



TUCKSHOP

WED 2 SEP—JULIE, PAT, GLADYS, TANJA &
1 HELPER NEEDED

FRI 4 SEP—PUPIL FREE DAY

MON 7 SEP—JULIE, LINA, SHEILA & LURL—

NO CHICKEN ROLLS

TERIYAKI CHICKEN SUSHI BOWLS AVAILABLE INSTEAD

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



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

CATERING FOR CHILDREN—ONLY 4 TO 5 YEARS

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

NO PLAYGROUP
FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER—
PUPIL FREE DAY

CO-ORDINATOR: ASHLEIGH GORDON-COOKE
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REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 3 fees are now overdue.

Please check your emails and spam/junk
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our preferred payment method.

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DRAWN THURSDAY 3 SEPT

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those
envelopes in
if you would
like to
purchase
tickets
before
Thursday.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

1 SEPT 2026

TERM 3 Week 8

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,
Last weekend we marked Social Justice Sunday. We are reminded that our Faith calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged and in need. This year's theme challenges us to not only reflect on issues of justice and human dignity, but also take meaningful action within our communities. In this spirit, our Year 6 students are participating in a sleep out for the homeless, an experience that encourages them to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by people experiencing homelessness. While one night sleeping on a piece of cardboard and going a little hungry, within the security of the school grounds, cannot replicate the realities many people encounter every day, it provides an opportunity for our students to reflect on the importance of compassion, empathy and the responsibility we share to care for others. We are proud of our students and teachers for embracing this experience. Their willingness to learn about social justice in a practical way is a wonderful example of our school values in action and a reminder of what luxuries we have.

As we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, we take the opportunity to recognise and thank the fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, carers and father figures who play such an important role in the lives of our children. The positive influence of a caring and supportive role model can have a lasting impact on a young person's confidence, well-being and sense of belonging. Fathers and father figures help shape values, encourage resilience, provide guidance and create everlasting memories through the simple moments spent together. Whether it is helping with homework, camping, cheering from the sidelines, reading a book before bed or offering words of encouragement, their presence and involvement contribute significantly to a child's growth and development.

On behalf of our GCP community, we extend our thanks to all the wonderful dads and father figures who support, nurture and inspire our students each day. We wish you all a very happy Father's Day and hope you enjoy this special time with your children.

Thank you to all who attended our Father's Country Disco on Friday evening. The crowd was down a little due to clashes with other local events but the vibe was up. Special thanks to our P&F helpers who organised the BBQ, drinks and Zooper Doopers; to our Student Council who helped with prizes, activities and decorations; to Mrs Lizzio, Miss Sheil and Ms Bowie for getting everyone boot scootin' on the dance floor. Thanks to Mrs Vecchio for the wonderful photos.



Over the next two weeks we have staff working with our external consultants—Joanne Dooner (Literacy) and Dr Matt Sexton (Numeracy). Both will be in classrooms demonstrating lessons, building the capacity of teachers and reflecting with them about best teaching practice in the classroom. Jo has been working with GCP since 2016 and Matt for the past two years. Their impact is evident in the results of our students. Recently we analysed our Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Data which places our students above the Cairns Diocese, State and National Means in Numeracy and Literacy with a significant jump in Writing and Spelling this year. Well done to all staff from Prep—Year 6 and congratulations to our students. It is a team effort!

A reminder that this Friday is a state wide Pupil Free Day for staff to work on professional development.

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

WED 2 SEP
TY WILLIAMS CUP
JONES PARK
CAIRNS

FRI 4 SEP
CTJ—PUPIL
FREE DAY

FRI 11 SEP
FOWLER'S CUP
NETTA CARNIVAL

WED 16 SEP
BIKE SAFETY DAY
PREP—YR 2



INNISFAIL
Rotary
Riverfest

CATEGORIES:
PREP TO YEAR 2
YEAR 3-4
YEAR 5-6

MSF SUGAR COLOURING COMPETITION
for the INNISFAIL RIVERFEST

**CLOSES WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER
ALL ENTRIES TO THE GCPS OFFICE



Social Justice Statement Prayer...

You created every person in your image and call us to live as one human family.

In a world marked by division, fear and misunderstanding, fill our hearts with the self-giving love of Christ. Teach us to see one another not as strangers or opponents, but as sisters and brothers, worthy of dignity, respect and compassion.

Give us the courage to build bridges where there is distrust, to seek encounter where there is separation, and to work for justice with humility and mercy. Help us to listen with open hearts, speak with kindness, and walk together in the way of peace.

May your Holy Spirit guide us to welcome the stranger, stand beside those on the margins, reject all forms of hatred and racism, and become instruments of reconciliation in our communities.

Through the example of Saint Maximilian Kolbe and all the saints, strengthen us to live the Gospel through sacrifice, generosity and love, so that your light may shine through us and bring hope to our nation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division—Social Justice Statement August 2026

Father’s Day Prayer Assembly...

Congratulations Year 2 students for honouring your dads with pictures and prayers, and wishing all dads a happy day on Sunday 6 September.

Welcome to Spring...

Five Little Flowers

Five little flowers growing in a row.

The first one said, “I’m purple as you know.”

The second one said, “I’m pink as pink can be.”

The third one said, “I’m blue like the sea.”

The fourth one said, “I’m a very red fellow.”

The fifth one said, “My colour is yellow.”

Then out came the sun, big bright and bright,
And five little flowers smiled in delight.



Anon

Year 5 Liturgy of the Eucharist...

Thank you to parents and grandparents who joined with the Year 5 students for their Mary MacKillop Mass yesterday. Thank you once again to Father Kerry Crowley for being present to us.

Yours in Catholic Education—
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C



2026	Term 3 (10 weeks)
Wed 2/9	Ty Williams Cup—Jone Park Cairns
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
Wed 7/10	Yr 5 Tinaroo Camp
Fri 23/10	Gold Coin MISSION DAY—SOCKTOBER
Fri 30/10	World Teachers Day Prayer Assembly

Mother of Good Counsel Church Innisfail

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!

Self-published author of the book *Eggs with This & Eggs with That*—Nadia Burton (pen name S.B. Posie) visited GCP during Book Week. Nadia explained the process behind writing a book and her reason for writing her first kids picture book. The Prep and Yr 2 students cheered for their favourite kind of eggs, asked *egg-cellent* questions and engaged in egg activities. Thank you Mrs Cassandra Green for the excellent, short-notice organisation.



The Curriculum Corner

As promised – the first of our suggestions for fun, interactive games to build your child’s quick recall of basic facts. This one is called 7-up and requires a pack of cards. This can be played with a child of



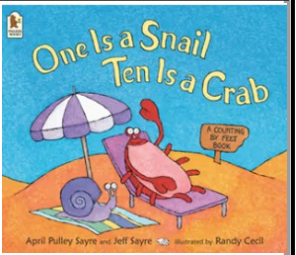
- Take and shuffle a deck of cards with picture cards removed (Ace = 1; remove the picture cards)
- Deal out seven (7) cards for all players
- Turn over cards and calculate the sum of the numbers on the cards.
- Lay cards on table to show strategies for addition
- Tell each other the sum and identify who has the greatest sum.
- Player with the greatest sum turns over an unused card. The number on the card represents the points scored for ‘winning’ the round. “Bank” that card.
- Re-shuffle the cards and repeat for the next round.
- Calculate the “banked” points at the completion of all rounds.

Dr Matt Sexton (Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus)

any age, but for the younger years, I suggest starting with 3 cards and building up to 7. The aim is for the child to start recognising the quickest way to add up the cards – for example ‘making to ten’ or ‘doubling’.

Happy card-ing!

Maree Helm, Leader of Learning and Teaching



Texts of the week