



TUCKSHOP



REMINDER TO ALL YR 5&6 TO BRING MORNING TEA AND LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY FOR THE RETREAT
 WED 13 MAY—JULIE, TANJA, PAT, GLADYS
 FRI 15 MAY—JULIE, ROSE, & 2 HELPERS NEEDED
 MON 18 MAY—JULIE, KRISTY, LURL, 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
 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 PARENTS AND CARERS ARE INVITED TO...

Dress-up Trivia Night

"adults only, child-free event"

FRIDAY 29 MAY

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM - TRIVIA STARTS 6:30 PM

PRIZES FOR WINNERS AND BEST DRESSED TEAM

QUIZ . GAMES . SILENT AUCTION

BYO FOOD | BYO DRINKS

Good Counsel Primary School, Blue Covered Area

\$40 per table (max 8)

for more details and to register, head to:

<https://www.trybooking.com/1581611> or



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 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



COMMUNITY DAY

INNISFAIL GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE COMMUNITY DAY 2026

SATURDAY 30 MAY | 9:15AM - 12:00PM

FREE CLINICS

Liverpool FCIA coaches will be running free coaching clinics throughout the day, with Liverpool FC strips and prizes also to be distributed. Sessions are limited to 16 participants per time slot, so families are encouraged to register early to avoid disappointment. The clinics are open to students 6-16 years and will be divided into appropriate age groups.

Event registrations can be accessed via the link below: <https://lfcacademy.com.au/product/good-counsel-college-community-day-2026/>

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.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

12 MAY 2026

TERM 2 Week 4

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,
 Those who were able to attend our Mother's Day Morning Tea last Thursday were treated to a wonderful morning of tributes to mums. Over 250 guests saw our amazing students showcase their talents with songs, skits, poems and special messages for all in the audience. Many thanks to the staff who prepared the class items, morning tea and helped out with the set up and pack up. Many in the audience stated that it was the best Mother's Day Concert ever. Congratulations to our raffle and Lucky Door winners and thank you to all who supported our Mini Vinnies Chapter with their fundraising efforts. I hope all mums were spoilt on Sunday for Mother's Day.



Helen Walsh (Lara's grandmother) and Rhonda Thomas (Lara's adopted grandmother).

A quote from Fr Kerry after joining us for our Mother's Day Concert, "I sensed that the mothers and grandmothers present had 'eyes' for their darlings, were connected with memories, nostalgia and a very special time for them to receive as they deserve". Wise words!

As a school staff, over the past few weeks of this term, our focus on reading and homework with Homework Club and Brain Boosters is

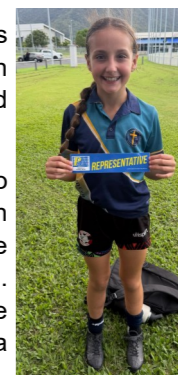
leading to so many success stories. Students who have struggles with reading, are now achieving better results but more importantly acknowledging the successes that they can see in themselves.

Congratulations to our students who have recently been selected in Peninsula teams. Lakyn Austin—U/11 Rugby League and U/12 Rugby Union; Royce Baumann—U/11 Rugby League and U/12 Rugby Union; Bodhi Puccini—U/12 Rugby Union Shadow; Harlem Di Carlo—Peninsula U/12 Soccer.



Good luck to all our students trialling for Peninsula selection in Soccer, Touch Football and Cross Country.

Belated congratulations to Ryan Stephenson and Leah Picini on their selection in the Peninsula U/12 Netball team. Congratulations also to Ollie Haren who was selected as a shadow.



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

TUE 12 MAY
 P&F MEETING
 THEATRETTE
 7PM

WED 27 MAY
 STATE OF ORIGIN
 BLUE/MAROON
 SHIRTS

FRI 29 MAY
 TRIVIA NIGHT
 REMINDER TO GET
 YOUR TEAMS

TOGETHER AND BOOK
 IN FOR THE
 P&F DRESS-UP
 TRIVIA NIGHT
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Life of the School...



Mother's Day Concert...

Lovely photos courtesy of Mrs Donna Vecchio—all on the Good Counsel Primary Facebook page. Congratulations to all staff and students for a fabulous morning.

Wednesday 13 May Yr 5 & 6 Retreat...

Southern Deanery Holy Spirit Day Year 5/6 Youth Formation Retreat in the College Auditorium. Thank you Catholic Education Services for the organisation.

Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C

Maria Caltabiano



2026	Term 2 (10 weeks)
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
Thu 16/7	Grandparents Day
Tue 28/7	Catholic Education Week Mass
Fri 4/8	PUPIL FREE DAY—MODERATION



The Curriculum Corner

The Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, our school will be participating in The Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) promotes reading with the goal of encouraging young Queenslanders to read for pleasure and learning, to improve literacy and give them a brighter future. It is an annual statewide initiative for Queensland state and non-state schools and home-educated students from Prep to Year 9. It runs from **11 May to 28 August**.

For a student to successfully complete the Premier's Reading Challenge they are required to read or experience the number of books indicated below:

- Prep to Year 2—read or experience 20 books**
- Years 3 to 4—read 20 books**
- Years 5 to 9—read 15 books**

Look for this log sheet in your child's homework book



Experiencing a book includes classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.

The requirement for Year 5/6 to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.

Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. Your child will have a log-sheet in their homework book where they can record any book they read or have read to them over the next few months. There will be certificates for those who achieve the year level goal and prizes for a variety of other achievements!

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 to be featured in a collage in the library throughout the term.

Maree Helm, Leader of Learning and Teaching

Texts of the week:

