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](mailto:accounts.innisfail@cns.catholic.edu.au)

## GCPS Mother's Day

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

You're invited!

Thursday 7 May 2026 9:00 - 10:30am

Share in the children's Mother's Day Concert items commencing with Preps through to Year 6 classes  
Enjoy a social get together with our GCPS mums, nannas & aunts.  
Lucky Door Prizes & Mother's Day Raffle \$1 per ticket  
RSVP Concert seating/staying for a cuppa by Tuesday 5 May.  
Please cut-off section below and return with attendance numbers.

Reply by Tuesday 5 May with ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  UNABLE TO ATTEND  
ATTENDANCE NUMBERS - CONCERT: \_\_\_\_\_ STAYING FOR A CUPPA: \_\_\_\_\_



Good Counsel Primary Mini Winnies  
Mother's Day Raffle Tickets \$1.00  
Drawn Thursday 7 May 2026

### Cassowary Coast Poultry Club

Invites you to join in their colouring competition to create posters to promote the upcoming annual Poultry Club Show.

Colouring sheets can be collected from the Admin Office and are to be returned by Wednesday 13 May.



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

28 APRIL 2026

TERM 2 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,  
Many thanks to all who attended our Anzac Day Dawn Service, Anzac Mass or the RSL Anzac March on Saturday morning. Our Captains, Logan and Laynie, were invited to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the GCP community, and we had over 30 students from Prep—Year 6 in attendance at the dawn service.



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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 4 MAY  
LABOUR DAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

THU 7 MAY  
MOTHER'S DAY  
CONCERT &  
MORNING TEA  
9:00AM—10:30AM



What an effort on a showery morning before dawn. One of our largest contingents of students followed up at 9:30am for the street parade to mark the 111th anniversary of the Anzac's landing at Gallipoli. Thank you all for making an effort to remember the fallen, the injured and those currently serving in the Armed Forces.

On Friday we were fortunate to have Mr Paul Goodrick attend our Anzac Day Prayer Assembly to give us his address about what Anzac Day means to him as a retired Army Serviceman. Thanks to our students who marched with their clubs this year—certainly a big group for Surf Lifesaving. Well done to those who also attended the El Arish, Babinda and Silkwood services this year to mark Anzac Day.

Yesterday we celebrated our school and Parish Feast Day, honouring Mary, Mother of Good Counsel who is our Patron Saint. The fresco from 15th century Genazzano, Italy, depicts Mary as a mother—considered the Patroness of guidance, decision making and wisdom. The miraculous image according to tradition appeared on a plaster wall in a Genazzano church on 25 April 1467 during a renovation. Today we pray to our patron saint for guidance particularly when making important decisions.

Since the school Cross Country day, I have fielded several questions in relation to arranging coloured shirts for students and parents to wear. With the interhouse sports coming up in Week 10 of this term, a local company, **Stitch-N-Creat**e have supplied us with a pricelist of available shirts for those who may be interested. Anyone wanting to order can email [info@stitch-n-create.com.au](mailto:info@stitch-n-create.com.au), or message the business page on Facebook Messenger. A reminder that we also have P&F supporters' shirts available for purchase through the school uniform shop.

Regards  
Liam

**Life of the School...**



**GCPS Anzac Ceremony...**

Captains Laynie and Logan, Student Councillors Tori, Emily, Mia, Ryan, Dallas and Nathan, and Flag Attendant Evie led the Anzac Prayer Assembly and ceremony last Friday morning. Mr Paul Goodrick (Melbourne) was our guest speaker.

**Feast Day of Mary, Mother of Good Counsel...**

Thanks again Fr Kerry Crowley for celebrating this special occasion in Mother of Good Counsel Church on Monday, as Mr Kenny has detailed on the front page.



**Mother's Day Concert and a cuppa...**

Good Counsel Primary mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, aunts and those who are like mothers to our students to join us next week for a concert in the Blue Area, on Thursday 7 May. Please respond with the number of people who will be attending to allow for seating. Invitation with this newsletter.



2026	Term 2 (10 weeks)
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 STORYTIME
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



**Congratulations** to the Social and Emotional Learning Award recipients for Week 1.

**Congratulations** to our Brain Booster Award recipients for last term's fantastic attendance and learning efforts.

**Wedding Bells...**

Congratulations and best wishes to our Prep H teacher—Miss Julia Honnef, who with Mr Aiden Tait, will be celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony on the weekend. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Julia Tait to Prep T in Week 3.



Congratulations to Ethan Farmer (1D) and family on the arrival of a baby sister—Elvie Farmer



**The Curriculum Corner**

Do you have a reluctant reader at home? Have they tried the Treehouse series by Andy Griffith and Terry Denton? The Treehouse Series is a hugely popular and highly imaginative children's book series centred on two friends who live in a wildly expanding treehouse. Each book adds new, absurd levels filled with humour, inventions, and unexpected adventures. The series blends fast-paced storytelling with playful illustrations, making it especially engaging for young readers. It's silly humour and accessible format make it ideal for encouraging reluctant readers to enjoy reading.



Andy Griffith recently featured ABC's Creative Types – you can watch it on ABC *iview* or here is the related news article: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-04-02/andy-griffiths-virginia-trioli-creative-types/106513210>

If you have a picture of your child reading or you reading your favourite book to your child, please email it to [mhelm@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mhelm@cns.catholic.edu.au) to be featured in a collage in the library throughout the term.

Maree Helm—Leader of Learning and Teaching

**Texts of the week:**

