



newsletter

12 March 2020

Assembly

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

March

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

Sat 21: Harmony
Day

Sun 22/Mon 23:
Choral Festival Sat

29: Emmanuel
Children's Mass

Fri 27: School Disco

April

Fri 3: Last day of
term

Dear Parents,

On a daily basis our teachers are guiding the students in ways that they can find Jesus in others. All they need to do is to look - A beautiful Christian ideal to have before us is that Jesus is present in my neighbour. Jesus is in the person next to me, the person behind me, in front of me, in the person with whom I live and work.

One person in recent history who lived this is Mother Teresa of Calcutta. When Mother Teresa accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo in 1979, part of her acceptance speech went like this:

"It is not enough for us to say: 'I love God, but I do not love my neighbour.' Saint John says that you are a liar if you say you love God and you don't love your neighbour. (1 John 4:20) How can you love God whom you do not see, if you do not love your neighbour whom you see, whom you touch, with whom you live? And so this is very important for us to realise that love, to be true, has to hurt."

How can we love like this? Where will we get the power to love Jesus in others? Mother Teresa gives the key to being able to see Jesus in others. The key to loving others is prayer. She wrote, ***"To be able to love one another, we must pray much, for prayer gives a clean heart and a clean heart can see God in our neighbour. If now we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten how to see God in one another. If each person saw God in his neighbour, do you think we would need guns and bombs?"***

Thinking like this means thinking in a new way, putting on a new mind, letting our brains be washed with the Gospel of Jesus. And as Mother Teresa said, it is through prayer that we will receive the grace to see others with this new mind of Jesus.

When we put on this new mind, the mind of Jesus, then his kingdom is coming in our world. Like Mother Teresa we can reflect :

Jesus is the Hungry - to be fed.
Jesus is the Thirsty - to be satiated.
Jesus is the Naked - to be clothed.
Jesus is the Homeless - to be taken in.
Jesus is the Sick - to be healed.
Jesus is the Lonely - to be loved.
Jesus is the Unwanted - to be wanted.
Jesus is the Leper - to wash his wounds.
Jesus is the Beggar - to give him a smile.
Jesus is the Drunkard - to listen to him.
Jesus is the Mental - to protect him.
Jesus is the Little One - to embrace him.
Jesus is the Blind - to lead him.
Jesus is the Dumb - to speak for him.
Jesus is the Crippled - to walk with him.
Jesus is the Drug Addict - to befriend him.
Jesus is the Prisoner - to be visited.
Jesus is the Old - to be served.

Wishing you every blessing for the Lenten Season,

Geraldine Rostirolla
(Principal)

Religious Education

PUT ON LOVE – A PRAYER

In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our choices, to pray more deeply, to experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, to become aware of the needs of others, to be generous in our support of those around us and to love one another as God loves us.

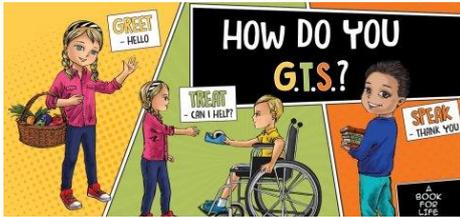
*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, meekness and patience.
Bear with one another and,
If anyone has a complaint against another,
Forgive each other;
Just as God has forgiven you, so you must also forgive.
Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
Which binds everything together in utmost harmony.*
(Colossians 3:12-14)



God, You gave us your son, Jesus, the perfect model of a loving life.
Teach us to see the world through his eyes;
To reach out to one another with his hands;
And to walk the path of justice with his feet.
Amen

MJR - MAKING JESUS REAL

MJR is not a program and it is not just something that we 'do' or learn about in our classrooms or school. It is a way of living that brings the presence of Jesus into our everyday language, actions and relationships. MJR promotes friendliness, peacefulness, understanding and acceptance. It encourages us to be fair and to accept responsibility for our attitude, behaviour and choices.



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This term our focus has been **GREET, SPEAK, TREAT**. This asks us to welcome and include others, speak and act with kindness and respect, and treat others as we would like to be treated. It has been great to see lots of cheery smiles and hear "Good Morning", "Please", "Thank you", "You can play", and "I'll help you" all around the school.

"One smile can start a friendship. One word can end a fight. One look can show your care. One person can change your life." (Unknown)

When linked to our school motto, **God is With Us**, core values (Faith, Love, Dignity, Respect, Justice, Honesty), Virtues of the Fortnight and Catholic Social Teachings, our students are learning that they can be the face, hands and feet of Jesus on earth today. Keep up the great work everyone.



NEW DATE - SCHOOL MASS

Unfortunately our School Mass that was due to be celebrated this morning had to be postponed. A new date for this Mass will be advertised when confirmed by Fr Stephen.

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 food supply and ability to earn an income?

Last week we sold 100 dozen fluffy chicks and raised \$1200. An AMAZING EFFORT which will buy 1200 'real chicks' for families in Cambodia. Thank you everyone. The class that bought the most chicks will lead the school in the Chicken Dance at Assembly tomorrow. It should be lots of fun.

FLUFFY CHICKS



for Real Chicks

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.

Help us answer God's call to love others and to care for His beautiful world by supporting WOW Wednesdays this Lent.

Our second WOW Wednesday was held yesterday and we are happy to report that lots of families took the opportunity to pack lunches in reusable containers. Thank you everyone. We are really looking forward to seeing what we can do next Wednesday.

EASTER RAFFLE

Students are encouraged to buy tickets in our Easter Raffle. This is a multi-draw raffle with several prizes. All money raised will be forwarded to the missions. Our Year Six leaders will be selling the tickets before school and at lunchtime each day. Tickets are 50 cents each or three for \$1.00. The raffle will be drawn in the last week of school.



COINLINE FUN

Our Coin Line Challenge will be held later in the term. 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. Each class will line up their coin donations. It will be fabulous to see how far our money can go.

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		
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 next 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



Respect is love in action.

(Bangambiki Habyarimana)

We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. We treat others with dignity and accept them for who they are. We honour the opinions and feelings of others and the rules of our family, school and nation. Respect yourself and others will respect you.

Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education

PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

Prep enrolment details for 2021 are NOW required from our existing families. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year born between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 please complete an online enrolment form available from the school website - <https://www.ecps.qld.edu.au/application-for-enrolment.html> by Friday 3 April. It is essential that we have our current families accounted for so as to determine how many positions may be offered to new families seeking enrolment. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the office. Interviews will commence in Term Two.

EFFECTIVE HAND HYGIENE IS VITAL

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve, it is important to remember that effective hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence against viruses and can help prevent the spread of illness.

Lead by example and encourage your children to:

- wash their hands regularly with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- use alcohol-based hand sanitiser if soap is not available
- cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow
- dispose of tissues in the bin immediately
- if they're unwell, stay at home and avoid contact with others such as touching, kissing or hugging.

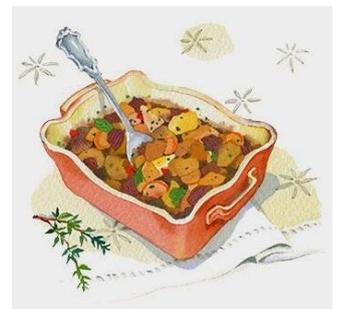
Check out effective handwashing @ [youtube.com/watch?v=NpmB80pWUsk&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpmB80pWUsk&feature=youtu.be)



CASSEROLE CLUB

As you may be aware, 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.



SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Emmanuel's official Facebook page is now Emmanuel Catholic Primary School – Mackay. We will no longer be using the Emmanuel P&F Facebook page. There is another unofficial Emmanuel page which has no affiliation with the school and is not manned by Emmanuel staff. Please look for the logo (pictured) so that you are "liking" the correct page. The link is attached for your convenience.

<https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelCatholicPrimarySchool/>



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A weekend experience for married couples, either going home each evening or living in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship.

Our next live-in weekend will held from **12-14 June 2020** at Ormiston (on Brisbane's bayside).

Our next live-out weekend will be held from **24-25 October 2020** at Indooroopilly (Brisbane inner suburb).

Watch our video - https://drive.google.com/open?id=1rDOV_172EvO9d-yp7y8KDsmMwKbKC5eJ

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456,
dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wvme.org.au

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Parents are asked to please ensure that your current personal details recorded on our school communication systems are up-to-date. It is imperative that these details are updated regularly in order for us to communicate any important information to the school community at all times. We are in constant contact with members of the Diocesan Catholic Education Office so as to ensure the most up-to-date information is shared with our school community, particularly in light of the current issues surrounding the recent outbreak of Coronavirus. Information will be promptly communicated to families as it comes to hand. Please contact the school office, or update your details on Parent Lounge should you need to do so. Should you not be receiving regular information from the school, such as text messages, emails, etc, you are asked to notify reception so that this may be rectified.

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration



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

NAPLAN Online Practice Test

During Week 9 of Term One, students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN Online Practice Test. The NAPLAN Practice Test will be conducted at Emmanuel on Tuesday 24 March. Year 3 and Year 5 students are not being tested at this time, they are operating our technology devices to ensure the school's technical capabilities and the NAPLAN Online Platform are ready in preparation for NAPLAN Online in Term 2.

Tuesday 24 March 2020	
9:00am-10:00am	Year 3 Omnibus (Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation)
11:15am-12:15pm	Year 5 Writing
2:00pm – 2:50pm	Year 5 Omnibus (Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation)

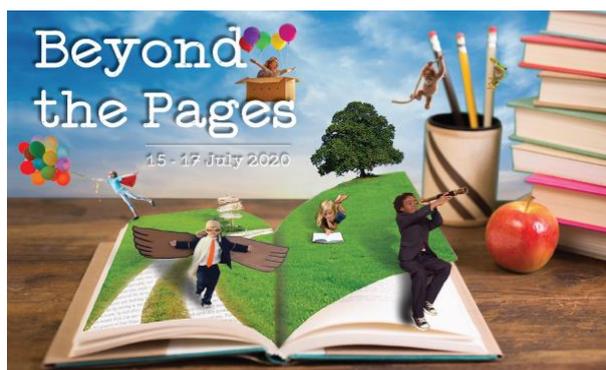
This year a Public Demonstration Site is available and will continue to be updated so as parents can assist their children to prepare for NAPLAN Online at home. The site includes FAQ's; Parent Information and Practice Tests. If you are interested in looking at this site please follow the link provided:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Please encourage your children to visit the practice tests within the Demonstration Site so as they can build their ICT skills as well as becoming familiar with the questions being presented in a digital format. Please note: Year 3 Writing will be completed in paper format.

NAPLAN Online testing dates will take place during Term 2, Tuesday 11 May – Thu 21 May (Weeks 4 and 5). A detailed timetable of NAPLAN Online testing dates will be published in Term 2.

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal: Curriculum



**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 16 Mar - HELP WANTED

Tues 17 Mar - Sandy Brown

Wed 18 Mar - HELP WANTED

Thur 19 Mar - Vicki Brooke

Fri 20 Mar - SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Sports Update

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020

The Emmanuel Swimming Carnival will be held 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. Mrs Miller will accompany these students

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

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 Musiccorp 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

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.

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.



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



PLEASE NOTE:

It is expected that **ALL** students will remain for the duration of the day at the carnival with their class. Should you need to take your child home from the pool, parents **MUST** report to their child's **CLASSROOM TEACHER** to have their name marked off the roll. A parent's signature will be required before children are released. The exception to this is 6S - these students will report to Miss Larissa Kirwan, who will have Mr Steel's class roll for the day.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We have been deeply saddened by the tragic deaths as a result of domestic and family violence. Media reports into this tragedy may have triggered many different emotions for members of our school communities, or indeed made people stop and reflect on the impacts of domestic and family violence. Below is a list of support agencies that can support families experiencing domestic and family violence.

Domestic and Family Violence Support Services:

- o In an emergency call the Police on Triple Zero (000)

DVConnect Womensline	1800 811 811
DVConnect Mensline	1800 600 636
1800RESPECT	1800 737 732
Women's Crisis Line	1800 811 811
Men's Referral Service	1300 766 491
Lifeline (24-hour crisis line)	131 114
Relationships Australia	1300 364 277
Family and Child Connect	133 264
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800

Community News



QUEENSLAND

SURF LIFESAVING JUNIOR LIFESAVER CLINIC

Learn valuable lifesaving skills and have fun in a safe environment.

Monday, 6th of April 2020, 9am – 11am @ **Mackay Harbour Beach**
Wednesday 8th of April 2020, 9am – 11am @ **The Strand**

FREE for children aged 5 – 11 years

Contact: Zoe Breittkreutz
zbreittkreutz@lifesaving.com.au
Register by Friday 3rd of April 2020
limited spaces available





TAILORED COACHING
Fun and safe coaching sessions designed for the skill level of each age group

SILVER FAMILY PASS
New Rookies receive a complimentary Silver Family Pass to a 2020 St George Queensland home game of your choice

MERCH DISCOUNTS
Rookies2Reds clinic participants are eligible for a 10% discount on Rook Merchandise. This offer excludes sale items.

ROOKIES2REDS PACK
All Rookies will receive a pack including the items pictured below



Emmanuel Catholic Primary School

DATES: Thursday 27th February – 26th Thursday March 2020 (Weeks 5 -9)
TIMES: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
AGES: Little Legends (5-7 years)
Junior Champs (8-9 years)
Future Stars (10-12 years)
PRICE: \$60
COORDINATOR DETAILS: Chloe Butler 0468 954 974
Chloe.butler@redsrugby.com.au
TO REGISTER – go to rookie2reds.com.au & enter your school postcode
or go to <https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/1927/reg/subs>

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY FROM ROOKIE2RED TODAY
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PLAY AFL

U12 ½ & U14 ½

All welcome Training
Every Mon & Wed at 4.30pm



Etwell Park
Pattinsons Lane
Bakers Creek

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