

## TUCKSHOP



WED 9 SEP—JULIE, PAT, GLADYS, TANJA

FRI 11 SEP—JULIE, MELISSA, ROSE &  
1 HELPER NEEDED

MON 14 SEP—JULIE, DI, SHEILA & LURL

**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

8 SEPT 2026

TERM 3 Week 9

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,

I hope all Fathers had a wonderful day on Sunday and were able to spend time with their children. I was lucky enough to have my three children home for the weekend and to celebrate with them. Thank you to the staff who worked with classes over the past few weeks designing special craft gifts for all our Dads.

### Student Protection Week— Working together to keep children safe.

Student Protection Week provides an important opportunity to reinforce a simple but powerful message: Every child has the right to feel safe, valued, respected and heard. This message is highlighted at Good Counsel Primary, not just for one week in September, but each and every day. Students need to understand their rights, recognise safe and unsafe situations and identify trusted adults who can support them when needed. A focus on personal safety, respectful relationships, help-seeking behaviours and strategies for staying safe both online and offline. This child protection blueprint can build children's confidence and empower them with skills for life.

Parents/Carers play a vital role in supporting child safety. We encourage families to continue conversations at home by:

- Talking openly about their day and how they are feeling
- Helping children identify trusted adults they can turn to for support
- Encourage children to speak up if something worries them or makes them feel uncomfortable
- Discussing safe online behaviours and supervising or monitoring digital activities

Creating safe environments for children is a shared responsibility between schools, families and the wider community. Together, we can ensure every child feels safe, supported and empowered to thrive.

Our school community is proud to be celebrating NAIDOC with a special prayer assembly to recognise and honour the history, culture, achievements and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC week is celebrated nationally during the last school holidays, so at GCP we move our celebrations to during the school term. Over the next two weeks, students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of cultural learning activities with Mrs Green in the library. Activities will include story sharing, cultural displays, art work and opportunities to learn about significant symbols, traditions and artifacts.

All families are most welcome to join us at 8:35am on Friday. NAIDOC celebrations provide an important opportunity for all Australians to listen, learn and develop a greater appreciation for the diverse cultures that shape our nation and to foster respect, understanding and inclusion within our community.

This week, Dr Matt Sexton will be with us working across several classes in improve the teaching of Mathematics.

Dr Michael Nagel, Associate Professor at the University of the Sunshine Coast, will be presenting here in November about what technology is doing to your child's brain. Flyer on the back page. Sign up, it's free.

Thank you Ms Hayley Bowie for organising the Yr 6 Sleepout for last Thursday. It proved to be a meaningful experience for the students.



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

FRI 11 SEP  
FOWLER'S CUP  
NETTA CARNIVAL

TUE 15 SEP  
P&F MEETING  
THEATRETTE  
7PM

WED 16 SEP  
BIKE SAFETY DAY  
PREP—YR 2



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!



Thursday 3 September— GCPS Mini Vinnies Sleepout...

Last Thursday evening over 40 Year 6 Mini Vinnies students participated in a ‘Homeless Sleepout’ to raise awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by people experiencing homelessness. Students learnt about the importance of gratitude, compassion and community support while reflecting on the realities that many individuals and families face every day. Before their very basic dinner of noodles and bread, they participated in a prayer reflection and had input from members of the Innisfail Youth & Family Care who spoke about how they support the homeless in our community with temporary and long term accommodation, food and clothing, visitation and ongoing assistance. Innisfail Youth & Family Care rely heavily on donations.

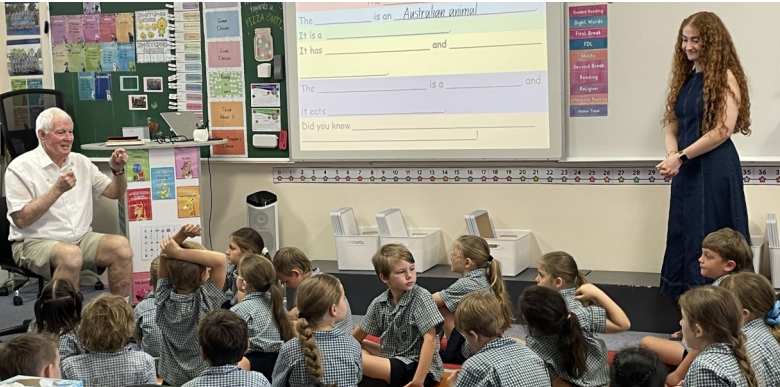
The students learnt that one should not judge others, as the story behind many individuals and families who are homeless may be very traumatic. Since January 2026, locally, 160 people experiencing homelessness have been supported; last week alone, emergency relief was provided to 30 people; 6 young people stayed in the youth shelter last Wednesday night, and the list goes on. Thank you families and members of the Innisfail Youth & Family Care, as well as all of the amazing work done by our local St Vincent de Paul Chapter in supporting the homeless in our community.

Saint of the Day for 8 September—Nativity of Mary the Mother of Jesus...

Today we celebrate the birthday of Mary.  
*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Classroom visits...

Thank you Fr Kerry for visiting a number of classes yesterday and providing responses to all sorts of interesting questions from the children. We look forward to next Monday’s visit. Thank you for sharing your time with staff and students after that early start of the Blessing the Fleet.



Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C—Maria Caltabiano

Thank you Mr George for the beautiful roses in the garden.



| 2026      | Term 3 (10 weeks)                                                      |
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| Fri 11/9  | NAIDOC Activities/Prayer Assembly                                      |
| Wed 16/9  | Bike Safety Prep—2 Blue Area                                           |
| Thu 17/9  | Jim Graham Cup<br>Yr 2 Excursion—Town & Etty Bay                       |
| Fri 18/9  | Friday Assembly—Prep Storytelling<br>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<br>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<br>Information Night GCC Auditorium   |
| Fri 13/11 | Yr 6 Outback Camp Prayer Assembly                                      |
| Fri 20/11 | Billy Slater League Tag Callendar Park<br>Mini Vinnies Prayer Assembly |
| Fri 27/11 | Yr 1 Nativity Presentation                                             |
| Mon 30/11 | Leadership Assembly 8:35am<br>Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy 6:00pm           |
| Thu 3/12  | Christmas Concert 7:00pm                                               |
| Fri 4/12  | School Liturgy of the Eucharist 9:00am                                 |



Diversity at GCPS - Supporting every learner

We would like to thank Mrs Grace Slater, who has been filling in while Mrs Sue Ah Shay has been on leave. Alongside her work in the Year 1 classroom, Mrs Slater has taken on the role of Literacy Intervention Teacher on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This has provided her with a valuable opportunity to support students through small-group and one-on-one intervention. We appreciate her flexibility, enthusiasm and commitment to supporting our learners.



A massive THANK YOU to our parents and families for their commitment to Homework Club and Brain Boosters this term. We greatly appreciate the way families have embraced these programs and supported their children to arrive at school early each day. The improvements we have seen in our students have been incredibly rewarding, and we thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Amy McElhinney—Leader of Diversity

