



newsletter

05 March 2020

Assembly

Please join us for assembly which is held every Friday at 8:50am

March

Thurs 12:
School Mass –
9.15am St Joseph's

Fri 20:
Swimming Carnival
and
National Day of
Action Against
Bullying and Violence

Sat 21: Harmony
Day

Sat 22: Emmanuel
Children's Mass

Sun 22/Mon 23:
Choral Festival

Fri 27: School Disco

April

Fri 3: Last day of
term

Dear Parents,

We live at a time when we have the most wonderful technologies available to us. We have the internet with its amazing breadth of interesting sites; we have phones, iPads, games, Facebook, Twitter, that are linked to it. But with all this comes a problem: how to handle all this in a non-addictive way? How not to allow these technologies to control our lives? Perhaps all this fits under the heading 'excess' about which Ron Rolheiser, columnist and author, has this to say: "Excess is a substitute for genuine enjoyment".

We go to excess in things because we can no longer enjoy them simply. It's when we no longer enjoy a drink that we drink to excess; it's when we no longer enjoy a simple party that we let things get out of hand; it's when we no longer enjoy the taste of chocolate that we over-indulge.

Excess isn't just a substitute for enjoyment, it's the very thing that drains all enjoyment from our lives; every recovering addict will tell us that. So, how do we prevent our children from slipping into the world of excessive behaviours? For the most part, children don't know what 'excess' is, unless adults introduce them to it. If a child is excessively involved with computer games and the like, maybe it's because of loneliness: no one has the time or interest to provide options such as belonging to a sports team, music group, hobby club, being involved in home cooking, gardening, board games, maybe visiting the local library or local park.

Children can learn about 'excess' by observing the behaviours of adults who might have succumbed to the pressures of life and so consume more, buy more, drink more, spend more than they should and genuinely substitute excess for enjoyment. Life to be enjoyable needs to be fairly simple. Perhaps the mantra of Author Mary Jo Leddy has wisdom to offer us:

"It's enough.
I have enough.
I am enough.
Life is enough.

I need to gratefully enjoy what I have."

Wishing you every blessing for the Lenten season,

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal

Religious Education

A DIFFERENT LENT – A REFLECTION

Focus on gratitude – give up complaining
Think kind thoughts – give up judgements
Be hopeful – give up discouragement
Turn to forgiveness – give up bitterness
Return goodness – give up anger
Control your tongue – give up gossiping
Be optimistic – give up pessimism
Enjoy the beauty around you – give up gloom
Pray for trust – give up jealousy
Trust God – give up worry
Hang in there – give up giving up

(Unknown)

Find out about Lent @ <https://www.catholic.org/lent/>

40 Days

40 Acts

*Lord, we pray that during Lent we will
give up doing and saying things that
do not show love for you and others.
Help us to be kind and thoughtful,
to welcome and encourage others,
to say sorry and to forgive each other.
Help us to appreciate how lucky we are.
Help us to care for your beautiful world.
Thank you God for loving us.
Amen*

(from Year 6S's Assembly Prayer last Friday)

SCHOOL MASS



Please join us at St Joseph's Church on Thursday 12 March at 9.15am to celebrate the beginning of another great year at Emmanuel. All welcome.

Students need to wear blue day uniform. Girls to wear dresses please. We will travel to and from the church by bus.

Seating has been reserved for parents on the side of the Baptismal Font. The school office will be closed from 9.00am - 11.00am, as all staff will be attending the Mass.

Parents are asked not to park in the bus bays directly in front of the church. This is a safety issue. Please pass this message onto grandparents and others attending Mass.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Great News! So far this Lent we have raised enough money through our Project Compassion collection boxes to provide **twelve packets of seed for home gardens in rural Cambodia**. This will offer families fresh vegetables, increased nutrition and an opportunity of some income.

Wouldn't it be great if we could do this for even more families?

Please encourage your child to do a job to earn a small contribution and allow them to appreciate the difference that they can make to the lives of people they don't even know.

For more details about Project Compassion and how you can help this Lent, go to the CARITAS website @ <https://lent.caritas.org.au/#blank>



**GOD IS WITH US AS WE LIVE LOVE
LEARN IN A COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

LENTEN CHALLENGES

As part of our efforts to support those less fortunate this Lent we will be running a number of Lenten Challenges here at school.

Did you know that donating \$50 to Project Compassion can buy 50 chicks for a small farming family in Cambodia and that this will increase their ability to earn an income?

We have been selling 'fluffy chicks' and will be using the money to buy 'real chicks' for families in Cambodia. **So far this week we have sold more than 50 dozen (600) fluffy chicks. WOW! Isn't that amazing!** The class that buys the most chicks will lead the school in the Chicken Dance at Assembly later in the term.

FLUFFY CHICKS



for Real Chicks
\$1:00 each

WOW WEDNESDAY - WIPE OUT WASTE



Help us answer God's call to love others and to care for His beautiful world by supporting WOW Wednesdays this Lent. Each Wednesday we will be having a 'nude food' day – NO disposable packaging please.

By packing lunch in containers that can be **REUSED** or **RECYCLED** we will **REDUCE** waste and help to save the planet. Plastics and other disposable packaging will be sent home in lunchboxes.

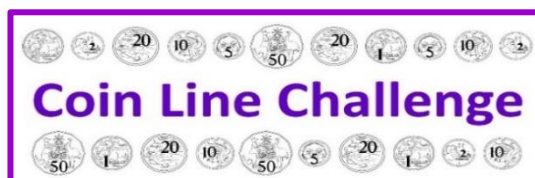
Our first WOW Wednesday was held yesterday and we are happy to report that lots of families took the opportunity to pack lunches in reusable containers. We only put out two bins and they were not even half full. Our goal of 'Bin Free' Wednesdays is closer to becoming a reality. Thank you everyone. We are really looking forward to seeing what we can do next Wednesday.

COINLINE FUN

Our Coin Line Challenge is back again in 2020. Each class will line up their coin donations. There will be two prizes – one for the class with the longest coin line and the other for the class with the coin line with the greatest value. It will be fabulous to see how far our money can go.

All families are encouraged to donate gold and silver coins and in doing so love and support others. The Coin Line Challenge will be held later in the term.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Lenten efforts.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A Sacramental information session was held at St Joseph's Church last night for the parents of students who completed Penance preparation and received the sacrament in 2019. If you missed this meeting and want to register your child for the Confirmation and Eucharist programs, please contact the Parish Office ASAP on 4957 4855.

Parish Sacramental Program - Calendar of Events - Term One 2020		
Rite of Enrolment - Confirmation	St Joseph's St Brendan's	Saturday 7 March at 6pm or Sunday 8 March (all Masses)
Family Workshop - Baptism, Confirmation, Spirit	St Joseph's Church	Sunday 15 March at 10am or Wednesday 18 March at 7pm



HARMONY WEEK – ‘EVERYONE BELONGS’

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Week is an opportunity to appreciate the multi-cultural nature of our society, from the oldest continuous cultures of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world, and to value the diverse contributions of all who call Australia home.



At Emmanuel we will be celebrating Harmony Week with a number of activities.

Students are invited to wear something orange (socks, shoelaces, ribbons) with their school uniform on Thursday 19 March.

It is not a free dress day. No donation is required for participation.

For more information about Harmony Week go to: <https://www.harmony.gov.au/>

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Brigid's Church - Saturdays 6:00pm

* St Joseph's Church - Saturdays 6:00pm, Sundays 9:00am

* St Brendan's Church - Sundays 7:30am

* Children's Liturgy of the Word - First and Third weekends of the month



LINK to Parish Website and Parish Bulletin: <http://rok.catholic.net.au/parish/mackay-st-josephs/>

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – COMPASSION

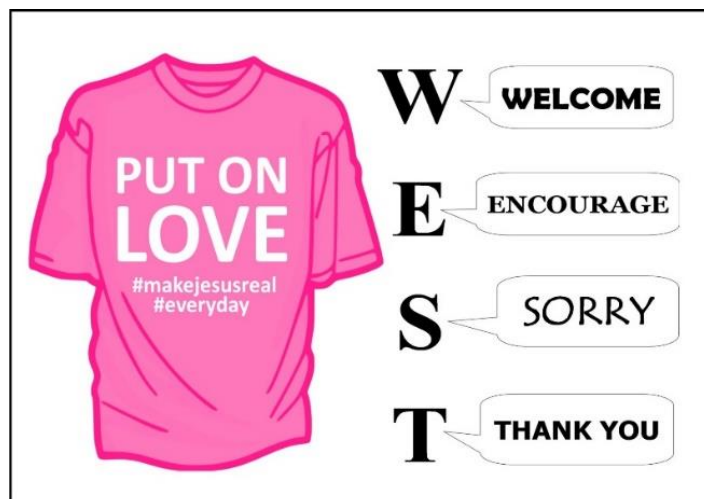
Compassion is understanding and caring when someone is hurt or troubled, even if you don't know them. It is wanting to help, even if all you can do is listen and offer kind words. You forgive mistakes. You are a friend when someone needs a friend. Without compassion the world is a hard and lonely place. Compassion helps us to be understanding of others and ourselves.

“If you want others to be happy, practise compassion.

If you want to be happy, practise compassion.” (Dalai Lama)

Noeleen Kliese

Assistant Principal Religious Education



P&F FACEBOOK PAGE – CLOSING DOWN

Parents are advised that as of today, Thursday 5 February, the P&F Facebook page will no longer be active. It will be replaced by the Emmanuel Catholic Primary School page, which will now be administered directly by the school. Please “LIKE” this page and be sure to check regularly for updates and announcements.

Please note that this page will be used as a means of **OUTGOING** communication only. As this page will not be manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, we ask that parents and caregivers please contact the school directly via telephone or email for any communication.

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

Virtue Vouchers

Prep	Nate Mills Patrick Perks Armani Boyd	Armani Boyd Max Clinton
Year 1	Spencer Hokins Charlotte Hancock	Ivy Muller Xavier Danns
Year 2	Ruby Readdy Hugo Hegerty	Emily McGrath Beau Woods
Year 3	Bonnie Desbois Ava Benz	Chevy Thomson
Year 4	Ashton Trott Millie Morris Alexander Perks	Jaben Kelly Haylee Downes
Year 5	Jayden Cridland Kaitlin Shanks Lucas Haack	Mia Dennis Indi Brady Blake Hudson
Year 6	Ava Busby Shane McIntyre Addison Furini	Catlin Diepeveen Ellie Shean Samuel Carless

ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 8:50am

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT


GOD IS WITH US
as we
**LIVE
LOVE
LEARN**
in a
COMMUNITY OF FAITH





PREP – Year 6

\$2.00 entry

Sausage on bread \$2 each.

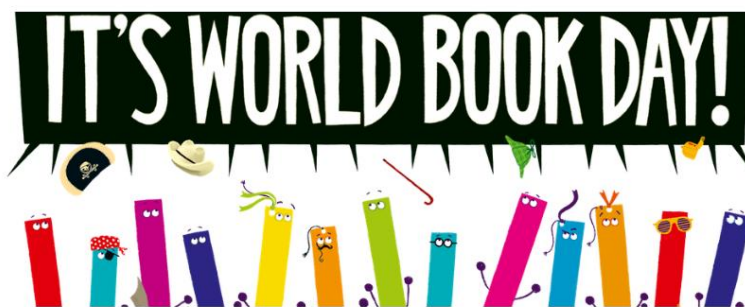
Please reply with the number of sausages you require via QuickCliq. Instructions to order online attached to this email.

PLEASE NOTE: there is no charge through QuickCliq – payment is due on the night.

Families who have not yet used QuickCliq are asked to register and create an account.

Curriculum Corner

Thursday 5 March 2020!



As teachers have been meeting this term to collaboratively plan, they have been making many connections between the development of ORAL LANGUAGE and its impact on READING and WRITING. Whilst the teachers have been working hard to enhance the teaching and learning experiences within their classrooms to incorporate highly effective strategies, there were several messages that resonated strongly that I felt important to share with you, our parent community as we work in partnership to engage and enable your children to become successful life long learners.

- “Anything you can say, you can write” – The development of Oral Language is essential for a child to experience success with writing.
- “You can only write what you know” – It is important to share stories; involve your children in conversations; provide rich family experiences so as your child develops a broad vocabulary and knowledge of the world in which they live.
- Children who are read to once a day, up to year 12, will achieve better. The reason for this is that often the texts we read to children are at a higher level than their reading ability, this allows them to build their receptive language.
- Lack of prior knowledge can be confused for poor reading – if a child is not familiar with the content of what they are reading it will impact on reading conventions such as fluency, accuracy and comprehension. Before reading such texts, talk about unfamiliar vocabulary and content so as the child is more confident and more able to read the text.
- Sight words should be introduced after a child has a sound understanding of phonological awareness so as they are equipped to decode, if sight words are introduced too early children will rely on their visual memory to read which will only result in success during early years reading.

The links between oral language, reading and writing are crucial in your child's development, please take the time to discuss, read and reflect on the home readers, library books and other reading stimulus your child shows an interest in. A good reader masters many skills that go beyond the ability to read the words on a page, they must also be able to: develop oral reading fluency, understand the many concepts of printed language, comprehend and make meaning of the text, and all of these skills are broken into multiple smaller skill sets that are required. Reading is complex and takes time and exposure to many texts to be mastered.

In mastering reading it is important to discuss the many purposes of reading with children so as they understand it is not a race to move through levelled texts but it is important to consolidate the skills reading requires before progressing to another level. It is important when practising reading skills a child is reading at their appropriate level as guided by the professional judgement of the classroom teacher. When reading for pleasure, children are able to choose a higher level text and will require a more experienced reader to support so as meaning is not lost and comprehension is maintained.

Marie Clay is a worldwide accredited researcher and practitioner in literacy development, her "Concepts of Print" paper continues to provide literacy teachers with the knowledge and foundation to develop best practice, she has many wise words, for all of us as both parents and teachers.

"Never do for the Child, what they can do for themselves..." Marie Clay

Perhaps today being "World Book Day" you may take this opportunity to read an extra bedtime story or allow your avid reader to spend a little extra time to read an extra chapter...

SCHOOL PRIORITIES AND GOALS

This week's goal is linked to the fourth and final strategic planning domains that have been mentioned in previous Newsletters, which is, **Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing.**

4.1 That the school leadership team/staff/parents/students have a shared understanding and are committed to the explicit improvement agenda.

Goal for 2020: Throughout 2020, the school's improvement agenda will be explicitly communicated to all stakeholders.

Strategies

To achieve this goal, the School Priorities and Goals will be published in various communication tools throughout the year. The School Newsletter is one of the avenues in which they have already been published, and will continue to appear to inform the parent body of our 2020 areas of focus. Regularly throughout Professional Development and meetings with Staff our Goals are highlighted in agenda's and other documentation so as staff are aware of the links between Professional Development and the School Improvement Priorities.

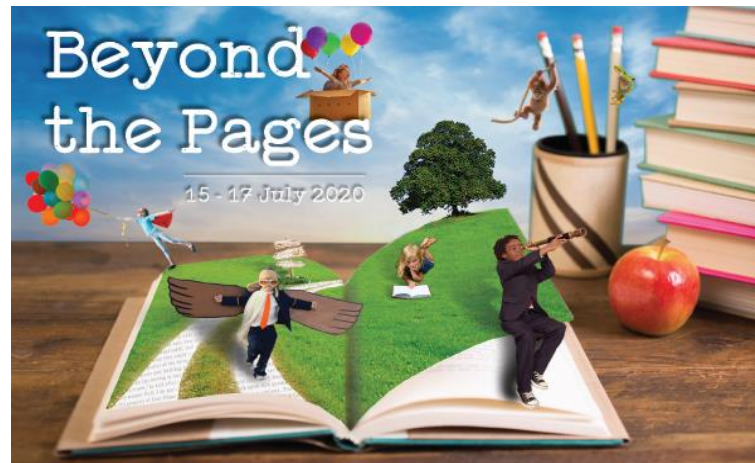
It is important that all community members are aware of our School Improvement priorities and goals so as explicit and clear schoolwide targets can be set and communicated.

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal: Curriculum

If you are collecting your child during the school day for an appointment or because they are unwell, please park in the angle parks in the STOP DROP GO area for ease of access to the Emmanuel office.



The short term parking in front of Holy Spirit College is also available should you wish to use it.



Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival's **SHORT STORY COMPETITION** is Officially Open!!

Whitsunday Voices would like to invite students from your school to submit entries for the 2020 Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival Short Story Competition.

The closing date for the competition is [3pm on Friday 8th May, 2020](#). All entries must be received by this date to be considered for judging. All entries must be received in hard copy, by post, using the address on the application form.

For the first time, Savvy Scripts Publishing will be publishing all winning entries into a book, thanks to the Regional Arts Development Fund.

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER – WEEK 7

Mon 9 Mar Fabia Pace
Tues 10 Mar Helen Duane
Wed 11 Mar HELP WANTED
Thur 12 Mar Rachel Turner
Fri 13 Mar Mark Ayles
Teresa Crowe
Antoinette Schembri

Emmanuel Catholic Primary School

TUCKSHOP



Sports Update

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020

The Emmanuel Swimming Carnival will be on **FRIDAY 20 MARCH** at the **PIONEER SWIM CENTRE**, North Mackay. This will be a day carnival, allowing for maximum participation with many heats followed by finals. The carnival is for all students from Years 2-6 with students competing in the age group that they will turn in 2020. Grade 2 students will participate in either novelty events (wading pool) or width events (main pool), depending on their swimming ability. They will then return to school mid-morning (approx. 11am). Please note **ALL** year two students will return to Emmanuel with their teachers – **no students will be remaining at the carnival under the supervision of parents.**

Year 3 students who have only participated in width events will also return to school by bus at 11am. Those who are nine years old and participating in length events will return with the rest of the school at 2.30pm.

Prep and Year One students will be attending a Bluewater Lagoon excursion. A separate letter has been sent home with these students outlining the arrangements.

In the past we have had many parents who have generously volunteered to help in many ways at the carnival. Your assistance is again sought to ensure the smooth running of the carnival.

You are asked to return the family swimming nomination form (Years 2 – 6) which was sent home last week; please indicate whether you are able to help on the day. You will be contacted the week before the carnival to confirm your job on the day.

Thank-you for your support.

Luke Dodson
HPE Teacher

Music News

SCHOOL CHOIR

CHORAL FESTIVAL

(School Choir)

Sunday 22nd & Monday

23rd March



Rehearsals each Wednesday morning 8am in the Chapel – Years 4, 5 and 6 students – new members are very welcome to attend. Our first event will be the Choral Festival on Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd March.

MUSICORP

A reminder that Musicorp lessons have begun here at Emmanuel and will take place every THURSDAY. Please ensure your child brings their instrument / music in preparation for their lesson.

GUITAR LESSONS

Mr Jim will be conducting Guitar Lessons every WEDNESDAY at Emmanuel. Students from Years 1-6 are able to participate. Please contact the office if you require a form.

School Notices

WET WEATHER and UNIFORMS

When very wet weather is forecast, students are encouraged to wear older closed-in shoes or to wear rubber shoes that can be changed in the classroom.

All students should have a raincoat, but no umbrellas please.

WOW WEDNESDAY - WIPE OUT WASTE

By packing lunch in containers that we can

REUSE or

RECYCLE we will

REDUCE waste and help save the planet.



NO DISPOSABLE PACKAGING PLEASE!

Plastics and other disposable packaging will be sent home in lunchboxes.

Emmanuel Swimming Carnival

YEARS 2—6



(PREP AND YEAR ONE STUDENTS WILL
ATTEND THE BLUE WATER LAGOON EXCURSION)

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020

The inter-house swimming carnival will be on **Friday 20 MARCH** at the **PIONEER POOL, Malcolmson Street** commencing at 9.00am.



WHAT TO WEAR?

Children come to school dressed in sun smart clothing in the colours of their sports house or in their sports uniform. Please make sure students have sunscreen. Shoes are to be worn to school but can be replaced by thongs when going to the pool.

PLEASE NAME ALL CLOTHING PARTICULARLY SHIRTS AND TOWELS.



FOOD

Children will need to bring along **sufficient food and water** to see them through the day.

The pool canteen will be available from 11.00am.

PLEASE NOTE: The school tuckshop will not be operating at school on that day.

TRANSPORT

Buses will leave school at 8.45am. Swimmers in Grades 2 & 3 will return to school around 11.00am.

Any 9 year olds swimming in **length events** will depart at 2.30pm with the rest of the school.



SEATING ARRANGEMENTS



Students are to be seated in their house groups at **ALL** times. This will avoid students missing their race/s. All parents are invited to come and watch but you will need to bring your own chair and sit on the opposite side of the pool.

ORDER OF EVENTS—No set times will be allotted to events

War Cry, Width Events, Length Events, Relay events

Medal Presentation at the pool (time permitting)

Relays will occur only if time permits at the end of the day

Parents if you wish to take your children home early

you must personally advise your child's classroom teacher before leaving the pool.



Community News





International Women's Cricket Day

at Great Barrier Reef Arena

International Women's Day Schedule
Sunday March 8, 2020

MATCH SCHEDULE

Entry Level/Junior Programs		
Time	Activity	Field
3:00 PM	Heat Girls League matches - Flex	HP1
4:00 PM	Junior Blaster - Girls Only	HP1
4:00 PM	Master Blasters - Girls Only Division	HP1

Senior Women's

Time	Activity	Field
1:00 PM	WAGs Semi Final 1	HP5
1:00 PM	WAGs Semi Final 2	HP6
3:00 PM	MCA Challenge Series Match	HP5

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1:00 PM	Kid Activities - Jumping Castles, Face Painting and Mascots	HP1
5:00 PM	Lolly Hunt	HP1
5:30 PM	After-match Function - Food & Beverages provided	Harrup Park Garden Bar
6:00 PM	ICC 120 Women's World Cup Final viewing	Harrup Park Garden Bar



For more info, contact: sportsadmin@harruppark.com.au





International Women's Cricket Day

at Great Barrier Reef Arena

Celebrating Women and Girls smashing boundaries!




Come and join us from 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Harrup Park on International Women's Day to celebrate Women and Girls in cricket and within our community!

FREE ENTRY WITH THE FOLLOWING ON THE DAY:

- International Women's T20 World Cup Final viewing on the big screen!
- Full schedule of MCA Women's and Girls' Fixtures.
- Free BBQ!
- Jumping castles, face painting, lolly hunt and other fun kid activities!
- Brisbane Heat mascots will be there on the day!

SUNDAY
March 8, 2020

Tilly Fit
 Lorna Jane
 Pop-Up Store on
 the Day!

For more info, contact: sportsadmin@harruppark.com.au

PLAY AFL

SIGN-ON DAY
SUNDAY 08 MARCH 2020
9am-12 noon



BAKERS CREEK AFC
TIGERS

Etwall Park
Pattinsons Lane
Bakers Creek

FACEBOOK | [BakersCreek.TigersAFL](#)
 INSTAGRAM | [BakersCreekTigers](#)
 EMAIL | bakerscreektigers@live.com.au
 TELEPHONE | 0447 059 900



We love it!

ALL AGES
 Superstars, U8, U10, U12 ½, U14 ½,
 U17 ½ through to Senior Men,
 Reserve Grade & Women's.

Kids Competitions

- * Fastest Hands
- * Longest Kick
- * Fastest Kid

* The Junior winner of our Instagram competition
 "We pay your rego" announced

Can't Make it on the Day?
 To Register or find out more
 Call 0447 059 900
 or email bakerscreektigers@live.com.au

AFL Mackay

Age Group	Start Date	End Date
Under 8.5	Sat July 2019 to Sat December 2019	
Under 10.5	Sat July 2019 to Sat June 2021	
Under 12.5	Sat July 2019 to Sat June 2020	
Under 14.5	Sat July 2019 to Sat June 2021	
Under 17.5	Sat July 2019 to Sat June 2020	



FREE ENTRY

SUNS V CATS

FRI 6 MAR

GREAT BARRIER REEF ARENA



MINI EAT STREET



AFL ACTIVITIES & ACTIVATIONS



MACCAs KICK 2 KICK POST-GAME





