



newsletter

8 November 2018

Term Planner

November

Wed 7 – Fri 9:
Year 5 Camp

Fri 9:
Norfair

Wed 14:
Swimming begins
P – Yr 3
Year One Liturgy

Thur 15:
Year Four Mass

Tues 20:
Year Three Liturgy

Wed 21:
Prep Liturgy

Fri 30:
Swimming ends

December

Mon 3:
Christmas Carols
HSC Orientation

Thur 6:
Thanksgiving Mass

Fri 7:
Last day of school year



Dear Parents,

The following are some jottings made over the years while listening to people who are wiser than I am. There are “3 L’s” that our children really need – LOVE, LISTEN and LAUGH.

Love

Children today need a lot of love; often they put on a brave front and appear so self-confident. However, they need tons of love that must be sincere and honest. One of the best expressions I’ve heard is, ‘children have no defence against affection’. Yes, they need to know from us that God’s love is real and they should be able to see it in OUR lives – the more Christian we are the more loving they will be.

Listen

How many times have I heard children say – ‘No one listens to me!’ Yes, it could be true. Many times they are trying to tell us so many things, but we are too busy and too tired to listen. I often think children are God’s most precious gift to us, so let’s grow together and spend more time with each other. You know the good Lord gave us two ears and only one mouth – is He trying to tell us something?

Laugh

We see and hear so many sad stories today; let’s not be one of those sad stories, let’s spread happiness in our homes and to all we meet. I’m sure the Lord, Himself, was a happy and cheerful person – who would follow a ‘sadsack’? He loved children, had many friends and His whole teaching was one of thinking of others; this makes us better people – the more unselfish we are the happier we will be. It’s great to listen to a good laugh. You know we have so many reasons to be happy, each one of us has been blessed in so many ways. If we sat down and thought of all the wonderful things in our lives, I’m sure we would be surprised. Children have a spontaneous laugh and are not afraid to do so; let’s become more like them.

I hope the comments above are a source of inspiration and renewal of the good intentions that so filled us when we invited our children to share our lives.

Our children are with us only for a short time. Before long they will set out on the journey of their own life. The question is, how hospitable were we to them during that short time?

“Lord, Help me to clear a space in my heart for other people. Let it be free from the everyday clutter of my personal activities. Let it be a place where loving, listening and laughing are readily available. Amen.”

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
(Principal)

Religious Education

WHAT'S IMPORTANT? – A REFLECTION

While on holiday in Poland, an American tourist paid a visit to a renowned rabbi. He was astonished to see that the rabbi's house was only a simple room filled with books, a table and a single bench.

"Rabbi," asked the tourist, "Where is your furniture?"

"Where is yours?" replied the rabbi.

"Mine?" asked the puzzled American, "but I am only a visitor here. I'm only a visitor passing through."

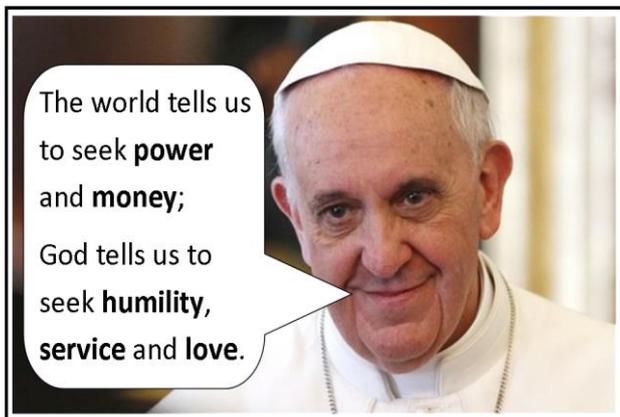
"So am I" said the rabbi.

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul" (Matthew 16:26)

Money can buy us a house, but not a home;
A bed but not sleep;
Status and fame, but not inner confidence and lasting security;
Comfort, but not peace.

All our possessions are useless at the moment of our death. All that we take to eternity is the love that we have sowed and the life we lived before our God and neighbours.

(Unknown)



YEAR SIX GRADUATION

Our Year Six Graduation Mass which will take place at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 27 November at 6pm. Parents are asked to bring a plate of food for a light supper which will be held in the Parish Centre on conclusion of the Mass. A celebratory cake will also be cut by our School Captains. Please deliver your supper plates to the Parish Centre prior to the commencement of our Liturgical celebration.

All Year Six students are expected to attend this celebration. Students are to wear **blue day uniform**.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month each year we pause to remember all those who have fought for their countries in war. On this day, known as Remembrance Day or Armistice Day, we honour those who have died with a minute of silence and pray for peace in our world.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest We Forget.*

Remembrance Day has a special significance this year. Sunday, 11 November 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice (signing of the agreement to cease fighting) which ended the First World War (1914–18). On this day, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare. More than 330,000 Australians had served overseas, and more than 60,000 of them had died.

As you pause to remember this Sunday, I encourage you to pray for all those who fight for freedom, live in conflict zones and make decisions that can bring peace to our world.



YEAR FIVE PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is traditional for the parents of students in Year Five to set up and prepare for the supper that follows the Graduation Mass. The Year Six parents supply the food. This year's Mass will take place at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 27 November at 6pm. If you are able to assist or would be willing to co-ordinate the supper could you please contact Mrs Kliese or the school office.

Each year all of our Year Six students have many opportunities to contribute to our school community and to practise leadership.

Leadership roles include School Captains, House Captains and Student Council Representatives.

MASSES AND LITURGIES

Please find listed below upcoming Liturgies and Masses. Fr Stephen will be here to celebrate year level Masses at 9am on the dates indicated. Parents and families welcome.

Wednesday 14 November	Year One Liturgy
Thursday 15 November	<u>Year Four Mass</u>
Tuesday 20 November	Year Three Liturgy
Wednesday 21 November	Prep Liturgy

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Wednesday 14 November	Year One Liturgy
Thursday 15 November	Year Four Mass
Tuesday 20 November	Year Three Liturgy
Wednesday 21 November	Prep Liturgy
Tuesday 27 November	Year Six Graduation Mass
Thursday 6 December	Thanksgiving Mass

DANIEL MORCOMBE CHILD SAFETY CURRICULUM

Throughout this term, our school will be implementing the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* with students in all year levels. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: **Recognise, React** and **Report**. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

Our students have been learning to **recognise** if they are safe or unsafe. Next week's lessons will include the naming of private body parts and body ownership. Our safety lessons will then be focusing on the second safety message: **react**.

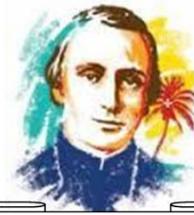
It is important that the key safety messages of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum are reinforced, both at school and home. I encourage you, wherever possible, to talk with your children about safety to help them stay safe now and in the future.

Information about the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum can be found at www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum.

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – PEACEFULNESS

Peacefulness is being calm inside. It is taking time for daily reflection and gratitude. Peaceful people solve conflicts so everyone wins. They give up the love of power for the power of love. Peace in the world begins with peace in your heart.

“Peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of these things and still be calm in your heart.” (Unknown)



Saint of the Week

ST PETER CHANEL

St Peter Chanel is the Patron Saint of Oceania. He was a Marist priest and as such has a special significance for us here at Emmanuel. (The Society of Mary, Marist Fathers, is a religious order of priests, so called on account of the special devotion they profess toward the Blessed Virgin. Peter Chanel was one of the first priests professed - 24 September 1836 - along with Jean-Claude-Marie Colin and Marcellin Champagnat.) His feast day is 28 April.

You will find a short video about St Peter Chanel @ http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=403

Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education (Acting)

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Please note that due to ongoing works outside Holy Spirit College, the carpark adjacent to the college will be closed to all parents from 19 November to allow works to progress. Parking is available at the Stop, Drop, Go area, along Baxter Drive or on the grassed area on the oval next to the Emmanuel Kindergarten. Thank you for your patience whilst these works are being completed.

JIUJITSU SUCCESS

Congratulations to Millie (4S) and Laila Scott (2B) on their recent success at the JiuJitsu Pan Pacific Championships in Melbourne. Millie won silver and Laila bronze in their respective competitions. Well done girls!

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

2019 FAMILY DISCOUNT FORMS

The **2019 Family Discount/Confirmation of Enrolment 2019 form** went home with the eldest student in each family on Monday. (These forms were on lavender paper).

This document is required in order for families to receive their Family Discount in 2019. **Please ensure you complete the form based on students year level and school in 2019.** The form needs to be returned to the classroom teacher by **Friday, 16 November**. It is a requirement that even **single student families** complete and return the form. If you have any queries, or have not received your form, please contact Therese or Robyn in the Finance Office.

TERM 4 SCHOOL FEES

Term 4 School Fees are now overdue. We would like to thank those families who have paid their account. However, if you have not paid your account, it would be appreciated if you could do so immediately. (This does not apply to those families who have a Direct Debit authority/payment plan in place).

If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact the Finance Office.

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

A Visual Art Exhibition showcasing student's work (P-6) will be held next week in the Marist Centre. Hours for viewing will be:

Monday, 12 November	8:00am – 8:30am 3:00pm – 3:30pm
Tuesday, 13 November	8:00am – 8:30am
Wednesday, 14 November	8:00am – 8:30am

Principal's Awards

Prep	Harriet Agius Keira Bibb Lilly Bartolo	Archie Brady Ethan Green Jimmy Morris
Year 1	Talia Kirby Maddison Agar Chanelle Baretta	Harper Sanderson Jack Northam Isabella Baillie
Year 2	Jarred Borg Bayden Bartolo Harrison Webber	Ben Tickle Janice Joseph Calvin Chan
Year 3	Sonny McGovern	Claire Marshall
Year 4	Ethan Jansen Madelyn Shepherd Amelia Webber	Lincoln Morgan Lucy Renton Tori Dennis
Year 5	Charlie Murphy Harry Falzon Emmie Crotty Matthew Lowe	Ava Symons Ethan Craig Olivia Cullen
Year 6	Claire Dodds Thomas Fry Charlie Tickle	Harry Kidd Heidi Overall Dylan Gilroy



Tuckshop Roster – Week 6

Monday 12 November	Ailsa Stafford
Tuesday 13 November	Carmen de Sousa
Wednesday 14 November	Stephen Northam Hayley Tongue
Thursday 15 November	Carly Illguth Michelle Prince
Friday 16 November	Kara Shepherd Mel Johnson

Thank You

Community Notices



POSITION VACANT

Indigenous Teacher Assistant
Emmanuel Catholic Primary School, Mt Pleasant
Commencing 29 January, 2019.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and enthusiastic persons for the position of Indigenous Teacher Assistant. This is a term-time contract position (15 HPW), commencing 29 January 2019 until 6 December 2019 with the possibility of further extension.

The successful applicant will have appropriate 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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Application packages can be obtained from the School Office:
Emmanuel Catholic Primary School
Baxter Drive
Mt Pleasant QLD 4740

For further information, please contact:
The Principal,
Geraldine Rostirola,
Emmanuel Catholic Primary School,
phone: (07) 4942 5999 or email: enm@rok.catholic.edu.au

Applications close Friday 16 November

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POSITION VACANT

Counselling Services Coordinator Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton Commencing 21 January 2019

Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced applicants for the position of Counselling Services Coordinator.

The Coordinator of Counselling Services is to ensure that high quality counselling services are present in all schools and colleges in the diocese. The role holder will provide leadership and support in the area of counselling to educational communities in the Diocese of Rockhampton by:

- providing direction, advice and practical support to counsellors working in schools and colleges
- offering advice, and providing professional opinion to, the Director, CEO staff, principals and other colleagues as appropriate
- monitoring the quality of counselling services in all schools and colleges with a view to delivering the best quality service possible
- developing, maintaining and implementing documentation relevant to counselling
- ensuring professional knowledge, skills, interactions and networks of counsellors are promoted and advanced
- being future oriented, considering possible advancements and directions for counselling services in Catholic schools

Please address the following selection criteria by providing a succinct, one paragraph response.

Selection criteria

1. A commitment to the ethos and values of Catholic schools.
2. Demonstrated experience as a counsellor and extensive knowledge of counselling issues.
3. Demonstrated experience as a leader, innovator and problem solver.
4. Demonstrated high level communication skills, both written and verbal.
5. Desirable: Previous experience working within an educational environment is advantageous.

Mandatory requirements

The successful applicant will have:

- a commitment to the ethos and values of Catholic schools
- tertiary qualifications relevant to the area of counselling
- a valid "positive notice blue card" issued under the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 as amended from time to time OR current registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

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Community Christmas Carols



9 DECEMBER 2018

EVERYONE WELCOME

Northside Uniting Church
Cnr Bedford Rd & Fleurs Way, Andergrove



5pm free family activities
7pm Christmas Carols

Includes free BBO dinner
Soft drinks available for sale

Organised by the Uniting Churches of Mackay
Iona West, Northside and St Paul's Uniting Churches



NORFAIR Christmas Fair

Community Event & Markets

Come along to this fantastic community event!

Friday 9th Nov 2018 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 2018 AMUSEMENTS ARE **BIGGER** and **BETTER**, for all ages ...

 WIPEOUT	 TEA CUP RIDE	 JUMPING CASTLES	
 SWINGING PIRATE SHIP	 KING FLYER	 CHAIR O PLANE	



ALL AGES COME AND TRY

Water Polo Mackay Water Polo Club

10TH NOVEMBER 2018 10:30-11:30am Memorial Swim Centre

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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