



# newsletter

06 February 2020

## Assembly

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

## February

Fri 7:  
Yr 6 Leadership  
Induction Liturgy –  
8.50am

Thur 13:  
GRIP Leadership  
School & House  
Captains

Fri 14:  
Pupil Free Day –  
Bishop's Inservice  
Day

Wed 26:  
Ash Wednesday

## March

Thurs 12:  
School Mass  
Fri 20:  
Swimming Carnival

National Day of  
Action Against  
Bullying and Violence

Dear Parents,

The first two weeks of life back at school have moved along very smoothly. There may have been a few hiccups here and there as we get back into the swing of things and re-establish routines, but on the whole the new school year has commenced on a positive note. It has been quite noticeable that there appears to be a certain enthusiasm within the school. Hence I write about the following:

**'Enthusiasm in Latin translates as,  
en + theos – having God within.'**

Enthusiasm is to have God within us. What an inspiration it is to know that through enthusiasm and being passionate about our children, our families, our friends, our lives, our sport, our employment, we have God within us driving this important quality. Jesus was an enthusiastic person who spread his love through action and forgiveness. What a wonderful example for each of us.

Although enthusiasm can sometimes be over rated, it is better than being subdued and lacking passion or drive. I think that, at times, we underestimate our potential to inspire others. When we are enthusiastic, we have the capacity to influence. Genuine interest in the service of others and their wellbeing is what we talk about when we are speaking of doing God's will or having God within us. We just need to try it.

Have you ever envied the way that some people are so enthusiastic about life? Maybe you have quietly had thoughts like these:

- "I wish I could wake up each day like you."
- "I wish I could get excited about life like you."
- "I wish I had a smile like you."
- "I wish I could encourage people like you."

Well you can! It's a choice. Don't wait for someone else to do it for you.

Over the past two weeks I have seen much enthusiasm displayed by the students. Their willingness to take on responsibilities with enthusiasm and excitement makes such a difference to our day. There are many occasions throughout the day when I see much excitement and energy being exerted in many different ways. Again it is the enthusiasm of staff and others that draws children into wanting to participate. I must admit, I feel a great sense of pride in seeing how keen our students are to be involved in a variety of activities. I would like to congratulate everyone for their positive approach to the start of a new school year.

The beginning of the school year is a good time to ask for your support for our important procedures that we have in place at Emmanuel:

- **Communication** is an important vehicle between the family and the school and I ask that you take the time to read the weekly newsletter and the correspondence sent home from your child's teacher. These forms of communication are our main means of keeping you informed with what is happening around the school.
- If you have an **issue or a concern**, please know that we will try and deal with this together. If you need to discuss a concern with the teacher, please take the time to make an appointment as the mornings and afternoons can be busy for teachers. It is also important to know that the teacher is the first point of contact in dealing with your concerns. You are always welcome to speak with a member of the leadership team after speaking with your child's teacher.
- **School begins at 8.30am** with morning duty commencing **at 8.10am**. Prep students are supervised in the area outside the Prep classrooms until the bell, while all other students are supervised in the areas in which they are playing, e.g., Fr Joe Carroll oval, playground and tuckshop area. We ask that children place their bags in the port racks provided outside their classroom **and wait until 8.10am before commencing play**. If you are late or need to pick up your child from school early you are required to call into the office to sign your child in or out. All visitors to the school are required to sign in/out at the office whenever they are in the school grounds. This can seem an onerous task, however this procedure allows us to be aware of who is on the school grounds at all times.
- **Stop, Drop, Go Zone:** School concludes at 3.00pm and supervision is provided at our designated pick-up areas which include the Stop, Drop, Go Zone and the Bus Zone. Teachers are on duty to ensure that your child is safe at all times. Using the car pick-up area correctly is vital to the children's safety. Please turn left into the Stop, Drop, Go Zone, stay in your car at all times (unless parking in the angle car parks provided) and turn left only to exit onto Tolcher Street. Patience is important at all times as we know children can be impulsive. Please remember the car park behind year one classrooms is for staff only. Parent/caregiver access into this car park endangers the lives of the children. Thank you to those families who faithfully follow our parking procedures and always do the right thing in and around the school. It is such a busy place and your patience is always appreciated.
- **School Uniform:** At the beginning of each school year students present themselves in correct school uniform. This year is no different in that parents have gone to great lengths to ensure that children are outfitted appropriately. I thank you for your efforts and support in this important school procedure. Your assistance in ensuring that the school uniform is worn correctly each day is appreciated. If for any reason your child is out of uniform, I ask that you send a note along to your child's teacher to explain the reason for not being in correct school uniform. Please clearly name all items of clothing and property with your child's name – this enables us to return lost items to the owners. Remember that long hair must be tied back each day, hair ties to be school colours only, one set of studs or sleepers, a wrist watch and a chain and crucifix/cross are the only jewellery to be worn. Please ensure that **sports shoes are predominantly white** (as per our school guidelines).

I thank you for assisting us with our procedures above.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week.

Geraldine Rostirolla  
Principal



### **GOOD CORN – A REFLECTION**

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in regional shows around the state, and it always won lots of blue ribbons and Best of Show.

Last year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew his corn. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbours.

*"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbours when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?"* the reporter asked.

"Why Sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbours grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbours grow good corn too."

The farmer is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbour's corn also improves. So it is with our lives: Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbours to live in peace; those who choose to live well must help others to live well and those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

If we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbours grow good corn.

(Author Unknown)

### **YEAR SIX LEADERSHIP INDUCTION**

Each year we come together to acknowledge, commission and congratulate our School Captains, House Captains, Student Representatives and Year Six students. This prayer celebration will take place in the Marist Centre tomorrow, Friday 7 February, at 8:50am. Please join us to celebrate.

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

Our annual Bishop's Inservice Day will be held on Friday 14 February. This is a pupil free day and all staff will be attending. The school office will be closed.

Focusing on Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation "Gaudete et Exsultate" (Rejoice and be glad), the theme this year will be "What is God calling me to?" 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.

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

**"Co-operation divides the task and multiplies the success."**

(Anonymous)

Co-operation is working together for the good of everyone. It is a willingness to stand side by side and use the different gifts each of us have to offer. When we co-operate we give and accept help freely and have the humility not to do everything ourselves. Co-operation is about sharing the load. It is joining others in order to do something that cannot be done alone.

**"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things for God."**

(St Teresa of Calcutta)

A blue graphic with a white border. At the top, it says "VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT" in white. Below that, "CO-OPERATION" is written in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, in smaller white text, it reads: "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things for God." followed by "(St Teresa of Calcutta)" in a smaller font.

Noeleen Kliese  
Assistant Principal Religious Education

A graphic with a blue and yellow gradient background. At the top, it says "SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT" in white. Below that is a logo with the word "EMMANUEL" above a cross. The main text reads: "GOD IS WITH US as we LIVE LOVE LEARN in a COMMUNITY OF FAITH".

A blue and yellow gradient graphic with a white border. It says "PUPIL FREE DAY" in large white letters, and "FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY" in smaller white letters below it.

A blue and yellow gradient graphic with a white border. It says "School Mass" in large white letters, and "Thurs 12 March" in smaller white letters below it.

## **CONCESSION CARD DISCOUNT**

**Are you eligible for a Concession?** Catholic Education has introduced a means-tested concession card discount. Parents/carers with an eligible means-tested Australian government health care or pensioner concession card automatically receive a 70% discount to tuition fees (does not apply to school levies).

Card holders are required to advise the school of their concession card at enrolment or when the card is gained. Once the card is sighted by the school's administration, tuition fees for future terms will be adjusted. This initiative is intended to assist those families who genuinely do not have the financial capacity to pay tuition fees in full.

For further information, Concession Card Discount FAQs is attached to this Newsletter. Please contact Therese or Robyn at the Finance Office if you are eligible, or if you have any questions.

## **STUDENT PROTECTION – SCHOOL CONTACTS**

At Emmanuel any concerns or reasonable suspicions about a student's safety and wellbeing or the behaviour of a staff member or volunteer which a student considers to be inappropriate, will continue to be managed in accordance with Rockhampton Catholic Education Student Protection Processes. The Student Protection Contacts at Emmanuel are:

Geraldine Rostirolla (Principal)  
Amanda McDonald (Deputy Principal)  
Noeleen Kliese (APRE)  
Kristy Flor (School Counsellor)  
Lauren Gossweiler (OSHC Co-ordinator)

Further information about Rockhampton Catholic Education's commitment to Student Protection is available [here](https://www.roc.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/student-protection/): website: <https://www.roc.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/student-protection/>

## **STUDENT PROTECTION – USE OF TOILETS**

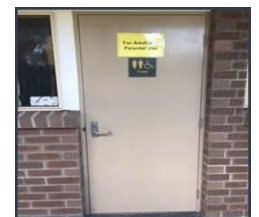


At Emmanuel, we are committed to the safety of all students in our care. It is imperative that students understand the importance of using the toilet facilities at school in an appropriate manner. Classroom teachers regularly remind students of these behaviour expectations and use the posters (which are located in all school toilets) to ensure all students understand these important messages. We ask that you discuss these expectations at home with your children, so that we are all doing our part to keep children safe at school.



## **DESIGNATED TOILETS FOR PARENTS**

We are very fortunate at Emmanuel to have so many parents visiting the school each day. Therefore, it is important that we provide toilet facilities for your use. From a student protection perspective, we ask that parents do not use the student toilets. There is a toilet designated for the use of all parents, toddlers and visitors. This is the disabled toilet which is located beside F Block (Year 5 and 6 Classrooms). There is a yellow sign on the door of this toilet advising parents that they are welcome to use this facility. Please note that during our construction phase, this toilet will also be utilised by staff. Hope this helps you to not be 'caught short'!



## **VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES**

The safety and protection of our students is our first priority and we follow all guidelines set in place by our Catholic Education Office at Rockhampton. Our school, like many others, relies on the goodwill and generosity of our parents to assist our students in classrooms and on excursions and camps. Our valued volunteers are required to meet the same Student Protection Guidelines as our staff. A Volunteer's Induction Folder is located in every classroom, as well as our Tuckshop, Library, and specialist areas. All volunteers will be asked to read the guidelines outlined in this document, and sign to acknowledge their willingness to abide by the procedures and protocols outlined by our Diocese. We thank you in advance for giving your time to help our students, and most importantly, to keep all students safe whilst at school.

## **CASSEROLE CLUB**

Parents new to Emmanuel School may not be aware that in times of hardship, our school community has a Casserole Club whereby parents volunteer to cook meals for a family in need. This is one way that our school community can practically support those in our school who are facing hardship.

If any parents, including those who have previously volunteered, are willing to be part of the Casserole Club please contact the school office with your name and phone number. Your name will be placed on a register and in times of need, you will be contacted and asked to cook a meal and bring it to the school office for delivery.

A big thank you to those parents who helped with the Casserole Club last year.

## **BELL TIMES**

Bell times for 2020 are as follows:-

8.25a.m.	Warning bell
8.30a.m.	School day begins
10.30a.m.	Morning tea
10.45a.m.	Play time
10.55a.m.	Warning bell
11.00a.m.	End of morning tea
1.00p.m.	Lunch begins
1.12p.m.	Play time
1.35p.m.	Warning bell
1.40p.m.	Beginning of afternoon session
2.55p.m.	Warning bell for end of day
3.00 p.m.	End of school day



## **PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS**

Parent Information evenings will be held over the next three weeks, giving parents an opportunity to gain important information about the year ahead for your child. It is important that parents take the opportunity to attend these meetings. All Information evenings will start at 5.30pm and teachers will advise the venue via email. **STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE MEETING.**

### ***PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS:***

*Prep: Monday 10 February - Prep classroom*

*Year One: Thursday 13 February - Year 1 classroom*

*Year Two: Wednesday 19 February - Year 2 classroom*

*Year Three: Thursday 27 February - 3W/D classroom*

*Year Four: Monday 24th February - Year 4 classroom*

*Year Five: Monday 17 February - 5K/5S classroom*

*Year Six: Wednesday 12 February - 6S/6K classroom*

## **JEWELLERY AT SCHOOL**

As per the Uniform List, girls are permitted to only wear a small pair of plain gold or silver sleepers or studs in the lobe of the ear – one pair only. NO drop earrings are to be worn, in accordance with Workplace, Health & Safety. A small cross and chain around the neck is permitted, preferably long enough to be worn inside the uniform for safety purposes. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Rings are not permitted under any circumstances.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES

A big warm welcome to the Emmanuel community to our new families. Please ensure that you make our new students, and their families feel welcome.



**STOP** 

**DROP** 

**GO** 

- Display family name in the windscreen of the car.
- PICK UP ONLY. Please DO NOT vacate your car.
- If you wish to assist your child into their seat or place their schoolbags into the car,

PLEASE PARK IN THE ANGLE PARKS PROVIDED.

*Otherwise, this disrupts the flow of traffic, which is unfair to those queued behind them.*

**STOP, DROP, GO**

**NO RIGHT TURN**

**IN OR OUT!!**

Amanda McDonald  
Assistant Principal Administration

## Curriculum Corner



**Safer Internet Day**  
**2020** | Tuesday  
11 February

Together for a better internet

This year [Safer Internet Day](#) will be celebrated on Tuesday, 11 February 2020. The theme this year is **'Together for a better internet'** and Australia's eSafety Commissioner is encouraging parents and schools to mark the day by starting conversations about online safety. They have also created some excellent resources this year to bring these messages into the classroom.

How you can be an online safety champion?

On Safer Internet Day, millions of people around the world unite to raise awareness about online safety issues and inspire positive change. So it's a great opportunity to start that chat about online safety with the kids in your life.

You can use eSafety's ideas and resources to help improve the online safety of your family and your community, not just on Safer Internet Day but every day of the year.

SCHOOL PRIORITIES AND GOALS

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, each week a School Goal that aligns with the 2020 – 2022 School Priorities will be unpacked. This week's goal is linked to the first of the four strategic planning domains identified by Catholic Education Office, Rockhampton Diocese, which is, **Catholic Identity and Ethos**.

**1.1 For all members of the school community to continue to strive and maintain Emmanuel as a dialogue school through the traditions and practices; celebrations; teaching and learning.**

Goal for 2020: Implementing Catholic Social Teachings and service learning within the Curriculum.

Strategies to achieve this Goal:

- Invite Sr Noelene Simmons to identify and explain the social justice initiatives/work of the Marist Sisters in Australia, the Pacific and South East Asia today (fair trade)
- Research ways the Church and its organisations reach out to others with justice e.g. Catholic Earth care, Caritas, the St Vincent de Paul Society, Seafarers
- Investigate social justice in terms of Solidarity, Awareness, Advocacy and Action - student initiated response
- Align the focus of the Mini Vinnies Roadshow with student-initiated service learning and units of work
- Brainstorm ways in which we can answer our call, as individuals and a school community, to reach out to those in need
- Review current school justice initiatives to identify opportunities to explain/highlight service learning
- Investigate opportunities to visit/support the elderly in the community and invite them to the school
- Students will be provided with opportunities to “wonder, reflect and record”
- APRE to work with teachers to develop tools to measure awareness and understanding of social justice and Catholic social teachings
- Develop pre and post unit surveys/brainstorming to measure awareness and understanding of social justice and Catholic social teachings
- Engage with ECSIP survey questions biannually to ensure students are making links between values and scripture

Janine Refalo  
Assistant Principal: Curriculum



## Sports Update

Welcome parents and friends to another massive year of HPE and school sports. I have been lucky enough to once again be in charge of HPE and sports here at Emmanuel. I am very much looking forward to seeing every child for one hour of HPE each and every week.

This year's sporting calendar is back to normal with our Swimming Carnival being held in Term 1 on March 20. Nomination forms and further information will be made available in the upcoming weeks.

Interschool sport nominations have begun. Unfortunately, many sports have a very short nomination period. Students are asked to return notes to the mailbox in the library as quickly as possible to ensure their nomination is accepted.

Nominations are called for representation for Northern Suburbs and Mackay in the following sports:

Term Week	Sport	Selection for	Trial Date
Week 3	Netball 11 & 12 yrs.	Northern Suburbs	10 Feb 2020
	Hockey 10 – 12 yrs.	Northern Suburbs	11 Feb 2020
	Basketball 10 – 12 yrs.	Northern Suburbs	12 Feb 2020
Week 4	AFL 10 – 12 yrs.	Mackay	19 Feb 2020
	Squash 10 – 12 yrs.	Mackay	20 Feb 2020

We have also had an excellent response for the upcoming Wednesday Afternoon Touch Competition for students in Years 3 to 6. Last year was a fantastic, friendly competition with many students representing Emmanuel for the first time. Students are reminded to wear their sports uniforms and bring a water bottle!

There are still many sports students can nominate for Northern Suburbs and Mackay's coming up the next few weeks. Please keep an eye on the newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding sports nominations or when sports will occur, please do not hesitate to contact me through the administration office.

Luke Dodson  
HPE Teacher

## Parents & Friends Association

Annual General Meetings

Tuesday 18 February 2020  
5.30pm

Meeting Room

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

## 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.

## Music News

### SCHOOL CHOIR

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

Musicorp lessons will once again be offered here at Emmanuel every Thursday. This year Ms Nicole Pasquale will be conducting lessons for students in **Years 4 – 6**. If you are interested in your child learning **woodwind, brass or percussion** as part of this program, please collect a form from the office and return it by **MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY**.

### 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.

## CHORAL FESTIVAL

(School Choir)  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Monday  
23<sup>rd</sup> March

