



TUCKSHOP



WED 05 AUG—JULIE, PAT, GLADYS & TANJA

FRI 07 JULY—JULIE, MELISSA, MICHELLE &
1 HELPER NEEDED

MON 10 AUG—JULIE, SHEILA, KRISTY & PAT

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

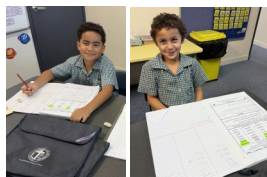
2026 OPENING HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
8:00–8:30am OR 11:00am–12:30pm

Diversity at GCP - Supporting Every Learning

Homework Club

A huge congratulations to our GCPS students who have been making the most of Homework Club! Open every morning from **8:10am**, Homework Club is a fantastic opportunity for students to stay organised, complete homework, and receive extra support to boost their learning. We are also incredibly fortunate to have a wonderful group of older students who volunteer their time to support our younger learners. Thank you to everyone who helps make Homework Club such a positive start to the school day!



Brain Boosters

Our Brain Boosters students are also doing an outstanding job each morning, not only consolidating their learning but extending themselves by tackling increasingly challenging problems and developing confidence in their thinking. It has been wonderful to see so many students embracing these opportunities and starting their day with a positive learning mindset.



REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 3 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

PLAY ON! APPLICATIONS OPEN 27 JULY



When is the best time to secure your new Play On! Sports Voucher?

Applications for Play On! Sports Vouchers will open on 27 July, with up to \$200 available to help Queensland kids aged from 5-17 participate in sport.

There will be two opportunities to apply this financial year. If you're planning ahead for summer sport, it's best to apply this round. If your focus is on winter sports like netball or football, you may prefer to wait for the round later this financial year.

To help make your application quick and easy, log in to your Enquire account before 27 July and check your details are up to date. Find out more about the program at - qld.gov.au/playon



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

04 AUG 2026

TERM 3 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,

It was wonderful to see all our students join in the spirit of Catholic Education as mentioned in last week's newsletter—here are some action shots of the Taster Day, with thanks to Principal Paul Melloy and the GCC staff and students for providing the activities.



This week we have moved into sporting activities with students competing in boys and girls futsal in Cairns, and boys at the Primary 9s Rugby League.

Tomorrow, our selected students from Yr 3-6 will compete in the 200m heats and 800m finals, at Goondi, and returning Friday for the 200m finals, sprints and field events for the Cassowary Coast Track & Field selections in readiness for the Peninsula Championships which are to be held on Sunday 23 and Monday 24 August in Cairns. Good luck to all athletes.

On Thursday we will have our annual Under 8s Day. This year we have the usual favourites—obstacle course, face painting, fairy bread, construction, arts & crafts, as well as Roaming Wild, Leps Junior Rugby League, Bunnings and VPG Family Support all providing activities for our students from Pre-Prep—Year 2. It is a morning of fun events and a sea of colour. Many thanks to all our staff who help to make Under 8s day so special.

Friday we welcome our 2026 Preps once again as they join us for their second of four Pre-Prep sessions this term. Please ensure we make them feel welcome.

Bullying.

If you are a parent or carer of a Queensland school student, you won't want to miss this series of **free parent webinars**, brought to you by the peak parent bodies in Queensland. Please join us **online** with guest speaker and clinical psychologist **Andrew Fuller**.



Don't forget to register for the upcoming Bullying Webinar series with Andrew Fuller. [Registration Link.](#)

Regards *Liam*

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:00PM
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POINTS OF INTEREST

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The Life of the School
DIARY DATES 2026
MON 13 JUL—FRI 18 SEP

THU 6 AUG
UNDER 8'S DAY

FRI 7 AUG
PRE-PREP #2

SAT 8 AUG
ST RITA'S FETE
4PM—9PM

MON 17 AUG
BOOK CHARACTER
PARADE



Life of the School...

Saint Mary of the Cross...

Please join with 3M on Friday for the Saint Mary of the Cross Prayer Assembly. Mary MacKillop's Feast Day is celebrated on 8 August each year. We honour Australia's first saint who pioneered education for isolated and poor children. Let us pray for all who work in Australian Catholic schools today, as they help students discover the world around them. Let us pray.

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop we ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

https://columban.org.au/media-and-publications/articles/mary-mackillop/mary-mackillop-prayer

Yr 2 Liturgy of the Word...

Parents/Carers and extended family are invited to join with Yr 2 students next Tuesday 11 August, as 2C and 2MLcelebrate together in Mother of Good Counsel Church. Thank you teachers for the preparations and many thanks to Father Kerry for sharing the time with the children.

2026	Term 3 (10 weeks)
Wed 5/8	District Track & Field Relays
Thu 6/8	Under 8's Day
Fri 7/8	Pre-Prep Day #2 District Track & Field Goondi 3M St Mary of the Cross Pr. Assembly
Tue 11/8	Yr 2 Liturgy of the Word MoGC Church 2:00pm
Fri 14/8	Pre-Prep Day #3 5M Feast of the Assumption Prayer Assembly
Week 6	Book Week—Symphony of Stories Science Week— <i>Seeds of Science</i>
Mon 17/8	Book Character Parade (Book Week) <i>Symphony of Stories</i>
Fri 28/8	Pre-Prep Day #4 Yr 2 Father's Day Prayer Assembly P&F Fathers Night
Mon 31/8	Yr 5 Liturgy of the Eucharist MoGC Church 1:50pm
Fri 4/9	PUPIL FREE DAY—MODERATION DAY
Fri 11/9	NAIDOC Activities & Prayer Assembly TBC
Wed 16/9	Bike Safety Prep—2 TBC
Fri 18/9	Friday Assembly—Prep Storytelling Mary Mills Netball





AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY PRINCIPALS DAY
FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 2026

Friday 7 August is Australian Primary Principals Day. We, at Good Counsel Primary, would like to take this opportunity to thank our Principal, Mr Liam Kenny, for his dedicated leadership and heartfelt commitment to our school community since 2011. Through care, compassion, and a genuine focus on student success, he exemplifies leading with the heart. We are grateful for the positive difference Mr Kenny makes to our student, staff and school community every day.

Have a great day, Mr Kenny, even though you'll be at the Cassowary Coast District Track and Field all day—from Mrs C, Mrs Mac, Mrs Helm, staff and students.





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Events in the Diocese

22 Jul

St Therese's Edmonton Parish RCIA Program

The RCIA program will commence from July;

When: 22 July | 12 August | 2 September
Where: Edmonton Presbytery - 135 Robert Rd, Bentley Park

If you are interested in joining the program and able to commence on 22 July, please contact the parish office to register your interest

P: 4046 5210 **E:** edmonton.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au

23 Jul

Cairns Italian Festival Mass

St Monica's Cathedral will host a special evening honoring Italian heritage. The community will first gather for an Italian Mass presided by Bishop Joe and concelebrated by Fr Mathew, followed by an Italian Opera Concert.

When: Thursday 23 July - 6pm (Mass) | 7.30pm (Italian Opera Concert)
Where: St Monica's Cathedral - 181 Abbott St, Cairns

To learn more here: cairnsitalianfestival.com.au/events

31 Jul

Diocesan Pastoral Council Expressions of Interest - Revised Application Process

The Diocese of Cairns is forming a Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) and you are invited to consider whether you are called to be part of it. The DPC will bring together clergy, religious, and lay people to listen, discern, and help guide our shared pastoral life and direction. Members will gather twice a year for two-day meetings and twice online.

If you feel a sense of invitation to offer your gifts in this way, we encourage you to find out more and submit an expression of interest.

Applications close 31 July 2026 - cairns.catholic.org.au

13 Sep

Mother of Good Counsel Church Innisfail Celebrates 100 Years

Mother of Good Counsel Church Innisfail is celebrating its centenary in August 2028. September this year marks the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone and the beginning of the construction of the church. Everyone is invited to celebrate Mass and morning tea to commemorate this special milestone.

When: Sunday 13 September - 9am Mass followed by morning tea
Where: Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church Innisfail (90 Rankin St, Innisfail) and Morning Tea at Parish Centre (next to church)