



newsletter

20 February 2020

Assembly

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

February

Mon 24: Yr 4
Parent Info Night

Wed 26: 9.45am
Ash Wednesday

Thur 27: Yr 3
Parent Info Night

March

Thurs 12:
School Mass

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

Fri 27: School Disco

April

Fri 3 – Last day of term

Dear Parents,

At times, we all become flustered and frustrated with all the demands our busy lives place on us, so here is a reflection for you – the parents of our students.

The Parents' Beatitudes

Blessed are the parents who make their peace
With spilled milk and mud,
For of such is the kingdom of childhood.

Blessed are the parents who refuse to
Compare their children with others,
For precious unto each is the rhythm of his own growth.

Blessed are the fathers and mothers who have learned to laugh,
For it is the music of a child's world.

Blessed are those parents who understand the goodness of time,
For they make it not a sword that kills growth but a shield to
protect and guide their children.

Blessed are the parents who say no without anger,
For comforting to the child is the security of a firm decision.

Blessed are the parents who treat their children consistently,
For this makes children secure.

Blessed are those parents who accept the
Awkwardness of their growing children,
Letting each grow at their own speed.

Blessed are the parents who are teachable,
For knowledge brings understanding and understanding brings love.

Blessed are the parents who love their children in the midst of a hostile world,
For love is the greatest of all gifts.

COMMUNICATION

Excellent communication between home and school is essential to your child's success. Please communicate directly with your child's teacher as a starting point for communications unless urgent. Phone, email or a note are all appropriate ways of contacting teachers. Please keep the communication open and feel free to discuss your child's progress. A reminder that if choosing to communicate using email, be clear and concise in your communication, please don't expect teachers to respond during the day as they are busy teaching, doing duty and attending meetings. Be patient in waiting for a response; a time frame of 24 hours is acceptable, however do not expect our staff to respond after 5:30pm or on weekends as this is their family time.

The school, as a whole, has a number of ways of communicating information to you – **newsletter, Website, email, text message, Parent Lounge and Emmanuel P&F Facebook**. This plethora of communication avenues leads me to question the need for individual class and/or year level parent Facebook pages that may exist. I must clarify my concerns regarding them:

- Firstly, *no* parent page is to have the name or logo of the school attached to it without explicit permission from the school.

- Secondly, please do not use this form of communication as a forum for airing your concerns about the school, teachers or other students. You will inevitably have others 'weigh in' with their opinions and often the truth of the matter is lost in a sea of complaints and misconceptions.

We are very open and accommodating and will always listen when you have a concern, so I ask you please, if you need further information or clarification on any matter, do not hesitate to call, email or make an appointment.

KINDY CARPARK

Emmanuel families of students from Prep to Year 6 are advised that the Kindy carpark is for the use of **Kindy parents only**. Once again, we thank parents for parking in the designated car parking areas provided, and not in the Kindy carpark, which is for the sole use of Kindergarten families.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal

Religious Education

GARDENING GOD'S WAY

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind, Peace of heart, Peace of soul.

Next to them plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip, Squash indifference, Squash criticism and Squash selfishness.

Then plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful. Lettuce be kind. Lettuce be obedient. Lettuce really love one another.

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turnip for meetings. Turnip for church. Turnip to help one another.

Turnip with a smile and Turnip with determination.

And all gardens need thyme:

**Thyme for each other, Thyme for family, Thyme for friends,
Thyme for prayer and Thyme for God.**

Please help us in our gardens Lord.

(Unknown)



LENT

Lent is one of the major liturgical seasons of the Catholic Church. It is a special time of preparation for Easter. Lent is a time of penance. It is observed with prayer, fasting, abstinence and almsgiving. Lent is about conversion - turning our lives more completely over to Christ and His way of life. It is a quiet season of reflection. The church is draped in violet and praying the Stations of the Cross is a common devotion.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent which continues until Holy Thursday. On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our forehead in the form of a sign of the cross. The ashes are made from the palm leaves left over from last year's Palm Sunday celebrations. They have been dried out and burnt and mixed with some blessed oil. The practice of tracing a sign of the cross dates back to Old Testament times, when ashes were placed on people who consciously desired to turn away from their selfish ways and enter into a more life giving and wholesome relationship with God.

More information on Lent and Ash Wednesday can be found @ <http://www.catholic.org/lent/>

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please join us on Wednesday 26 February for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. It will be held in the Marist Centre at 9:45am. Ashes will be distributed.



PROJECT COMPASSION

"Go Further Together" is the theme of Project Compassion 2020.

This Lent all classrooms will have a Project Compassion collection box and poster. Students will learn about their brothers and sisters around the world who are less fortunate than themselves, and be encouraged to offer their prayers and practical assistance.

Don't be surprised if your child asks you for a job, so they can earn some money to put in the Project Compassion box in their classroom.



For more information, about the work of CARITAS and projects that the 2020 Project Compassion Appeal will support, check out the Caritas Australia website @ <https://lent.caritas.org.au/#blank>

40 ACTS IN 40 DAYS

This Lent I invite you to join me in undertaking a challenge to enrich your life and the lives of others.

"Never see a need without doing something about it." (St Mary of the Cross Mackillop)

Each day of Lent do something to improve the day of someone else. It might be a smile, a welcome, a helping hand, a listening ear, a simple act of kindness, a prayer, your time.

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." (St Teresa of Calcutta)

I think it is a good idea to plan what you are going to do, but be assured that lots of opportunities to help others will arise during Lent. Be open, be spontaneous, be kind.

The second part of this challenge is to appreciate what you have and who you are. To be grateful is to thank God for his many gifts.

"What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?" (Unknown)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A Sacramental information session will be held at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday 4 March at 7:00pm. The parents of students who completed Penance preparation and received the sacrament in 2019 are invited to attend.

If you are new to our School or Parish community in 2020 and your child is eight years or older and you would like for them to enrol in the Sacramental Process, please contact the Parish Office ASAP on 4957 4855.

Parish Sacramental Program - Calendar of Events - Term One 2020		
Information and Registration Evening - Confirmation and Eucharist	St Joseph's Church	Wednesday 4 March at 7:00pm
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



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

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



GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Last Thursday our Year Six School Captains and House Captains attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre.



The group participated in activities which helped them focus on their role as leaders and challenged them to work co-operatively with their peers to have a positive influence on younger students and the wider school community. They explored the 'Three Steps to Leading The Way' and planned their leadership goals for the year. The valuable contribution that all Year Six students will bring to student leadership in 2020 was acknowledged and promoted. A great day was had by all!

Our school leaders will be sharing their experiences with their peers in the coming weeks.

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – FRIENDLINESS

Friendliness is being a friend, through good times and bad. You take an interest in other people and make them feel welcome. You share your belongings, your time and yourself. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness. No one is left out when you are friendly.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." (Maya Angelou)



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



Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education

TERM 1 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

Term 1 School Fee Statements were emailed to all families on Thursday, 6 February, with payment due 20 February. Statements can also be viewed via parent lounge using the 'make a payment' tab from the menu bar and clicking on the paperclip. If you did not receive your statement, please advise the office.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Parent Information evenings are currently taking place, 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 EVENINGS:

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

Year Four: Monday 24th February - Year 4 classroom

STUDENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND OTHER INFORMATION COLLECTION NOTICE

Student residential addresses are collected annually by the Australian Government and used to inform school funding calculations.

The Government has announced the opening of the 2020 Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection and provided details on this annual practice which you will find attached. We are legally required to complete the address collection in accordance with the Australian Education Regulation 2013 (Cth) (Regulation). The collection is undertaken each year and is used to inform Commonwealth school education policy and to help ensure Commonwealth funding arrangements for non-government schools are based on need and are fair and transparent.

What do you need to do? Nothing!!! We are responsible for providing the requested details to the department, however, it is important that we have the most up-to-date and correct details for your family. If you have any changes to your details, please contact the school.

EMAIL ISSUES

We are receiving reports of some parents and school community members using Microsoft email services (including hotmail.com, outlook.com, live.com.au), receiving bounce error messages when replying to or sending emails to Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton recipients (email addresses ending in @rok.catholic.edu.au).

We have escalated this issue with support teams at Microsoft, and hope that these issues will be rectified as soon as possible. You may also want to check any junk or spam settings in your email client for anything that may be preventing sending emails. You can also add our school contact email into your email contacts list or Safe Senders list and this will increase your chance of a successful email.

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

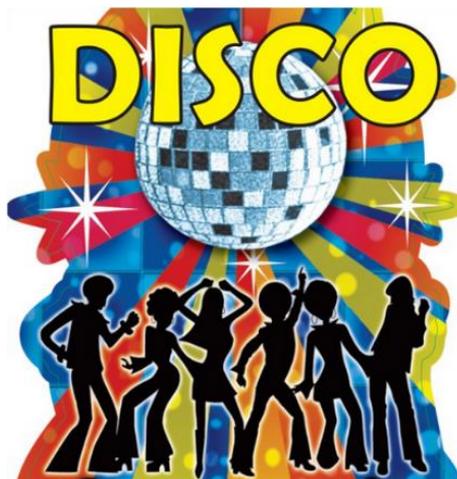
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Thank you to the parents that attended our first P&F meeting for 2020 on Tuesday evening. It was lovely to see some new faces in attendance. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing committee for their time and commitment and extend a warm welcome to our new committee members.



2020 Committee

President – Mrs Sonja Coburn
Vice President – Mr Paul Shepherd
Treasurer – Mrs Karen Spencer
Secretary – Mrs Ciane Rodgers & Mrs Melanie Hudson



Save the Date!
Emmanuel P&F
School Disco
Friday 27 March
6.00 – 7.30pm



TUCKSHOP ROSTER – WEEK 5

Mon 24 Feb – Mrs Jean Grima

Tues 25 Feb – Rachel Worth

Wed 26 Feb – Renae Borg

Thur 27 Feb – Nicci Lewis

Fri 28 Feb – Peta Drury

Diana Camilleri

Teresa Crowe

Emmanuel Catholic Primary School

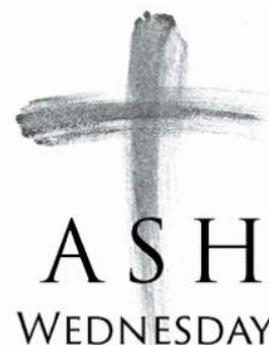
TUCKSHOP



ASH WEDNESDAY

Please note that fish, fish on a roll and fish & salad roll will be available to purchase next Wednesday February 26. These items will be available for both recess and lunch.

Curriculum Corner



SCHOOL PRIORITIES AND GOALS

This week's goal is also linked to the second of the four strategic planning domains that was mentioned in last week's Newsletter, which is, **Effective Teaching and Learning**.

2.2 That our school has a feedback culture of continuous improvement, which builds a school wide team of professional highly able teachers who use data and evidence-based teaching strategies to support deep student learning.

Goal for 2020: In 2020, teachers will adopt a consistent and purposeful model at Professional Learning Teams to analyse and improve student outcomes.

Strategies

- Implement Professional Learning Communities
- Provide PLC's Professional Development – Student Free Day with Gavin Grift
- Continue mentoring and walk-throughs as part of our feedback culture
- Include student growth targets as part of PLC practices and discussions
- Teachers meet with Assistant Principal Curriculum to identify the area of student growth that will be the focus of their PLC conversations
- Include clear meaningful targets that teachers can use at a class level
- Reflect on pedagogical practices that support student improvement
- Build teacher capacity through conversation and sharing of pedagogical practices and strategies

Research now indicates that the most effective way to improve student outcomes is to build the capacity of teachers. Teacher capacity is most effectively developed, through the development of teacher efficacy; teachers learning from one another, and working collaboratively, driven by a common purpose to achieve goals through agreed practices.

The teachers at Emmanuel are all committed to developing our school into a Professional Learning Community (PLC), which means we are a community of educators committed to working collaboratively in ongoing processes of inquiry and action research in order to achieve better results for the students we serve. The introduction of Professional Learning Teams (PLT's) in 2020 allows teachers to work on their core business and what matters most to them. Within their teams teachers are working together, interdependently to analyse the impact of their professional impact in order to improve their individual and collective practice to strengthen individual and collective results.

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal: Curriculum

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.

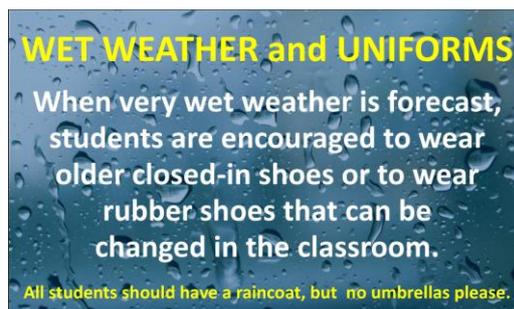
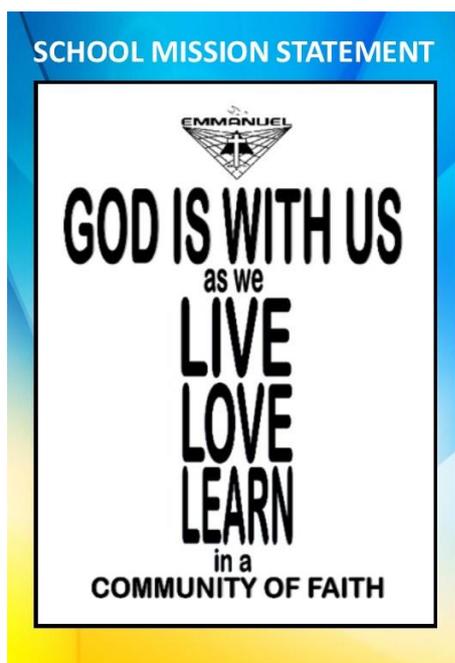


MUSICORP

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.



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