



newsletter

20 June 2018

Term Planner

June

Wed 20: Athletics Carnival

Thurs 21: **Show Holiday**

Fri 22: **Pupil Free Day**

Fri 29: Last Day of Term

July

Mon 16: Back to School
Term 3

PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 22 June

Dear Parents,

We live in an adult world that is very tough on human error – often judgemental and unforgiving. As individuals we can have high expectations of ourselves and feel deep disappointment when we don't achieve our dreams or goals. In our work place we can become so caught up with timelines and schedules that any error or mistake made by a colleague can be a source of frustration leading to conflict. Watching our favourite sporting team compete we can blame the officials of bias when an incorrect decision is made. We often listen to and read in the media, accounts of mistakes made by individuals who are then held to extreme public scrutiny and often ridicule. It seems that society in general has become all too quick to jump to judgement.

Raising children in such a world is challenging! The challenge is for us to model for our children the belief that at times people make mistakes – not because we are lazy, selfish or mean but because we are human. It is not about trying to catch others out when they do make mistakes but about acknowledging that no one is perfect and many of our mistakes are unintentional. I wonder how we can model this for our children in our words and actions?

When someone does something wrong don't forget all the things that they did right.

A reflection – Some New Beatitudes

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves, they will always find something to laugh at.

Blessed are they who can tell the difference between a mountain and a molehill, they will be spared a lot of trouble.

Blessed are those who know how to keep still and listen, they will learn something new.

Blessed are those who are smart enough not to take themselves seriously, they will be appreciated by others.

Happy are you if you can look at a little thing seriously and at serious things peacefully; you will go far.

Happy are you if you can always give a kindly interpretation to other's attitudes, even in the face of appearance to the contrary; people may think that you are a little naïve, but this is the price of charity.

Happy are you if you can hold your tongue and smile when you are interrupted, contradicted or put upon; the Gospel is beginning to penetrate your heart.

Happy are you and truly blessed if you can recognise the Lord in everyone you meet; you have found the true light and the real wisdom.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
(Principal)

Religious Education

This term our Year Three students have been learning about the Sacrament of Penance. Last week they invited me to share in a beautiful liturgy celebrating the love and forgiveness of God. It reminded me of this story:

SAND AND STONE – A REFLECTION

Two friends were walking through the desert. At some point in the journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who had been slapped was hurt, but didn't say anything. He wrote in the sand, "Today, my best friend slapped me in the face."

The friends kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to rest. The one who had been slapped, slipped and fell into the water. He started to panic and almost drowned. His friend, seeing that he needed help, pulled him from the water. After calming down and recovering from the near drowning, the man wrote on a stone, "Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend who had slapped and then saved his best friend asked, "Why is it, that when *I hurt you*, you wrote in the sand and now, when *I help you*, you write on a stone?"

His friend replied: "When someone hurts you, it should be written in the sand where the winds of forgiveness can erase it..... BUT.... when someone loves you and cares for you, it must be engraved in stone where no wind can ever remove it."

(Author Unknown)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Students enrolled in the Sacramental Programs, at Farleigh and North Mackay, were Confirmed by Bishop Michael McCarthy last weekend. Confirmation, the second of the Sacraments of Initiation, completes Baptism. Through the Laying on of Hands, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Anointing with Chrism, candidates were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and called to become involved in the life and mission of the church.

It was wonderful to have Bishop Michael here to lead these celebrations. A big THANK YOU to Fr Stephen and Fr Shaiju, the parents and families of these students and the Sacramental teams for guiding and supporting them throughout their preparation.

Please continue to keep these students in your prayers as they continue their sacramental journey.

May the Holy Spirit dwell in your hearts always and keep you strong in the faith.

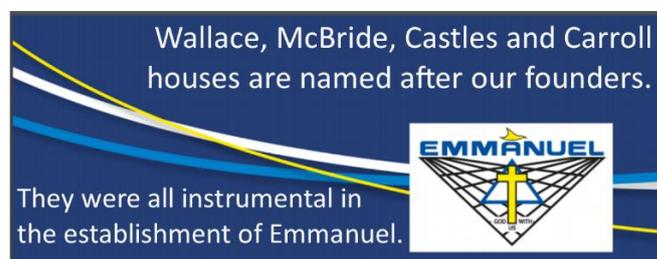
PEER SUPPORT

Last Friday our Peer Support activities focused on appreciating and passing on kindness. Students learnt the song "If you're Kind and you know it" and played the 'Pass the Kindness Parcel'. They witnessed first hand that kindness makes a difference to both the giver and the receiver. All students earned a **KINDNESS COIN** and now have a **KINDNESS CARD** to share.



You might like to watch the following clip with your child/children and reflect on the difference a kind act can play in the happiness of others.

"Life Vest Inside - Kindness Boomerang - "One Day"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU>



VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – CONSIDERATION

"Consideration for others is the basis of a good life, a good society." (Confucius)

Consideration begins by noticing what people need and thinking about how your actions could affect them. When you are considerate, you care about how others feel. You acknowledge that other people are just as important as you are. You treat them with kindness and respect and do little things to bring happiness to them. You are the friend that you would like to have.

"Blessed is one who adds to the happiness of another." (Unknown)

Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education (Acting)

NAIDOC WEEK

During the second week of the school holidays (6 – 13 July) the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community will celebrate NAIDOC week. NAIDOC week is an annual celebration that is held across Australia during the month of July. It celebrates the unique history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and is celebrated by all Australians.

Each year a theme is chosen to help celebrate NAIDOC Week. This year's theme is '**Because of Her, We Can**'. The 2018 theme proudly acknowledges and honours the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who

have and continue to make invaluable contributions to our communities, our families, our rich history and our nation. www.naidoc.org.au

How can we celebrate NAIDOC in our school community?

- Participate in the planned activities in your school.
- Attend NAIDOC Liturgy on the 23 July 2018 9:30am at St Joseph's Parish North Mackay.
- Share your stories with each other of Indigenous women who have made a significant impact in your life.

Karlie Tatchell
Regional Indigenous Education Liaison Officer

An Important Notice for our OSHC Families

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR FAMILIES TO TRANSITION TO THE NEW SUBSIDY

Dear Families,

You can [do your assessment through myGov](#) using your Centrelink online account. Or, through the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

This is important, because if you don't do your assessment, your child care fee assistance may be disrupted and/or you may have to pay full fees.

Please do this as soon as possible. To find out more, visit education.gov.au/childcare or watch this short video: youtube.com/watch?v=8q6sTeqWkcY.

REPORT CARDS

A reminder to parents to please check that you can sign in to Parent Lounge prior to reports being released. An email was sent to parents yesterday in regards to this. If you have any queries, please contact our school office.

Report cards will be available through Parent Lounge from 4:00pm Thursday 28 June.

1. To access Parent Lounge, open your internet browser and type in the URL for Emmanuel Catholic Primary School's website: www.ecps.qld.edu.au
2. Click on Parent Lounge under Quick Links.
3. Click on Parent Lounge icon.
4. Login with your unique ID number and the password remains the same as previously used.

Week 9 Maths Question (3 minute time limit!):

Suppose five days before the day after tomorrow was Wednesday. What day of the week was yesterday?

ANSWER: Yesterday was Friday

Week 10 Maths Question (7 minute time limit!):

Each letter in the four equations (below) represents a different one-digit counting number.

Given that $R < E < D$, determine the 6-digit number SPARED.

$$S + P + A = 16$$

$$P + A + R = 18$$

$$A + R + E = 19$$

$$R + E + D = 23$$

Answer in next week's newsletter!

Mrs Amanda McDonald (APA)



ENTRIES WILL OPEN IN TERM 3 - 17 July 2018

The Young Writers' Award is about encouraging a love of reading and writing and to inspire children to commit their thoughts and ideas to paper. Every child has a story and every story is worth telling.

The Young Writers' Award, designed to discover the talent of children aged between 9 and 13 years of age. This award seeks to develop the writing skills of this particular age group and assist these children to find their unique voice through storytelling. Children are great storytellers; they can create entertaining stories, both written and oral, that with a little assistance can be turned into lively, imaginative and character-filled books for all to enjoy.

The Young Writers' Award recognises and encourages the writing talents of Australian children by providing them the opportunity to have their stories published and distributed in Australia. The award is designed for easy entry with no prescriptive theme or topic.

For further information and entry details please go to the following website
<https://www.youngwritersaward.com.au/>

Please let Mrs Refalo know if you enter so as your entry can be displayed in the Library, next term at our Book Fair.

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum (Acting)

Spotlight on Sports

Girls Rugby League - Grade 5 and 6

Expressions of interest are being called for any girls interested in playing schoolgirls rugby league next term. The competition will be held on a Friday afternoon between 4-6pm for approximately five weeks. It will be highly likely that girls interested will need to combine with another school but further details will follow once we establish how many girls we have interested. Please email your child's name and class to Mrs Battaia (belinda_battaia@rok.catholic.edu.au) by Monday 25 June.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Yesterday afternoon students took part in some athletics events leading up to the full day carnival today. Many ribbons were given out and a full wrap up of the Athletics Carnival will be published in next week's newsletter.



Virtue Vouchers

Prep	Max Lemura Zoe Jansen	Joseph Jossy Emily McGrath
Year 1	Nyra Scott Zoey Marshall	Molly Haack
Year 2	Isaac Scully Noah Langford Oscar Lewis	Shelby Roche Calvin Chan
Year 3	Catherine Vathikulam Liju Riley Warren Ella Richards	Caitlyn Fraser Ashley Grech Abby McCreddie
Year 4	Addison Simpson Katie Prince Ryan Kidd Sienna Hamilton	Maddison Gibbs Madelyn Shepherd Claire Wortley
Year 5	Grace Schembri Summer Hunt Gabrielle Sammut	Isabel Miles Emmie Crotty Alina Baby
Year 6	Jessica Haworth Jemma Byers Thomas Fry	Dylan Gilroy Charlie Tickle

Confirmation



Tuckshop Roster – Week 11

Monday 25 June	Rita Campbell
Tuesday 26 June	Carmen de Sousa
Wednesday 27 June	Stephen Northam Hayley Tongue
Thursday 28 June	Carly Illguth Michelle Prince
Friday 29 June	Kara Shepherd Mel Johnson

Thank You

Community Notices

Join Queensland's Great Escape

Your kids can get involved in Queensland's Great Escape. By joining the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Facebook event, you can learn how to keep your family safe.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2391685267511925/>

**Position Vacant
Teacher Assistant
Term Time, Contract (20 HPW)**

**St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, Northern
Beaches**

Applications are currently invited for the position of term time Teacher Assistant at St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, Northern Beaches.

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.

This position is a term time contract until 7 December 2018.

Application packages can be obtained from the School Office.
St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, 799 Mackay-Bucasia Road, Rural View QLD 4740

Applications close 27 June 2018 and should be emailed to

sbnm@rok.catholic.edu.au

Please include a copy of your Resume and a single page cover letter.

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Queensland Youth Orchestra

Conductor Sergei V Korschin | Soloists Leanne McGowan, Tim Allen-Ankins

with special guests

Mackay Youth Orchestra

Mackay Christian College Wind Ensemble & Senior Strings

Mercy College Choir

Gala Concert



Tuesday 26 June 2018 7.00pm

Powerhouse Theatre, Mackay Christian College

17 Ambrose Way, North Mackay

Entry by gold coin donation

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Queensland Youth Orchestras is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland

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Monday 2 nd July	Tuesday 3 rd July	Wednesday 4 th July	Thursday 5 th July	Friday 6 th July
Art and Craft Day  Please bring an art smock or old shirt	Baking Day  Bake and Create some yummy treats!	EXCURSION  Natural Environment Centre 10.00am to 11.30pm Transport Fees apply *REMEMBER HATS*	Old McDonalds Farm Visit  \$ Per child (TBA) Remember closed in-shoes and hats	Book Day  Come dressed up as your favourite book Character

*Fees are \$50.00 per day per child. Excursions and visits extra. Eligible families are entitled to ccs. Our Excursion Days have limited bookings, so please enrol early to avoid disappointment.

Monday 9 th July	Tuesday 10 th July	Wednesday 11 th July	Thursday 12 th July	Friday 13 th July
NAIDOC WEEK  Activities and experiences	Camping Day  Bring tent, swag or sleeping bag!	MOVIE DAY  bring your favourite G-rated movie	Sports and Games Day  Handball, Football, rugby, basketball, cricket etc - you choose!!	Party Day!!  Music, dancing, games, prizes, yummy food and lots of fun!!

PLEASE REMEMBER - A WIDE BRIMMED HAT, CLOSED IN SHOES, WATER BOTTLE, A HEALTHY PACKED MORNING TEA AND LUNCH. ALL BELONGINGS TO LABELLED WITH CHILD'S NAME. AFTERNOON TEA IS PROVIDED.

MACKAY GYMNASTICS SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

INSIDE FUN, OUT OF THE SUN

2 - 4 YEAR OLDS for younger boys & girls 9.00am - 9.45am
COST \$11.00

5 - 12 YEAR OLDS primary school aged boys and girls 9.00am - 10.30am
COST \$18.50

WHERE: At our facilities
5 Snow Wright Court, (Off Beaconsfield Road)

WHEN: Monday 2nd July 2018
Wed 4th July 2018
Friday 6th July 2018
Monday 9th July 2018
Wed 11th July 2018
Friday 13th July 2018

COME AND HAVE FUN IN THE GYM

Bookings Required
Phone: 49420032
or email: admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au



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