



TUCKSHOP



WED 16 SEP—JULIE, PAT, GLADYS, TANJA

FRI 18 SEP—JULIE, MELISSA, ROSE &
1 HELPER NEEDED

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.

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 3 fees are now overdue.

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

UNIFORM SHOP

2026 OPENING HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY,
FRIDAY
8:00–8:30am OR
11:00am–12:30pm



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY
SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
CATERING FOR CHILDREN -
BIRTH TO 5 YEARS

FRIDAY MORNINGS 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
GOOD SAMARITAN HALL
(ACCESS VIA OWEN STREET)

COST: \$2.00 PER FAMILY

BYO: HAT, MORNING TEA & WATER BOTTLE

CO-ORDINATOR: ASHLEIGH GORDON-COOKE
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GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

15 SEPT 2026

TERM 3 Week 10

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,
On the weekend, many from the Parish
joined for the 'usual' 9:00am Sunday Mass.
The celebration was far from 'usual' as we
had Bishop Joe Caddy, Fr Frank Gordon and
Fr Kerry Crowley all around the altar. The
mass was celebrated to mark a very special
milestone in the history of our Parish and
school community. One hundred years ago,
11 September 1926, the Foundation Stone of
Mother of Good Counsel Church was laid,
marking the beginning of the construction of
the beautiful church that continues to stand
proudly in the heart of Innisfail today.



As Fr Frank (at 94 years of
age) stated in his address—
gaining 100 per cent in an
examination, making a century in cricket, or
living to be 100 is a huge achievement, but
for a building that has seen so many
baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals
and school celebrations — what a tribute to
the Innisfail faithful.

A foundation stone is often one of the first
stones placed in the construction of a
building—ours is remembered in marble with
its Latin wording dated (MCMXXVI)
11/09/1926. It symbolises the beginning of a
project that represented the hopes and
dreams and faith of the parishioners back
then, not ever knowing the effect of their
work for the generations who followed.
Bishop John Heavey blessed the stone in
1926, a sign of the confidence, courage and
commitment from the Catholic community of
Innisfail.

The church we admire today was the third
Catholic church built. The earlier churches
suffered destruction from tropical cyclones
and after the devastating cyclone of 1918,

Fr Michael Martin Clancy (who is buried
inside the church near the candelabra) and
the local community were determined to build
a stronger church that would endure for future
generations. Through years of fundraising,
donations and volunteer efforts, the dream
became a reality.

Mother of Good Counsel Church stood
proudly for decades until the damage of
Cyclone Larry in March 2006 when the roof
above the altar collapsed causing untold
damage. Fr Frank Gordon, Parish Priest at
the time, took control of the rebuild to bring
the building back to its former glory.
100 years on, the Mother of Good Counsel
Church remains an important landmark and
spiritual home for the Innisfail community.
The church reminds us of the dedication and
sacrifice of those who came before us and
inspires us to continue building a strong and
caring community. **Built on a strong
foundation of faith, our church continues
to bring people together 100 years on.**

This week is full on with class visits, activities,
sporting events and excursions.

Monday	Fr Kerry visiting classes
Tuesday	Good luck to our Netball finalists at Bessie Spiller Courts
Wednesday	Prep—Yr 2 Bike Safety Yr 6 Monday Netballers vs staff
Thursday	Jim Graham Cup Rugby League—Callendar Park Yr 2 excursion to Shire Hall and Etty Bay
Friday	Attendance Prize Draw Mary Mills Netball Prep Fairy Tale Assembly Final sports rotations Yr 3/4

Have an amazing holiday and enjoy time with
family over the mid-semester break.
Rest up and be ready for an excellent Term 4
beginning on Tuesday 6 October.

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
MON 13 JUL—FRI 18 SEP

WED 16 SEP
BIKE SAFETY DAY
PREP—YR 2
YR 6 STUDENTS VS
STAFF NETBALL 2PM

THU 17 SEP
JIM GRAHAM CUP
RUGBY LEAGUE
CALLENDAR PARK
YR2 EXCURSION
SHIRE HALL/ETTY BAY

FRI 18 SEP
MARY MILLS NETBALL
PREP FAIRY TALE
ASSEMBLY
ATTENDANCE DRAW

THU 12 NOV
PARENT
INFORMATION
SESSION
DR MICHAEL NAGEL
GCC AUDITORIUM
6:30PM



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS DR MICHAEL NAGEL
PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

DIGITAL DISRUPTION!

WHAT TECHNOLOGY IS DOING TO YOUR
CHILD'S BRAIN AND BEHAVIOUR!



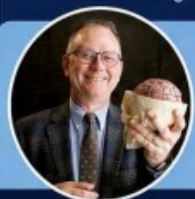
The world has changed dramatically since the turn of the century.
Advances in technology and in screen devices have changed lives but
have also changed what it means to be a child and teenager.



Research over the last two decades has now provided us with some
very worrying insights linking academic, developmental and
psychological deficits with time on screen devices.



In this presentation, Dr Michael Nagel will present evidence and research
that looks at how screens might literally be reshaping the brains of
children in less than helpful ways. He will also present the steps that
can be taken to ensure young people have the optimum environment
to grow and develop in a world saturated in technology.



ABOUT DR MICHAEL NAGEL

Associate Professor Michael Nagel's research and teaching interests
extend across a number of areas but focus primarily on human
development and the psychology of learning. His PhD research
encompassed an international project that looked at the learning
experiences of Australian and Canadian teenagers.



PLEASE BOOK YOUR SEAT
USING THE QR CODE BELOW:



LOCATION
GCC Auditorium
Owen St, Innisfail



DATE
Thursday
12 November, 2026



TIME
6:30pm - 8:00pm



COST
Free

ALL PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WELCOME!

Life of the School...



2026	Term 3 (10 weeks)
Wed 16/9	Bike Safety Prep—2 Blue Area
Thu 17/9	Jim Graham Cup Yr 2 Excursion—Town & Ettu 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
Wed 7/10	Yr 5 Tinaroo Camp
Thu 15/10	GCC Yr 7 Orientation Day
Fri 16/10	Pre-Prep #5 8:35am—1:00pm
Mon 19/10	Yr 1 Liturgy of the Word 2:15pm
Fri 23/10	Gold Coin MISSION DAY—SOCKTOBER Pre-Prep #6 8:35am—1:00pm
Mon 26/10	Prep Liturgy of the Word 2:15pm
Fri 30/10	World Teachers Day Prayer Assembly
Mon 2/11	Yr 4 Liturgy of the Eucharist 1:50pm
Wed 11/11	Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:50am
Thu 12/11	Michael Nagel 6:30-8:00pm Parent Information Night GCC Auditorium
Fri 13/11	Yr 6 Outback Camp Prayer Assembly
Fri 20/11	Billy Slater League Tag Callendar Park



NAIDOC... Congratulations to our First Nations students who led us in prayer for Friday's GCP NAIDOC celebrations. The Footprints Cross comprised of all student and staff contributions, symbolised understanding and support for each other and for our First Nations children.

St Francis of Assisi...2026 marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi (who died on October 3, 1226). Pope Leo XIV proclaimed a special Franciscan Jubilee Year running from 10 January , 2026, to 10 January 2027. Let us pray: *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek, To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.*

Yours in Catholic Education
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C

Deepest Sympathy...
Emilia (2ML),
Isaac (5DM), Charlotte (2ML) &
Lucas (PT) and families on the
loss of their great
grandmother—
Mary Bruschi



One hundred years later...
Bishop Joe re-blessing the Mother of Good Counsel Church Foundation Stone last Sunday.

Some context to Innisfail in 1926:
The MoGC Church plans were drawn by Maurice Lordan in 1922. The builder was James Riley of Tully. It was completed in 1928 at a cost of more than Twenty thousand pounds (equivalent to approximately \$1,000,000 today according to AI). That's not including all the voluntary labour that actually completed the job. The original Jubilee Bridge was completed in 1923. The North Coast Railway link was completed in 1924 with the Daradgee Bridge crossing the North Johnstone River.

In Faith and Hope—A Parish Story
Betty Vandeleur 1998

CURRICULUM CORNER—Congratulations to 3M – winners of the GCP Premier's Reading Challenge after reading/viewing 1098 books!



A special thank-you to Cassandra Green for organising the challenge, and congratulations to all the students and parents whose enthusiasm and support helped make it such a success. Wishing you and your family a relaxing break!

Maree Helm—Leader of Learning & Teaching

Class versus class results were as per the table:

PS	PT
149	90
1GS	1D
460	586
2C	2ML
550	509
3DW	3M
564	1098
4L	4D
648	910
5DM	5M
290	520
6B	6S
225	260