



# newsletter

## Term Planner

### February

Every Fri  
Assembly at 8:50am

Wed 13:  
Yr 6 Leadership  
Induction Liturgy

School banking

Fri 15:  
Pupil Free Day -  
Bishop's Inservice Day

Tues 19:  
Safety Circus - Yr 3

### March

Wed 6:  
Ash Wednesday  
Liturgy

Thur 14:  
School Mass at St  
Joseph's 9:30am

Fri 15:  
National Day of Action  
Against Bullying and  
Violence

Thur 21:  
Harmony Day

31 January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone!! I hope that your time spent together as a family over the Christmas holidays was a very relaxing and enjoyable one for you all. It is wonderful to be back and to see lots of familiar faces among parents and students. It has also been great to meet new parents and students who have joined our Emmanuel family for the first time. There is always some anxiety and nerves when approaching a new school year, but I am sure that you will find our school community to be a welcoming and friendly place. I hope that your association with Emmanuel Catholic Primary School is a long and fruitful one and I encourage everyone to take part in the many and varied opportunities and events that are planned to bring the community together during the coming year; the more you put in, the more you will get out of this school.

Despite the inclement weather the first day of school went very smoothly and I thank all parents for the 'behind the scenes' work and the expense that went into 'readying' the students for school. So too, I thank our staff for their own thorough preparations to ensure a smooth start for one and all. We have begun the new school year with 580 students which includes 74 Prep students. We hope that your time with us at Emmanuel will be a happy one.

In 2019 we see a number of new faces in the staff at Emmanuel:

- **Miss Kristie Cordingley** completed her Teaching degree at Central Queensland University last year and is currently teaching Year 1.
- **Miss Susannah Menzies** completed her Teaching degree at Central Queensland University last year and is currently teaching Year 2.
- **Miss Larissa Kirwan** completed her Teaching degree at Central Queensland University last year and is currently teaching Year 6.
- **Mrs Katherine Cridland** comes to us from MacKillop where she has been teaching Year 4. Katherine is a past pupil of Emmanuel College and is teaching Year 5.
- **Mrs Amanda Wilkes** has taught for a number of years in the Northern Territory. Amanda is teaching Year 3 four days per week and is partnered by **Mrs Sharon Donnelly** who is no stranger to Emmanuel.

- **Mrs Sharon Kerr** has recently arrived from New Zealand. Sharon has a wealth of teaching and leadership experience within the education system.
- **Miss Rebecca Newman** joined our teaching team last August where she taught a Year 3 class. Rebecca is working in partnership with Sharon on Year 5 besides also teaching Music three days per week at St Francis Xavier, West Mackay.
- **Mr Dylan Steele** who comes to us from St John's Catholic Primary School, Walkerston. Dylan joined the staff at St John's 5 years ago as a graduate teacher. Dylan is teaching Year 6.
- **Mrs Linda Miller** who comes with many years of experience having worked as a Music Specialist within Education Queensland. Linda is teaching in the role of Music specialist.
- **Mrs Larissa Simonsen** returns to us in a part time capacity after the birth of her second child. Larissa is well known to our Emmanuel family and is teaching Drama part time.
- **Mrs Brooke Tomkinson** who joins Michele Jensen in the Learning Support team. For the past couple of years Brooke has been on Maternity Leave and last year worked at St Brendan's as a part time Learning Support Teacher. We welcome Brooke back to Emmanuel in a part time capacity as Learning Support Teacher.
- **Mrs Elaine Ivory** joins the Learning Support team as a Teacher Assistant.
- **Mrs Sally Stevenson** who also joins the Learning Support team as a Teacher Assistant. Sally has worked as a Teacher Assistant at Clarke Creek State School.
- **Mrs Donna Shepherd** is working as a Teacher Assistant in Prep. Last year Donna worked as a Teacher Assistant at MacKillop Catholic School besides also carrying out the duties of Crossing Supervisor at Emmanuel.

We look forward to supporting our new staff in their role throughout the year ahead.

May 2019 be a year filled with many blessings and opportunities to realise the potential of our community – parents, staff and students.

On a final note, I would like to congratulate and thank all parents for your co-operation with our revised parking and traffic procedures. Despite the fact that works have not yet been completed, everyone has been very patient and understanding, ensuring the safety of everyone. Thank you also to those parents who are using the laminated name cards in their vehicles which assists us in enabling ease of communication allowing for the smooth flow of traffic. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support of our school.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

**Geraldine Rostirolla**  
*(Principal)*

## *Religious Education*

### **WHOSE CHILD IS THIS? – A Reflection**

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day  
Seeing a little one out at play  
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile  
"Mine to keep a little while  
To bathe his hands and comb his hair  
To tell him what he is to wear  
To prepare him that he may always be good  
And each day do the things he should"

"Whose child is this?" I asked again  
As the door opened and someone came in  
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile  
"Mine, to keep just for a little while  
To teach him how to be gentle and kind  
To inspire and direct his dear little mind  
To help him live by every rule  
And get the best he can from school"

"Whose child is this?" I ask once more  
Just as the little one entered the door  
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they smiled  
And each took the hand of the little child  
"Ours to love and nurture together  
Ours this blessed task forever."

(Author Unknown)

### **BISHOP'S IN-SERVICE**

Our annual Bishop's Inservice Day will be held on Friday 15 February. This is a pupil free day and all staff will be attending. The school office will be closed.

Focusing on Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si*, the theme this year will be "Caring for our Common Home". The speakers will include Bishop Michael McCarthy and Diocesan Director of Catholic Education, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat. Staff will participate in a variety of workshops. It is always a great day for personal faith development and all staff appreciate this opportunity to focus their attention and learn something new.

### **LITURGY**

Each year we come together to acknowledge, commission and congratulate our Year Six leaders and to welcome new students and staff to Emmanuel. This liturgical celebration will take place in the Marist Centre on Wednesday 13 February at 12:00pm. All families and friends of our school community are invited to attend.

### **VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – CO-OPERATION**

What is co-operation?

Co-operation is working together for the good of everyone. It is a willingness to respect others and to follow rules which keep everyone safe and happy. Co-operation is being helpful to one another, sharing the load. It is joining others in order to do something that cannot be done alone.

***Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*** (Helen Keller)

Noeleen Kliese  
Assistant Principal Religious Education

**PUPIL FREE DAY**  
**Friday 15 February**

### **FORMS TO BE COMPLETED**

Parents, as you would be aware students were sent home with forms to be completed:

<b>Tuckshop Help Required</b>	<b>Per Family</b>
<b>Dental Form</b>	<b>Per Child</b>

**It is important that these forms are completed and returned to the class teacher promptly.**

**Information & Technology Forms** will be given out today to each child. Please find attached to this Newsletter copies of the "Information and Communication Technologies" Code of Practice. Parents are asked to please read these and discuss with your child/children. If this form could please be signed and return at your earliest convenience. If it is not returned, students will not be able to access the computers.

### **ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

If a child is absent from school, it is imperative that the school is notified. There are two options for notification. Firstly, in the case of a planned absence (eg: holidays, eisteddfod) a note to the teacher outlining the date/s of absence would suffice. In the event of a sudden absence (eg: sickness) a phone call to the school is required. It is very important that parents notify the school BEFORE 10am each day if their child is absent. If notification is not received, a text message alerting parents that their child has been marked absent will be sent.

## **ALLERGY AWARENESS**

Throughout the school, we have a number of children with life threatening allergies. This is a serious matter, one that the school must address. Our School policy outlines the importance of education and awareness of anaphylaxis to all within our community and provides directions on ways to minimise the exposure to life threatening allergens. The purpose of this policy is to enable our school to create a safe learning environment and to reduce the risk of a potential life threatening situation occurring. A number of practical steps have been taken to greatly enhance the safety of these children:

- All parents are asked to consider the type of food they pack for their own child's lunch and **NOT TO PACK** certain food types, such as nuts and nut products (nutella, peanut paste, satay products, etc) and eggs. This will greatly minimise the risk of exposure to dangerous allergens.
- Teachers will encourage students to practise good hygiene habits by having students wash their hands after eating and constantly remind their students that sharing of lunches is **not permitted**.
- Staff have received training in the identification of the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and emergency first aid.
- Our tuckshop menu has been checked to ensure all products are safe for sale and volunteers are aware of those children with the highest risk.
- There are many levels where children have been identified with life threatening allergies. It is the responsibility of the whole school community to ensure that these children are provided with a safe environment whilst in the school setting.

Your support with such procedures is truly appreciated and will greatly enhance the creation of a safe learning environment for the increasing number of children who are enrolled with life threatening allergies. As a school, we will continue to do everything we can to assist students with medical conditions to be safe and enjoy their day.

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019 5:30pm  
Meeting Room**

**ALL FAMILIES, BOTH NEW AND OLD ARE  
STRONGLY ENCOURAGED AND MOST  
WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

## **PARENT HANDBOOKS/PARENT LOUNGE**

New families to the school will receive a copy of the Parent Handbook towards the end of next week. A copy of the handbook is also available on Parent Lounge. New families will also receive their Parent Lounge login details early next week.

## **TUCKSHOP ORDERS**

Reminder to all parents. Please ensure you update your child's/children's teacher and class details on QuickCliq before placing your order.

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

**Re-commencing Week 2  
Wednesday, 6 February.**

## **NORTH MACKAY SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC**

If you would like to access our service please complete the Medical/Consent form sent home and return to the school office by **FRIDAY 8 February, 2019**.

### ***Curriculum Corner***

Welcome to the 2019 School Year! Many of you would have read several helpful hints to support your child's successful transition into the new school year and I would like to thank you for preparing your children so as they are feeling ready and keen for the school year ahead. Although stationary, new uniforms and lunchboxes are very important tools to instil a preparedness for school within our children, I would like to share with you one of the most important tools you can provide for a successful school year...READ.

The proven benefits of Reading with your child are:

- Relationship Building: Reading is a relationship and it is the bond between children and parents that is enhanced through reading together. It only takes 20 mins a day to build this relationship.
- Children's reading improves: Research is conclusive – when parents support teachers with their child's reading habits learning outcomes improve.
- Children read more: Students who read with their parents are better prepared for school. They begin school with knowledge of book language and familiarity with concepts of print.
- Children's self-esteem improves: knowing someone cares enough to take time out of a busy day to provide undivided attention around a book makes a significant difference to how students perceive themselves as learners and readers

- Reading unites families through shared stories: When a family reads together, stories form a common ground for communicating. Stories bind families and help students make sense of where they fit in the world.

Not only does parent involvement have a specific and profound impact on children's reading, but also on children's language and literacy learning in general. It is through interactions with parents and carers that children learn new vocabulary, seek clarification of new understandings, and learn to comprehend their expanding worlds. Talk is the key to reading and writing success. Talking with children (walking to school; at the table; in the car; bedtime) has a significant effect on literacy learning in general.

If you would like further information about supporting your child's reading at home, please contact me via the front office.

If you are available to assist with one to one or small group reading within the classroom, please let your child's classroom teacher know or contact myself via the front office.

## **MUSIC REQUIREMENTS**

As previously advised via email, the 2019 Music requirements were not listed on booklists. Please see below for details of requirements needed by the end of Week 3.

Mackay School Supplies have also advised they currently have stock of Yamaha Descant Recorders.

Music exercise books have been ordered by the school for all year levels and will be billed to first term fees.

Prep – Plastic Simplick Wallet

Year 1 – NA

Year 2 - NA

Year 3 – Display Folder

Year 4 – Yamaha Descant Recorder and Display folder

Year 5 – Yamaha Descant Recorder and Display folder

Year 6 – Yamaha Descant Recorder and Display folder

Janine Refalo  
Assistant Principal Curriculum (Acting)

**ASSEMBLY**  
**Every Friday at 8:50am**  
**All welcome!**

## **Spotlight on Sports**

Welcome parents and friends to another massive year of HPE and school sport. I have been lucky enough to take over the HPE teaching role from Glen Cureton this year in a full-time position here at Emmanuel. I am very much looking forward to seeing every child for one hour of HPE each week.

The most significant change to the timetable this year is that the athletics carnival will be our first major sporting event. This is because the National Titles are being held in Darwin and to ensure children do not melt on the track they will be held mid-year. This means each school around the country needs to undertake their athletics carnival as soon as possible. Emmanuel will be conducting their carnival on **Wednesday 24 April (half day)** and **Friday 26 April (full day)**. Our school swimming carnival will now occur later in the year.

To enable the teaching of athletics to occur in our summer heat, skills will be taught in the hall (where appropriate), shade tents will be set up for high and long jump practice, students will have their water bottles, and extra water breaks will be introduced.

In next week's newsletter, I will include the upcoming sports and age requirements for Northern Suburbs this term. If you have any questions regarding athletics or any other part of the HPE curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me through the administration office.

Luke Dodson  
HPE Teacher

## **SCHOOL CHOIR**

All students from Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to join the School Choir.

Wednesday mornings from 8 – 8.45am.  
Starting in Week 2 in the Music Room.

## **POSITION VACANT – SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR**

We are wanting to fill a casual and relief position for a School Crossing Supervisor at Emmanuel Catholic Primary School.

The Casual School Crossing Supervisor **will** be required to work five days per week and the relief Supervisor will be called for shifts as needed, both Supervisors are required to work in all *weather conditions*. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are 1 hour and 30 minutes a day and usually comprise of 1 hour in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon on alternate weeks, Commencement date (to be advised) with a Pay Rate of \$30.34 per hour.

The successful applicants will be dependent on:

- The suitable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a GP of your choice according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; (this is paid by the Department)
- A Positive Blue Card Notice (This is also paid by the Department and means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

If you are interested in the position please collect an application form from the School administration or contact Karen Cantoni (Road Safety officer) on 49518331.

The School Crossing Supervisors Application is to be returned to the School for the school Principal's recommendation.

## Community Notices

### Mater hospital Mackay opens Emergency Care Centre – Phone number: 4965 5444

*The new Mater Mackay Emergency Care Centre will be open 365 days of the year between the hours of 8am and 10pm.*

*No appointment, referral or Private Health Insurance is required to attend the Mater Mackay Emergency Care Centre.*

*Consultation fees start at \$120 depending on complexity.*

*Everyone is welcome and most importantly, people attending can be assured that wait times will be minimal.*

*Patients will experience the very best of compassionate clinical care delivered by experienced and highly trained emergency specialists and nursing staff.*

*Attendance at the Emergency Care Centre will provide a direct pathway to the Mater Mackay and to Mackay's leading Specialists.*

*As a Catholic Healthcare Ministry, the Mater Mackay hopes its new Emergency Care Centre will be of benefit to the Catholic Education communities of Mackay and surrounds.*

Mackay Hospital and Health Service

## Mackay Oral Health Services School Dental Service

Dear Parents,

The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled at your school.

Medical/Consent forms will be sent home and need to be fully completed and returned to the school office by **| Friday, 8 February, 2019. |**

The school Dental Service will contact the parent/guardian to make an appointment at

### **| North Mackay School Dental Clinic |**

If you have any enquiries please phone **| 4651 4241. |**

**A Parent/Guardian must transport and accompany their child to all appointments at this clinic.**

For further information on this service, please visit our website:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/services/school.asp>



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