

Volunteers needed

TUCKSHOP

WED 6 MAY—JULIE, TANJA, PAT, GLADYS & KRISTY
 FRI 8 MAY—JULIE, ROSE, LURL & 1 HELPERS NEEDED
 MON 11 MAY—JULIE, KRISTY, LURL, SHEILA & LINA

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

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 2 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

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: _____



PREP ENROLMENTS 2028

Prep enrolments for 2028 are now underway, with many applications already received.

Any existing parents of students with younger siblings, if you have not already done so, please ensure that you have enrolled your Prep student for 2028 as **spaces are very limited**.

If you have a child that was born between **1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023** please go to the GCPS website and complete the Application for Enrolment online. If you have any queries, please contact the Office on 40 630 600.

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GOOD CLEAN FUN

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GOOD COUNSEL AUSKICK

3:10pm - 4:10pm | Good Counsel Innisfail | \$80

Thursdays, starting 7th May | 6 weeks


First session is a FREE Come & Try. AFL Auskick Pack included in rego. Online registrations only. Scan QR Code to register!

Contact Alex - alex.brooks.com.au



MyCE

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



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

5 MAY 2026

TERM 2 Week 3

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,

This week we have a short lead up to our Mother's Day Concert and Morning Tea on Thursday. Classes have been preparing to showcase their skills presenting an item (poem, skit, song) to their mums. We will have the usual Lucky Door prizes, raffle prizes and a wonderful morning tea for our visitors. Many thanks in advance to our staff who assist to make the morning a special event for mums, grandmothers and great grandmothers. Feel free to bring along someone who has had a huge connection to your children and may be like a surrogate grandparent for your family. Please complete and return the RSVP so that we have accurate numbers attending. Thank you to those who have purchased raffle tickets; if still purchasing, please return envelopes handed out with last week's newsletter. More tickets may be purchased before school until Thursday. For students wishing to create Mother's Day magnets, these can be purchased (\$2 each) and illustrated before school, ready to go home for Mother's Day.



We know mums and dads are important for different reasons. Mothers are our emotional regulators, helping us to manage stress, empathy and social skills. Mothers generally serve as the key educators, support and encourage academic success, language development and the focus on life values and skills.

Dads, don't feel left out, we know you all do an amazing job which we will celebrate closer to Father's Day in September. My Golden Girls quote "It's not easy being a mother. If it were easy, fathers would do it". Be grateful to your mothers this weekend and spoil them with kindness.



"Everything Mum"

*How did you find the energy, Mum
 To do all the things you did,
 To be teacher, nurse and counsellor
 To me, when I was a kid.
 How did you do it all, Mum
 Be a chauffer, cook and friend?
 Yet find time to be a playmate,
 I just can't comprehend.
 I see now it was love, Mum
 That made you come whenever I'd call,
 Your inexhaustible love, Mum
 And I thank you for it all.*

- Joanna Fuchs



Congratulations to Lakyn Austin who recently competed in the 10/11 boys Rugby League Peninsula Trials in Cairns. Lakyn was selected in the team and now competes at the State Championships in Mt Isa in June. Good luck to all our students currently trialling for District and Peninsula sports—Rugby Union, Girls Rugby League, Touch, Soccer and Softball.

Wishing all of our Cross Country athletes every success this Friday at the Cassowary Coast District Trials at Warrina Lakes.

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

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



TUE 12 MAY
P&F MEETING THEATRETTE
 7PM



Sunday in Silkwood...

Special visitors to the parish on Sunday, with Apostolic Nuncio to Australia—Charles Balvo, Bishop Joe Caddy, Father Kerry Crowley and Deacon Mark Cavicchiolo in attendance for both morning and afternoon masses, at the Feast of the Three Saints in Silkwood. Lots of Good Counsel students also in attendance, enjoying the cultural experience and fireworks, and for saying hello, earning themselves 50 colour house points.

Let us pray for Pope Leo...

May the Pope Leo receive many blessings on Friday 8 May, as we celebrate the first anniversary of his election as Bishop of Rome and Pope of the Universal Church. Amen.

Mother's Day...

Sunday 10 May is our day to celebrate our mothers. May we always be appreciative of our mothers and grandmothers. Let us pray for our mothers and the generation of mothers who came before them.

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recalls Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. We ask this in your holy name. Amen. <https://www.dow.org.au/a-mothers-day-prayer/>



Congratulations to Amanat Dhindsa (2C) and family on the arrival of a baby brother—
Arjan Dhindsa

We continue to pray for our students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be conferred by Bishop Joe Caddy on Tuesday 19 May.
Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C Maria Caltabiano

2026	Term 2 (10 weeks)
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
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
Fri 26/6	Term 2 ends
2026	Term 3 (10 weeks)
Mon 13/7	School commences

Mother's Day Magnets
GCPS MINI VINNIES initiative

Support our Mini Vinnies by creating your very own personalised magnet for mum for Mother's Day.
6cm x 6cm magnet
\$2.00 each (with \$1.00 donated to GCPS Mini Vinnies)



Yr 4—in the news...

[Cassowary Coast Reef Smart Farming - Canegrowers Innisfail](#)

Canegrowers Innisfail staff, Natalie and Ilanah, and local farmer Paul Cecchi, returned to GCPS last week, for the Yr 4 students, to take a soil sample for the Sweetest School Competition which encourages students to engage in hands-on learning experiences, promote environmental awareness and have a deeper understanding of farming process.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council staff - Mr Nicholas Pervan and Mr Tim Harding visited Yr 4 to discuss their roles within the local community and in support of the Yr 4's studies of Civics, by discussing the role of local government, waste management and the importance of recycling.

Thank you to Mrs Di Carlo and Mrs Tania Spagnolo for their preparations.



Diversity at GCPS - Supporting every learner

This week, we warmly welcome Mrs Grace Slater to the role of Literacy Intervention Teacher. She will be taking on the role while Mrs Ah Shay enjoys her very well-deserved long service leave.

Mrs Slater brings a wealth of knowledge to the position and is looking forward to working with students in one-to-one sessions and small intervention groups.

She will be supporting students over the next five weeks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

We hope Mrs Slater enjoys her time in this role, and we know the children will absolutely love having her working with them.

Amy McElhinney—
Leader of Diversity

