



newsletter

17 October 2019

Term Planner

October

Mon 21

PUPIL FREE DAY

MACKAY EISTEDDFOD

Mon 21:

Show Choir

Tues 22:

Yr 2 Speaking

Yr 1 Singing

Yr 4 Singing

Hymn and Folk Choir

Wed 23:

Yr 5 Speaking

Thur 24:

Yr 2 Singing

Fri 25:

Yr 3 Singing

Yr 5/6 Singing

Yr 6 Folk Group

Fri 25

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
DAY FOR DANIEL

Sun 27:

Children's Mass at St
Joseph's Church - 9am

November

Fri 8:

NORFAIR

Dear Parents,

Only another seven weeks to go before another school year ends and there is much happening between now and 06 December, especially in the remaining three weeks of October. The students seem to have returned well-rested and ready to give their best for the remainder of the year. As usual, final reports will be sent home in the last week on Thursday 05 December.

At this time of year, plans are being made for 2020 and the key factor upon which this planning is based is enrolment facts and figures. Whether it's class composition, number of classes, number of staff members or budget planning, it is essential to be as accurate as possible in predicting the number of students at Emmanuel come January next year. I ask you then, to keep us informed about potential moves between now and the beginning of the year. I understand that, occasionally, unforeseen developments require a last minute change of plan, but, we would be grateful for any information that you could give us in relation to any move. Thank you for helping us to be well-prepared for the year ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to address the matter of class placement as this seems to be a concern for some parents at this time every year. Parents, please remember that there are 570 students at Emmanuel. Teachers, administrative and support staff and in particular, Mrs McDonald, put a lot of time and thought into class placement with many factors taken into account. Once classes are set, to make one change can affect many others.

As you can imagine it is not possible and not desirable either, for parents to get involved in the placement of their children into classes. Such an approach would pose numerous problems, so please trust that we do the best we can. Having said that, if you have significant information relevant to your child's placement, please make this known, in writing, to me by 01 November. This information will be taken into consideration as appropriate. Please do not request particular teachers unless there are exceptional reasons for doing so, keeping in mind that teachers may not remain on present year levels in any case.

It has only been in more recent years that some parents have sought to influence class placement and I wonder why this is the case? Why has this become such an emotional issue for some, especially when a child may not have been placed with one particular friend or in one particular teacher's class? Experience tells me that these situations often develop because children know that if they create enough fuss, if they cry loudly and long enough, then at least one of their parents will succumb to the pressure either because s/he wants to restore peace and quiet or s/he believes that some sort of lasting damage will be done to the child's social-emotional or psychological well-being unless their request is met. As adults we need to help children grow in resilience and maturity through life's ups and downs. Those of us responsible for the development of young ones must step back and grow in awareness of what's happening and how we handle situations with children.

Thank you to the very many parents who share relevant information, let us get on with the job at hand and then support their children in the decisions made, whether things go the way they prefer or not. We appreciate your trust and your children will thank you one day as well.

Emmanuel Catholic Primary School

Capital Redevelopment Project

When dropping your children off at school in the morning you will have noticed that Stage 1 of the Capital Redevelopment Project is nearing completion. Relocation of the Prep and Year 2 classes will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Teachers are in the throes of packing and removalists have been booked for the move. To date, work on the project has caused minimal disruption to the everyday teaching and learning within these year levels and I congratulate the teachers and students on their ability to adjust to the changed conditions. I also thank all parents for your patience and understanding during this period of upheaval.

Stage 2 will commence with the demolition of the existing Prep building which is scheduled to begin on Thursday 24 October. As a result, the Administration Carpark will be **CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES** including the teaching staff during this stage of construction. Anyone needing to access the Administration building is asked to park in the short term carpark adjacent to Holy Spirit College.

Within this stage of the project two further classrooms will be added to G Block with some refurbishment of the existing classrooms. The expected completion date for this work is expected to be April, 2020. The four classes currently occupying this building will relocate into the Year 2 classrooms with one class moving to the Marist Centre. This will take place next Thursday and Friday.

Construction of a new Administration building will also occur within this stage of the project. With the commencement of the Christmas vacation period, it will be necessary for Leadership and all Administration personnel to vacate the building in order for demolition to occur. Further information regarding the relocation of the Administration staff will be communicated later in the term.

Our Outside School Hours and Vacation Care will continue to operate within the Marist Centre throughout this construction period. I am extremely grateful to the students and teachers for their co-operation during this time of upheaval.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to keeping you updated on further progress of these Capital Works.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
(Principal)



PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2019

Religious Education

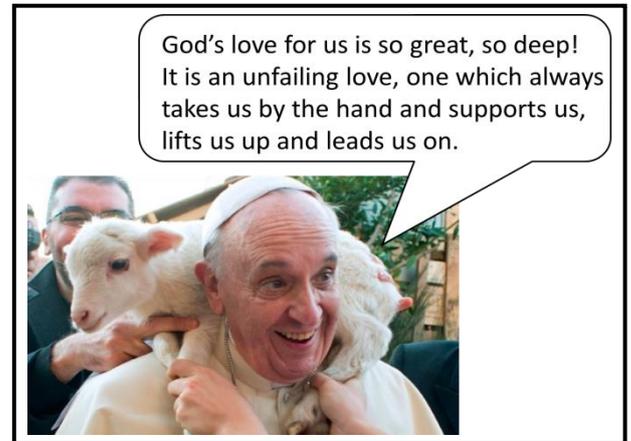
ENOUGH – A REFLECTION

May you have enough

Enough happiness to keep you sweet.
Enough trials to keep you strong.
Enough sorrow to keep you human.
Enough failure to keep you humble.
Enough success to keep you eager.
Enough friends to give you comfort.
Enough wealth to meet your needs.
Enough enthusiasm to look forward.
Enough faith to trust yourself.
Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

May you have enough.

(Author Unknown)



MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary. (Pope Saint Pius X)

The Rosary is the story of the New Testament. Through the beads we recall the joyful, sorrowful and glorious times in the life of Mary and Jesus. We follow Mary from the Annunciation, when the archangel Gabriel came to ask her to become the Mother of Christ, to the day she was crowned Queen of Heaven. We follow Jesus from the moment the Holy Spirit came upon Mary, through his childhood, his cruel death on the cross, the joy of Easter when he rose from the dead, to the day he ascended to Heaven in glory. We reflect on the teachings and miracles of Jesus.

During October we are encouraged to pray this beautiful prayer and to reflect on the mysteries of our faith which it memorialises. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday this month, students and staff will gather in the chapel at lunchtime to say The Rosary. We will pray for peace in our families, our school and in our world. A big thank you to the students who having been helping to lead this time of prayer.

To find out more about The Rosary and how to pray it, go to Catholic Online:

<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/rosary.php>



OCTOBER - WORLD MISSION MONTH

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, Pope Francis has announced that this October will be an Extraordinary Missionary Month. The theme, ***Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World***, calls us to reignite our Baptismal call to mission through prayer, advocacy, service and solidarity. It is an invitation for all to do something extraordinary for mission today.

To see the pope's message 'Missionary Spring in the Church' go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wi6VxvIU4mQ#action>



At Emmanuel we are celebrating SOCKTOBER. It is an opportunity for us to focus our attention on those less fortunate than ourselves and to be grateful for all that we have. Students in all classes will participate in activities that promote justice, prayer and action.

Together we can make a difference and help others.

CHILDREN'S MASS

A children's Mass, led by Emmanuel students, will be held at 9am on Sunday 27 October at St Joseph's Church. Students wishing to participate in this ministry should contact Mrs Kliese in the office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please continue to pray for the students who are preparing to receive the Sacraments.

Students preparing for First Penance through the St Joseph's Parish are reminded to attend Children's Liturgy at parish Masses this weekend. A big thank you to all our teachers who participate in this important ministry.

The **Reconciliation Family Workshop** will take place at St Joseph's Church later this month. Choose from Wednesday 30 October at 7:00pm or Sunday 3 November at 10:00am.

WEAR RED

On Friday, 25 October, we will join with the rest of Australia in acknowledging 'Day for Daniel'. It is a child safety and protection initiative that aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. '*Wear Red and Educate*' is the theme of 'Day for Daniel'.

All students are invited to wear something red (socks, shoelaces, ribbons) with their school uniform on this day. It is not a free dress day. No donation is required for participation.

For more information about the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and 'Day for Daniel' go <http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/>



Our parish Christmas Fair, known as NORFAIR, will be held on **Friday 8 November** from 5pm in the grounds of St Joseph's School. It is always a wonderful event with lots of fun and goodies on offer. The ever popular Ham Wheel, Cake Stall, Cent Sale, hot food stalls, markets, amusement rides and raffle have made NORFAIR a not to be missed family night for many years. Your support and participation is both welcomed and appreciated.

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – GENEROSITY

Generosity is one of the best ways to show love and friendship. You share freely, not with the idea of receiving something in return. Someone showing *generosity* is happy to give time, money, food, or kindness to people in need. When you are generous, you put others before yourself. When you're forgiving, kind and gentle to people, you show generosity of spirit.



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." (Winston Churchill)

Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education

**Assembly Time
8:50am
Every Friday
ALL WELCOME**

BOOKLISTS/BOOKPACKS

Booklists for 2020 are attached to this Newsletter. Book packs may also be ordered online through Mackay School Supplies (mackayschoolsupplies.booklist.com.au).

If you wish to utilise this year's Book pack service, you may either order online or open and print the word document for the relevant year level. All orders **must** be placed by: **MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER**, either online or handed into the school office.

PLEASE NOTE: CASH CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE OFFICE. Paper copies will not be sent home, however, copies are available from the office.

ALL Book pack orders placed by Monday 4 November, will be available for collection from the school **Tuesday 26** and **Wednesday 27 November**. Collection times will be Tuesday 26 November 2:30pm – 3:30pm and Wednesday 27 November 8:00am – 9:00am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

Early next week (unless notified otherwise by your child's teacher) all unused and reusable stationary items will be sent home so as they can be recycled for next year if you choose to do so.

Thank you for your support.

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum (Acting)

SWIMMING 2019 – PREP TO YEAR 3 CLASSES

A permission letter will be sent home today to students in Prep – Year 3. Please ensure that you read this letter carefully, as important information is contained regarding swimming arrangements. Please ensure permission forms are returned to classroom teachers by Monday, 28 October.

CLASSES 2020

This term will see staff arrange classes for the 2020 school year. This process is very deliberate and time consuming, but also very important to creating balanced classes throughout the school. I'd like to provide parents with some of the underlying principles that drive our decision making:

1. We always aim to create classes that are balanced in need. We consider the academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs of the children when placing them in a class. This is never straight forward and often needs considerable thought. A past practice has been that students nominate a friend, but as you can appreciate this is very difficult to accommodate in a school with 570 students. This practice will no longer be a deciding factor in class placements.
2. We consider the gender balance within the group, the body of knowledge that we have gathered on each child and any parent input that may assist.
3. We always endeavour to be just, fair and compassionate to the needs of each child.

I invite parents to write to me if you have information about your child that may assist the staff in placing your child. While I always stipulate that parents are not able to request certain teachers and groups of friends, there is often information that, as a school, we are unaware of and would benefit from knowing. **Please put your consideration in writing and send to the office addressed to Miss Rostirolla by the end of Week Four, Friday 1 November.**

I would also like to stress that our staff know their students very well and will do their very best throughout this process. I urge parents to trust us in making informed decisions that we consider will be the best for each child.

MACKAY EISTEDDFOD INFORMATION

The Mackay Eisteddfod is currently underway and our Emmanuel Choirs are ready to perform! Participating students received a letter outlining details of transportation and dress requirements. Parents are asked to return the permission slip (if applicable) to their child's teacher **ASAP**. If you have any questions regarding the timetable below, please contact Mrs Miller (Choral singing) or Mrs Kliese (Verse Speaking). We wish all of our choirs the best of luck!

Emmanuel Catholic Primary School			
Mackay Eisteddfod 2019			
Please note that return / pick-up times are approximate only due to scheduling changes which may occur on the day			
DAY/TIME	SECTION DESCRIPTION	TRANSPORT TO MECC	TRANSPORT BACK FROM MECC
MONDAY 21 Oct at 6:00pm	Primary Schools Show Choir	Parents drop students off to MECC 5.15pm	Parents collect students from MECC 7:15pm
TUESDAY 22 Oct at 8.30am	Grade 2 Choral Speaking Group	Parents drop students off to MECC from 8:00am	Bus back to school 9:30am
TUESDAY 22 Oct at 1:00pm	Grade 1 Choral Singing Choir	Bus to MECC 12:15pm	Bus back to school 1:30pm
TUESDAY 22 Oct at 1:00pm	Grade 4 Choral Singing Choir	Bus to MECC 12:15pm	Bus back to school 2.00pm
TUESDAY 22 Oct at 6.30pm	Choral Singing (Hymn and Folk School Choir)	Parents drop students off to MECC 5.45pm	Parents collect students from MECC 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY 23 Oct at 8:30am	Grade 5 Choral Speaking Group	Bus to MECC at 9.00am	Bus back to school 11.00am
THURSDAY 24 Oct at 1.00pm	Grade 2 Choral Singing Choir	Bus to MECC 12:15pm	Bus back to school 2.00pm
FRIDAY 25 Oct at 8.30am	Grade 3 Choral Singing Choir	Parents drop students off to MECC from 8:00am	Bus back to school 10.00am
FRIDAY 25 Oct at 8.30am	Grade 5/6 Choral Singing Choir	Bus to MECC At 9.30am	Bus back to school 11.30am
FRIDAY 25 Oct at 6.30pm	Folk Group for Primary schools (YEAR 6 only)	Parents drop students off to MECC 5.00pm	Parents collect students from MECC at 7.00pm

MATHS OLYMPIAD

Answer from last week: 1999

Each person has some information about a secret number.

- Amelia knows that the secret number is exactly divisible by 9.
- Blake knows that the secret number is a 3-digit number with digits appearing in increasing order.
- Chelsea knows that the difference between the last and middle digits does not equal the difference between the middle and first digits.
- Daniel knows that neither 1 nor 9 is used anywhere as a digit.

What is the secret number?



Student Council Representatives for Term 4
Congratulations everyone!

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

Principal's Awards

Prep	Amaya Shearn Alexandra Agius James Baker	William Bamberry Austin Joseph Makayla James
Year 1	Mason Richards Tyler Tanner Beau Woods	Savannah Dawes Ruby Readdy Delta Bridson
Year 2	Nyra Scott Cooper Meng Hayley Chan	Taylor Borg George Carless Scarlett Turner
Year 3	Maeve Tierney Jacob Deguara Eilish Tierney	Ella Fry Jake Ryan
Year 4	Ryder Brown Harry Murphy Claire Marshall	Darcy Macgroarty Riley Green
Year 5	Ellie Shean Cassidy Borg Charlotte May	Sienna Hamilton Cameron Schembri Zane Armstrong
Year 6	Maycee Scott Charlie Murphy Caleb Byrne	Cooper Phie Max Stevenson



Tuckshop Roster – Week 3

Monday 21 Oct	PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 22 Oct	HELP WANTED
Wednesday 23 Oct	Judy Keogh
Thursday 24 Oct	Vicki Brooke
Friday 25 Oct	Meggs Weissman Antionette Schembri

Thank You

Community Notices

OSHC

Dear Families,

Please be advised that the new 2020 enrolment packages are available. The new 2020 enrolment forms must be fully completed and signed by new families and existing families. Our fee structure remains the same for permanent bookings - after school care and vacation care (ASC \$24.50 per child per session, VAC CARE \$52.50 per child per session). Casual bookings will be \$25.00 per child per session.

As from last Monday, Year One children have been arriving at OSHC unescorted. This change in procedure occurs every year to help support the OSHC children transition into Year Two. Weekly enrolment lists will still be provided to their class teachers. Children currently enrolled in the Preparatory year will be still escorted to OSHC by an Educator. If families of Year One children have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to let us know.

This service will be open on the Pupil-Free day - Monday 21 October from 7.00am to 6.00pm. Fees are as per vacation care - \$52.50 per child per session. Children attending will require a healthy packed lunch, closed in shoes, a wide-brimmed hat, large water bottle and sleeved clothing. Please contact ENM_OSHC@rok.catholic.edu.au or phone 0429 311 579 should you wish to enrol your child.

OSHC Vacation Care – September Holidays

Welcome to term 4. It's hard to believe that in just a few weeks we will be approaching Christmas.



Our OSHC children participated in a variety of fun experiences over the spring holidays. We had a visit from “Old MacDonalds Farm Animals”, which allowed our OSHCers the opportunity to feed and groom a multitude of baby farm animals including greedy goats, a cheeky piglet, lambs, chickens, rabbits and even an alpaca.



Our excursion to “Sensory Circus Tribe” proved to be a big hit, with many children displaying their juggling acts and “trapeze artist” talents on the tight-rope, aerial swing and ribbon.



Emmanuel OSHC children are encouraged to plan their vacation care programs. Each holiday the children choose their favourites such as baking, sports, craft and party days. Other selected themes were “Careers Dress-Up Day” and “Slime Day”.

On behalf of all Emmanuel OSHC staff and students, we would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Daphne Grinberg from “Laurus Drama Studio” for her kind donation of beautiful costumes, and imparting her knowledge and experience of Speech and Drama to this service over the last few years.



We are now planning our next vacation care program for December/January holidays, and welcome any new families to this service.



If you have any queries regarding this service, or are interested in enrolling your child, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0429 311 570 or email ENM_OSHC@rok.catholic.edu.au.

Lauren Gossweiler
Emmanuel OSHC Coordinator



NORFAIR

Christmas Fair
Community Event & Markets

Come along to this fantastic community event!

Friday 8th Nov 2019 from 5pm
St Joseph's School Canberra St, North Mackay

HAM WHEEL ~ CENT SALE ~ CAKE STALL
HOT FOOD STALLS ~ BAR
ENTERTAINMENT ~ MARKETS
CHOCOLATE DROP

UNLIMITED RIDES from 5pm – 9pm *\$25 (PREPURCHASED)

* FULL PRICE ARMBANDS WILL BE \$30 IF PURCHASED ON THE DAY

NORFAIR MAJOR RAFFLE DRAW

\$ 1000 Cash – 1st prize
\$ 500 Cash – 2nd prize
\$ 500 Cash – 3rd prize

NORFAIR 2019 AMUSEMENTS ARE **BIGGER** and **BETTER** for all ages ...





POSITION VACANT

Educational Assistants - Outside School Hours Care

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and enthusiastic persons for the position of Outside School Hours Care Assistants at Mackillop Catholic Primary School, Andergrove. The terms of the employment i.e. casual or contract appointment, will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

The successful applicant/s will have relevant experience and an understanding of, and a commitment to, the ethos of Catholic Education. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) and eligibility for a Suitability Notice will also be required. In addition, you will have excellent time management skills, well developed interpersonal skills and a high proficiency of computer skills.

It is a requirement of the position that the successful applicants undertake a *National Crime Check* (Police Check) or provide details of a Police Check that is not more than six months old.

For further information and to apply for this position, please visit our website: -

www.rok.catholic.edu.au

Applications are to be forwarded to:-

Mrs Allison Blakey
Principal
Mackillop Catholic Primary School
20 Nadami Drive
ANDERGROVE QLD 4740

Email: mnm@rok.catholic.edu.au

Applications close Friday 25th October 2019

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures and is an equal opportunity employer.

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STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Semester 2, 2019



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$20/week* on fares to and from school (* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and

apply at SchoolTransport.com.au by 31 October 2019.

Late applications will not be accepted.