



TUCKSHOP



WED 7 OCT—JULIE, PAT, GLADYS, TANJA
FRI 9 OCT—JULIE, 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 4 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



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

6 OCTOBER 2026

TERM 4 Week 1

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,
Welcome back for the final term of the school year—a busy nine weeks ahead. Hopefully all students and staff are well rested and enjoyed some of the fine weather over the mid semester holidays.

Here at school we took advantage of the break to complete some major maintenance - replacing the library walkway roof, painting the front fence and gate on Rankin Street, as well as the Blue Covered Area tables and stools. A major update to our IT document security was also completed. Students will return today to a very sparkling eating area as it was pressure cleaned late last week. Mr George and Mrs Tagget have the school looking great, ready for the start of the term. Thanks also to all of our contractors for their efforts to complete the works during non teaching time.

The short week allows us to settle back into our school routines but a reminder that Homework Club and Brain Boosters kicks off today. Please ensure that students don't let their reading each day slide as we know how important it is to read each and every day. A reminder to keep our attendance levels up during Term 4. Last term we achieved our goal of over 80% so let's continue the good work. We had over 100 students attend every day in Term 3—well done. Congratulations to Cooper (Year 6) who won our attendance prize. This term the prize is a mobile netball goal post and ball. Great for the backyard.

Our Water Safety Program begins this week for Year 3, 4 & 6 students. The two week intensive focuses on water safety and survival. It is not designed, nor could it be possible, to teach your child to swim in the lessons. Over the two weeks staff will work on water confidence and rescue techniques. Students will be grouped in ability levels. If your child cannot swim, it is a great opportunity to build on the intensive program and then follow this up with lessons so they are safe in our North Queensland waterways or pools.

Tomorrow Year 5 students head to Lake Tinaroo for their three day camp. They will be involved in many and varied team building and leadership activities as well as learning about the importance of Tinaroo Dam for agriculture, conservation and tourism for the area. Students have the opportunity to canoe, attempt the low ropes course, vertical challenge, raft building, rock climbing wall and swimming. A huge thank you to Mrs Stephenson who has worked with Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre who run the activities. Thanks also to our staff and volunteer dads who attend to make the camp possible for our students. The Yr 5 camp is the beginning of the students preparation as they become our school leaders in Year 6 in 2027.

Thursday 15 October, Good Counsel College will have the Year 6s visit for their 2027 Orientation Day. Please see flyer attached online.

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
TUE 6 OCT—FRI 4 DEC

WED 7 OCT
YR 5 TINAROO CAMP

FRI 9 OCT
YR 3, 4 & 6
WATER SAFETY &
SURVIVAL EDUCATION

THU 15 OCT
GCC YR 7
ORIENTATION DAY

YR 1
WARRINA LAKES
EXCURSION

FRI 16 OCT
PRE-PREP
LONG DAY
SESSION #5
8:35AM—1:00PM

THU 12 NOV
PARENT
INFORMATION
SESSION
DR MICHAEL NAGEL
GCC AUDITORIUM

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.

oh boy!
it's a girl thing

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!

UNIFORM SHOP

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



Well Womens Clinic
(This clinic is available to Medicare eligible clients)
Innisfail Hospital - Monday 2nd November 2026

Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (Pap Smears), Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse. For appointments please phone 4016 1312 / 4016 1435



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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Life of the School...

Welcome to Term 4...

Wrapping up last term with pictures that speak a thousand words—Jim Graham Rugby League Cup, Mary Mills Netball Cup, Yr 2 Etty Bay Excursion, and the Prep Story Telling presentation. Thank you to everyone involved in ensuring each event was well-organised and enjoyable. Bike Safety Day will feature next week. Here's to a rewarding Term 4 with all the magic it will bring towards the end of the year.

Let us pray...

That each one of us will receive the grace to fill our minds with everything that is true, noble, good and pure, virtuous and worthy of praise. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Yours in Catholic Education
Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C



2026	Term 4 (9 weeks)
Wed 7/10	Yr 5 Tinaroo Camp
Fri 9/10	Our Lady of the Rosary Prayer Assembly Water Safety Classes
Thu 15/10	GCC Yr 7 Orientation Day Yr 1 Excursion
Fri 16/10	Pre-Prep #5 8:35am—1:00pm Water Safety Classes
Mon 19/10	Yr 1 Liturgy of the Word 2:15pm Mother of Good Counsel Church
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 Mother of Good Counsel Church
Fri 30/10	World Teachers Day Prayer Assembly Water Safety Classes
Mon 2/11	Yr 4 Liturgy of the Eucharist 1:50pm Mother of Good Counsel Church
Fri 6/11	All Saints Prayer Assembly Water Safety Classes
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 Water Safety Classes
Fri 20/11	Friday Prayer Assembly Billy Slater League Tag Callendar Park Water Safety Classes
Fri 27/11	Yr 1 Nativity Presentation
Mon 30/11	Leadership Assembly 8:35am Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6:00pm
Thu 3/12	Christmas Concert 7:00pm
Fri 4/12	End of Yr Mass 9:00am



Diversity at GCPS - Supporting Every Learner

This term, students in our Year 6 Art Group, which runs during playtime sessions, have been busy creating a collaborative artwork for the “Many Pieces, One Community” Riverfest Art Competition.

The students began by brainstorming the people, places and natural features they felt best represented our school and local community. From there, each student created their own unique piece to contribute to the finished artwork.

Charlize painted Mother of Good Counsel Church, Ashala captured the meeting of the North and South Johnstone Rivers, Evie painted the Cairns Birdwing and Ulysses butterflies, Ivy featured beautiful Etty Bay, Eliza created a cassowary in the tropical rainforest, and Flynn painted a cane train travelling amongst the sugarcane. Natalya used dot painting to decorate the cross and sugarcane featured in our school emblem.

Created mainly using watercolours and acrylic paint, these individual artworks have come together to form one vibrant piece celebrating our school, our environment and our community.

The students are incredibly proud of their finished artwork, and rightly so! Their creation is a wonderful example of how individual ideas, talents and perspectives can come together to create something special. It beautifully represents our unique part of the world and the idea behind the theme, “Many Pieces, One Community.”

If you’re heading along to Innisfail Riverfest on Saturday 10 October, be sure to keep an eye out for our students’ artwork as part of the Many Pieces, One Community display! A huge thank you to Mrs Haley, who generously shared her artistic talents, creativity and encouragement to guide and inspire our young artists during these sessions.

Amy McElhinney Leader of Diversity

Orientation DAY

THURSDAY
15 OCTOBER

YEAR 7 IN 2027

We can't wait to welcome you!

Student Program
8.30am – 3pm

Morning Tea and
BBQ Lunch provided

Parent Tour available
9am – 9.30am

Please wear

- school uniform
- covered-in shoes

Please bring

- water bottle
- school hat



**Please notify your bus company at least
2 weeks prior of any changes to your
child's travel arrangements on this day.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COLLEGE
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