



TUCKSHOP

WED 19 AUG—JULIE, ANNE-MARIE, GLADYS & TANJA

FRI 21 AUG—JULIE, ROSE, JADE & 1 HELPER NEEDED

MON 24 AUG—JULIE, LEANNE, SHEILA, ANNE-MARIE

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

SADDLE UP FOR FAMILY Night

TO CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY

★ **FRIDAY 28 AUGUST** ★
6:00PM FOR 6:30PM START

P&F BBQ

STEAK SANDWICH - \$8 FISH SANDWICH - \$8
VEGETARIAN SANDWICH - \$7
SAUSAGE ON BREAD - \$3
TEA/COFFEE - \$2 WATER - \$2
ZOOPEER DOOPERS - \$1

CASH & EFT FACILITIES AVAILABLE

BRING THE FAMILY TO THE HOE DOWN
AND BE READY TO BOOT SCOOT!

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 3 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



Non State Schools
TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Semester 2 2026 Bus Fare Thresholds Attn: Bus Fare Assistance Program Families

We wish to advise that the NSSTAS Reference Committee has ratified the Semester 2 2026 threshold values.

The thresholds/bus fare charges per family have not altered and will be:

**\$40/week for non-concession card holders and
\$30/week for concession* card holders**

**This cost will be charged each term
to the family school account.**

(* Health Care, Pensioner or Veterans as per criteria on website SchoolTransport.com.au)

If you have any queries regarding this program, please contact your Bus Provider and/or our BFAP Co-Ordinator, Mrs Julie Nicolau.
(Phone: 4063 5300 (Option 2) or email gcc.accounts@cns.catholic.edu.au)

Esther's Music Tuition



**Piano—Theory and Practical
Learn for leisure or examination
Lessons before and after school hours
Contact: Esther Sapelli
Ph: 40652265 / 0419 655 710**



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

18 AUG 2026

TERM 3 Week 6

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 our school community is excited to celebrate Book Week 2026, a special time dedicated to the joy of reading, storytelling and imagination. Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to join our Book Character Parade, explore new books, discover inspiring authors and illustrators and participate in a range of literacy activities designed to foster a life long love of reading.

Thank you to all families and staff for supporting Book Week which is a celebration of Literature. Together we hope to inspire our young readers to dream big, think creatively and develop a passion for books that will last a lifetime. Our Book Week parade was amazing yesterday. Lots of home made wonderful creations and some very inspirational ideas. A huge thank you to Mrs Green for organising the Book Week prizes but also for encouraging our students to read. Thanks also to DJ Bowie for her selection of parade music and Mrs Vecchio for the pictures on Facebook showcasing some of the amazing costumes.

Research consistently highlights the powerful benefits of daily reading. Children who read for just 20 minutes each day are exposed to approximately 1.8 million words each year, significantly building their vocabulary, comprehension and language skills.



We have celebrated book week early so as to give parents a break between Book Week dress up and our Father's Night family 'Country' boot scoot set for Friday 28 August. See flyer on back page for details.

Friday 21 August if our Over 8s Science Day. Our resident scientist Dr Speziali has organised an array of investigative hands on activities, experiments and challenges designed to spark curiosity and creativity. Science is all around us, helping us understand how the world works, and stirring us to ask questions, investigate and discover new ideas. Students Years 3—6 are asked to wear old sun-safe free dress clothes and their joggers as a warning that some of the activities will be messy.

We encourage you to be curious, ask lots of questions and enjoy the amazing world of science.

Fun facts—almost 2 million Australians work in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). STEM skills are used in many industries; including health, education, agriculture, engineering, technology, research and environmental science.

Good luck to our Fowler's Cup netballers from Years 5 & 6 who will compete this Friday in Cairns.

Today we commemorated Vietnam Veterans' Day on the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. We remembered the sacrifices of those who died and say thank you to almost 60,000 Australians who served during the 11 years of our involvement in the Vietnam War.

Our School Captains Laynie and Logan laid a wreath on the school communities behalf.

Regards Liam



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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:00PM
Ph: 07 4063 0600

POINTS OF INTEREST

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DIARY DATES 2026
MON 13 JUL—FRI 18 SEP

**FRI 21 AUG
OVER 8s
SCIENCE DAY
11AM—1PM**

**FOWLER'S CUP
NETBALL**

**FRI 28 AUG
1. PRE-PREP
DAY #4**

**2. YR 2
FATHER'S DAY
PRAYER ASSEMBLY**

**3. FAMILY NIGHT TO
CELEBRATE
FATHER'S DAY
(FLYER—BACK PAGE)**

**FRI 4 SEP
CTJ—PUPIL
FREE DAY**





Thank you to 5M students for Friday's Mary Prayer Assembly supporting Mrs Courtney Morales through her first ever presentation. Excellent effort—congratulations. Thank you to all in the audience singing “Hail Mary—Gentle Woman”.



Yr 2 Liturgy...

Thank you Father Kerry for celebrating the Yr 2 Liturgy for the Dormition of Mary, last Tuesday in Mother of Good Counsel Church. Thank you Mrs Rosanne Mifsud and Ms Kathryn Cann for preparing the students and of course a big thank you to the extended family congregation who joined the children in their combined classes celebration.

Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C—Maria Caltabiano

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.



When: Sunday 13 September - 9am Mass, Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail.

Following the Mass – Morning Tea will be served in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share. Everyone is welcome!

2026	Term 3 (10 weeks)
Fri 21/8	Fowler’s Cup teams—Cairns Science Day Yr 3– 6
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
Wed 2/9	Ty Williams Cup
Fri 4/9	PUPIL FREE DAY—MODERATION DAY
Fri 11/9	NAIDOC Activities/Prayer Assembly tbc
Wed 16/9	Bike Safety Prep—2 Blue Area
Thu 17/9	Jim Graham Cup Yr 2 Excursion—Town & ETTY Bay
Fri 18/9	Friday Assembly—Prep Storytelling Mary Mills Netball—Term 3 Ends
2026	Term 4 (9 weeks)
Mon 5/10	King’s Birthday Holiday
Tue 6/10	Term 4 commences



Book Week Best Dressed 2026

Staff - Room on the Broom; The Hungry Caterpillar; The Lorax; The Wicked Witch.

Prep - Tallon—Willy Wonka; Milla—Fairy Garden; Lucas—Where is the Green Sheep?; Florence—Little Miss Sunshine.

Year 1 - Sienna—Possum Magic; Pyper—Hei Hei; Leah—Moana; Harry—Lightning McQueen; Austin—Super Mario.

Year 2 - Tilly—Secret Fairy Garden; Cora, Indie & Imogen—Wizard of Oz; Brooks—Waltzing Matilda; Landen—Lion King.

Year 3 - Kaleb—Human Body; Bentley—Roller Coaster Kids; Milla—Bin Chicken; Katelyn—Mary Poppins; Havanna, Sargun and Eden—Flowers; Troy & Dylan—Bill & Ben the Flowerpot Men.

Year 4 - Lily & Rosalie—Carousel; Darci, Inahri & Delta—Cowgirls; Mason—F1; Frankee, Kenzie, Ellie, Rayha—Jean & Chloe—Midnight Gang.

Year 5 - Amy—The Wizards of Once; Will, Lakyn & Sonny—Sleeping Beauty; George—A field guide to reptiles;



Noah—Wildlife; Izabella—How to train your Dragon; Ian—Ned Kelly.

Year 6 - Ella, Tori, Sailah, Laynie & Harper—Rainbow Carebears; Peter—Wild Robot; Charlize—Lady Cottington’s Pressed Fairy Book.

