



# newsletter

10 February 2022

## Term One

**School Mass**  
TBC

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
2 March

**National Day of  
Action Against  
Bullying and Violence**  
18 March

**Diocesan Feast Day  
St Joseph the Worker**  
19 March

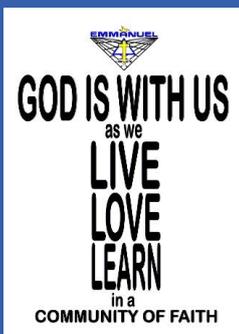
**Harmony Day**  
21 March

**Earth Hour for Schools**  
25 March

**Last day of Term One**  
31 March

**PUPIL FREE DAY**  
**Bishop's Inservice Day**  
1 April

## OUR SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT



Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that your time spent together as a family over the Christmas holidays was a very relaxing and enjoyable one for you all. Despite the delay in return to school, our first official day of school went very smoothly and I thank all parents for the 'behind the scenes' work and the expense that went into 'readying' the students for school. So too, I thank our staff for their own thorough preparations to ensure a smooth start for one and all. We have begun the new school year with 575 students which includes 81 Prep students.

It is wonderful to be back and to see lots of familiar faces among parents and students. It has also been great to meet new parents and students who have joined our Emmanuel family for the first time. There is always some anxiety and nerves when approaching a new school year, but I am sure that you will find our school community to be a welcoming and friendly place. I hope that your association with Emmanuel Catholic Primary School is a long and fruitful one.

In 2022 we see a number of new faces in the staff at Emmanuel:

- **Mrs Jancey Jansen** who has joined us from Education Qld. Jancey brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience as a classroom teacher. Jancey will be teaching within our Year 3 co-hort.
- **Miss Dayna Giarrusso** completed her teaching degree through James Cook University and for the past two years has been teaching in Ayr. Dayna will be teaching alongside her colleagues in Year 5.
- **Miss Thea Crathorne** who completed her teaching degree last year and taught Year 4 at Emmanuel in the final term of 2021. This year, Thea will be teaching in Prep.

We wish our new staff all the best for the year ahead and look forward to supporting them in their role as educators.

I would like to congratulate and thank all parents for your co-operation with parking and traffic procedures. Thank you also to those parents who are using the laminated name cards in their vehicles which assists us in enabling ease of communication allowing for the smooth flow of traffic. Pick up time is always a challenging time and it is important that everyone is patient when in the queue at the Stop, Drop and Go. Modelling patience sets a great example for your children to follow. A reminder to parents whose children access the **Outside School Hours Care** service of an afternoon that parking in the Staff Carpark at the back of the Administration Building and within the designated Administration Carpark at the front of the school is **NOT PERMITTED**. Parking is provided within the Stop, Drop and Go area when collecting children in the afternoon.

May 2022 be a year filled with many blessings and opportunities to realise the potential of our community – parents, staff and students.

## Patience and Perseverance in the time of Covid

*The super hero movies got it wrong. Think of pandemic disaster movies you may have seen. Disease threatens world, people drop dead in the streets, a small band of (criticised) scientists develop radical new antidote, hero, with small band of friends, utilise the antidote and save the world. The first step is true of Covid, but the rest isn't. Scientists across the world had been working on vaccines for coronaviruses for well over a decade. The appearance of Covid just sped up the process...and, largely, they co-operated with each other. The application was not by superheros but by our public health system and the wide acceptance of public health practices by ordinary people – you and me. We may criticise and question how things have been done, and we have often been exasperated but note this. In terms of deaths per million, Australia is tracking 155th in the nations of the world\*. And this figure is made up of deaths both by Covid and with Covid. We are doing better than we think.*

*It will be good to ponder this as your children return to school with a whole new set of inconvenient and sometimes difficult guidelines.*

*Where could we see God in all of this? Beneath the surface, sustaining your patience, supporting our resilience. What you have gone through is not what you would have imagined of yourself two years ago. This pandemic has not been one of drama. It has been one of the discomfort of masks, the boredom of zoom sessions and the occasional difficult conversation with those who disagree with you. Yet you have persevered, you have been patient. God has been with you, and as this new school year begins with its own new discomforts, may you find God continuing to sustain you.*

*Loving God, you know the challenges we face in caring for our families with all the difficulties of Covid. Send your gracious Spirit to sustain us in wisdom, patience and love. We ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear us.*

Sr Kym Harris osb  
Tanby, Yeppoon.

\*See <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>. This website gains its material largely from the health departments of countries and states. Its statistics are trusted by universities like Johns Hopkins and Oxford.

## REMINDERS

A reminder to parents of the processes and procedures that are currently in place for the coming weeks.

If you need to enter the school grounds in the coming weeks you must...

- Use the QR codes as you enter the grounds – these are placed outside each classroom
- Use the hand sanitizer provided if entering a classroom
- Parents are asked to continue to follow the **mask wearing** and **social distancing guidelines 1.5m**, as displayed around our school at present.
- Be mindful **not to gather inside classrooms** – if you need to enter, please be 1.5m from each other. Only 5 adults are to be in classrooms at any time.
- Parents are asked to **not congregate outside classrooms**. Once students have been collected, it is important that everyone exits the school grounds – this is not an opportunity for anyone to socialise or for younger siblings to play.
- Parents are encouraged to use the **pick-up and drop-off zone** to alleviate any congestion.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult and trying times.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week.

Geraldine Rostirolla  
(Principal)

### WHOSE CHILD IS THIS? – A Reflection

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day  
Seeing a little one out at play  
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile  
"Mine to keep a little while  
To bathe his hands and comb his hair  
To tell him what he is to wear  
To prepare him that he may always be good  
And each day do the things he should."

"Whose child is this?" I asked again  
As the door opened and someone came in  
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile  
"Mine, to keep just for a little while  
To teach him how to be gentle and kind  
To inspire and direct his dear little mind  
To help him live by every rule  
And get the best he can from school."

"Whose child is this?" I ask once more  
Just as the little one entered the door  
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they smiled  
And each took the hand of the little child  
"Ours to love and nurture together  
Ours this blessed task forever."

(Author Unknown)

We acknowledge parents as the primary educators of their children and look forward to working in partnership with all of our families in 2022.

***"You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things for God."***  
(St Teresa of Calcutta - Mother Teresa)

### CELEBRATING THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

At this time of the year, we are usually preparing for a number of important liturgical and milestone celebrations in our school community – Year Six Leadership Induction (a celebration of and commitment to student leadership and presentation of medals to school and house captains), Ash Wednesday and our Opening School Mass.

Unfortunately, due to ongoing COVID restrictions in Queensland schools and direction from our Catholic Education Office, we are not able to host these celebrations/activities at this time. We are looking for new and exciting ways to celebrate. More details to follow.



## MAKING JESUS REAL

MJR emphasises the spirituality of the everyday, so lots of the things we do each day and week are Making Jesus Real in the world today. Every time we greet, speak and treat others with respect and kindness; use good manners; welcome, encourage and include others; say 'Sorry' and 'Thank you'; take responsibility for our words and actions; and treat those around us how we would like to be treated, we share the love of Jesus and live as He taught us to.



What will you do this week to Make Jesus Real in your home, workplace and community?

## 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. 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.

All families are encouraged to take up this challenge and help us to achieve our goal of 'Bin Free' Wednesdays. Our first WOW Wednesday will be next week on Wednesday 4 March.

## MINI VINNIES RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Our Mini Vinnies group challenges everyone to once again make a difference by recycling containers brought to school in lunchboxes and purchased at the tuckshop. By putting plastic bottles, Glee cans and popper boxes into the recycling bins near the tuckshop and in the P-2 eating area we can help others and the environment.



A big THANK YOU to the many students who have already started recycling these containers.



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Blessed are they who trust in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Christ is raised, the first fruits.

Luke 6:17. 20-26

The beginning of the Sermon on the Plain (Mount).

For weekly Gospel readings, reflections and meditations go to <http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au/>

Download this week's parish bulletin @ <https://rok.catholic.net.au/parish/mackay-st-josephs/#>

For Parish News, updates and to book for weekend Masses go to the **Catholic Parishes of North Mackay and Farleigh** Facebook page.

## 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

Please use the QLD QR Code check-in app when attending Mass.



## VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – CO-OPERATION

Co-operation is working together for the good of everyone. It is a willingness to respect others and to follow rules which keep everyone safe and happy. Co-operation is being helpful to one another, sharing the load. It is joining others in order to do something that cannot be done alone.

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.* (Helen Keller)



Noeleen Kliese  
Assistant Principal Religious Education

## Curriculum Corner

Welcome to the 2022 School Year!

Many of you would have read several helpful hints to support your child's successful transition into the new school year and I would like to thank you for preparing your children so as they are feeling ready and keen for the school year ahead. Although stationery; new uniforms and lunchboxes are very important tools to instil a preparedness for school within our children, I would like to share with you one of the most important tools you can provide for a successful school year...READ

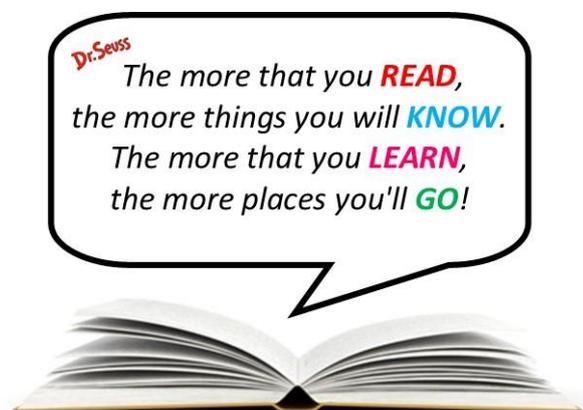
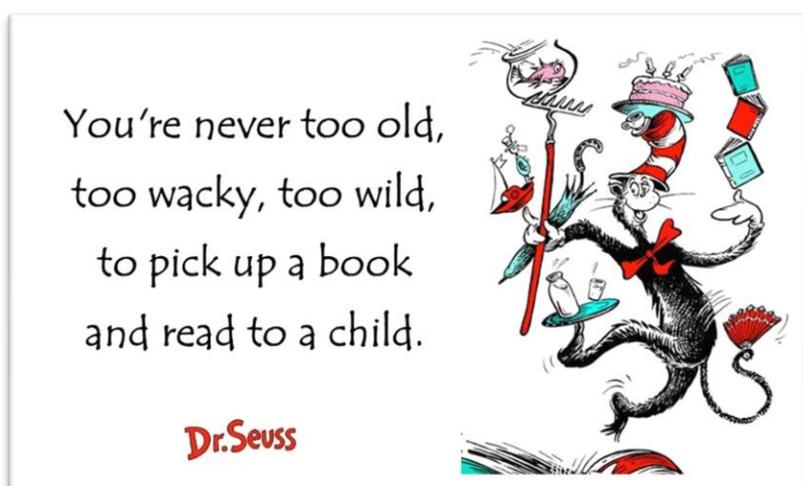
The proven benefits of Reading with your child are:

- Relationship Building: Reading is a relationship and it is the bond between children and parents that is enhanced through reading together. It only takes 20 mins a day to build this relationship.
- Children's reading improves: Research is conclusive – when parents support teachers with their child's reading habits learning outcomes improve.
- Children read more: Students who read with their parents are better prepared for school. They begin school with knowledge of book language and familiarity with concepts of print.
- Children's self-esteem improves: knowing someone cares enough to take time out of a busy day to provide undivided attention around a book makes a significant difference to how students perceive themselves as learners and readers
- Reading unites families through shared stories: When a family reads together, stories form a common ground for communicating. Stories bind families and help students make sense of where they fit in the world.

Not only does parent involvement have a specific and profound impact on children's reading, but also on children's language and literacy learning in general. It is through interactions with parents and carers that children learn new vocabulary, seek clarification of new understandings, and to learn to comprehend their expanding worlds. Talk is the key to reading and writing success. Talking with children (walking to school; at the table; in the car; bedtime) has a significant effect on literacy learning in general.

At Emmanuel, all classrooms begin the day with reading, this time is known as the "Read to Self" component of our Daily 5 practice. During this time children are encouraged to read a book for enjoyment to encourage all children to foster a love for reading. We have feedback from many parents since introducing this routine two years ago that many students have developed or rekindled their love of reading. Research shows that regular reading routines such as this at home and school turn children from being able to read into "avid readers".

If you would like further information about supporting your child's reading at home please contact me via the front office.



## YEAR 4 CHROMBOOK PARENT NIGHT POSTPONED

---



At this stage the Year 4 Chromebook Parent Night is postponed due to current Catholic Education Office Guidelines limiting face to face parent meetings. The format of this night will be reviewed and a new date will be set later in the Term for a meeting early in Term 2.

Early next week all Year 4 students will take home a "Student/Parent User Agreement" to be signed and returned to school. We are aiming to hand out student Chromebooks in the Week beginning 28 February 2022. Students will only receive their Chromebook if Student/Parent User Agreements are signed and returned and the deposit for the Chromebook has been received.

**Janine Refalo**  
*Assistant Principal Curriculum*

## STUDENT PROTECTION SCHOOL CONTACTS

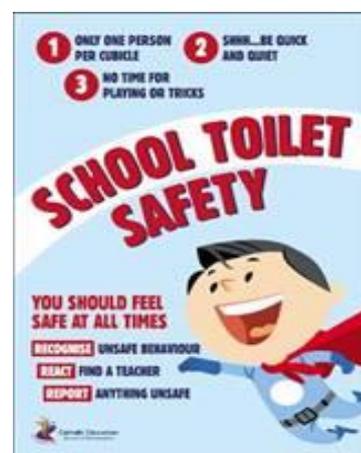
At Emmanuel any concerns or reasonable suspicions about a student's safety and wellbeing or the behaviour of a staff member or volunteer which a student considers to be inappropriate, will continue to be managed in accordance with Rockhampton Catholic Education Student Protection Processes. The Student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

Geraldine Rostirolla (Principal)  
Noeleen Kliese (APRE)  
Kristy Flor (School Counsellor)  
TBA (OSHC Co-ordinator)

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

At Emmanuel we have lots of volunteers, parents and contractors visiting our school each week. Therefore, it is important that we provide toilet facilities for their use. From a student protection perspective, **we ask that parents do not use the student toilets.** There are two toilets designated for the use of all parents, toddlers and visitors. These are the disabled toilets which are located at the back of the Library and beside F Block (Year 6 Classrooms and OSHC room) and at the end of R Block (Year 1 Classrooms). There is a yellow sign on the doors of these toilets advising parents that they are welcome to use this facility.



## STOP DROP GO ZONE

Please pass this important information onto anyone who may drop off and collect your child/ren from school.

When using the Stop, Drop, and Go area please remember to:

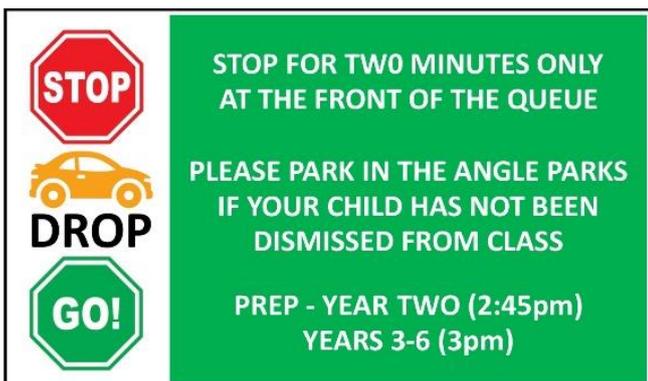
- Only Turn LEFT in and out of the school driveway – NO RIGHT TURN IN OR OUT!
- Adhere strictly to the 10 km/h speed limit
- Display your laminated school name-card on your sun-visor so that teachers can easily call for your child as quickly as possible
- Ensure your child is ready for drop-off in the morning (bag packed; shoes on; hat on head, etc)
- Move to the angle parks if your child is late or you need to buckle your child into their car-seat, rather than holding up the whole line.
- **PLEASE DO NOT VACATE YOUR CAR AT ANY TIME IN THE QUEUE.**

If you have students in Years 3-6 please delay pick-up until after 3.00pm. PLEASE DO NOT QUEUE BEFORE THIS TIME. This will allow these older students sufficient time to make their way to the collection point and minimise your wait time in the queue. If you arrive earlier than 3.00pm we ask that you park in the angle parks provided within this area. School staff will ask parents to move on if necessary, and we thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

We remind you to be considerate of the residents and shopkeepers along Tolcher Street and Pioneer Street. Please do not block driveways or access to these properties. Please do not park in the bike lane and get out of your car to collect your child.



**Please remember to display your family name card in the windscreen of the car when picking up students.**



## **ANAPHYLAXIS AWARENESS**

---

Parents should be aware there are a number of students at the school who are anaphylactic. Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen to which they are sensitive.

There are many potential allergens that can result in an anaphylactic attack, however the most common (and most publicised) are nuts and eggs.

Schools have a duty of care to take reasonable steps to keep students safe at school. With regard to anaphylaxis procedures, our school ensures we meet our duty of care by:

- Training staff in the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and how to respond in the event of an anaphylactic attack.
- Ensuring a general use Epipen is available for use by first time anaphylactic sufferers.
- Ensuring Individual Action Plans and individual Epipens are available in an emergency, when they have been provided by parents.
- Communicating known allergens to camp staff if anaphylactic students are attending camp.
- Encouraging parents of relevant year levels not to bring known allergens if a severe anaphylactic is present in that year level.
- Encouraging all parents not to send food containing the most common allergens.

The school cannot and does not claim to be nut or egg free. It is not advised schools do this, because a school has no day-to-day control over what food is placed in lunch boxes in the home and is not in a position to be checking lunch boxes during the school day and determining what the ingredients of all items in the lunch box are. **However, we do request that parents avoid sending products that contain nuts or eggs to school.**



Exposure to allergens is impossible to manage in public places (such as a school); the most effective risk management procedures with regard to anaphylaxis are:

- Parents of anaphylactic children educating their child so that, as they become more independent they are more likely to identify their own signs and symptoms of an anaphylactic emergency and raise the alarm.
- Parents of anaphylactic children educating their child about their allergies and how to minimize the risk of exposure (such as not sharing food or utensils if allergic to food, or precautions outdoors if allergic to insects).

### **IMPORTANT: ALL PARENTS PLEASE READ**

**It is also requested that parents of anaphylactic children:**

- **Notify the school of the student's allergies and risk of anaphylaxis and provide appropriate medical information.**
- **Ensure that the school is notified of changes to the student's medical condition or medication order.**
- **Ensure the student has an anaphylaxis emergency kit which includes their Action Plan completed by the student's doctor and the student's personal adrenaline auto-injector.**
- **Monitor the expiry date of the student's adrenaline auto-injector and replace if used and before it reaches its expiry date.**

Your support with such procedures is truly appreciated and will greatly enhance the creation of a safe learning environment for the increasing number of children who are enrolled with life threatening allergies.

## **BIRTHDAYS AND TREATS AT SCHOOL**

---

Here at Emmanuel, we like to acknowledge children's birthdays at school. Teachers do this by providing a birthday sticker for students and the class sings "Happy Birthday." Birthdays are also acknowledged every second Friday at our whole-school Assembly. When it comes to providing birthday treats from home, we need to be mindful of the amount of sugar children are consuming, as well as food allergies and intolerances. If parents wish to acknowledge a birthday at school, they are asked to provide only healthy food options such as fruit platters (eg: pieces of watermelon). Cakes laden with icing/lollies, bags of lollies and iceblocks are discouraged at school and should be reserved for birthday parties. Unfortunately, we do not have the freezer space to store iceblocks.

Parents are also asked to NOT send whole class treats (such as chocolates/marshmallows/candy canes) for events such as Easter, Christmas, End of Year. This practice puts teachers in a difficult position when students are unable to partake of treats due to food allergies. **You can also appreciate that some parents are not happy for their child to consume unknown foods, and for this reason parents are asked to be mindful and respect the decision which has been made by the school for the safety and wellbeing of all students.**

## **STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA**

---

If your child identifies as having Asthma, we require you to complete the Asthma Student Information Sheet for 2022. Please complete the form sent home on Monday and return to the school office by Wednesday 16 February.

It is important that we update this information each year to comply with Workplace Health and Safety Policies and provide your child with the care and attention they require.



Thank you to those who have already supplied their child's Asthma Action Plan, however we do still require you to complete this form which will be attached to your child's Action Plan.

If your child, no longer suffers from Asthma, please contact our Administration Secretaries by emailing [enm@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enm@rok.catholic.edu.au) to update your child's details.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

---

A big **THANK YOU** to the vast majority of parents who have ensured that students have returned to school in the correct uniform. Please find below the school's expectations regarding hairstyles and jewellery. **Since returning from holidays there are some students who are in breach of these guidelines. We ask that you read carefully and ensure that students meet expectations by Monday 14 February.**

### **HAIR GUIDELINES**

HAIRSTYLES ARE TO BE APPROPRIATE FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT

Students attending Emmanuel are expected to wear their uniform in a way which reflects pride in their school and in their own personal appearance. Accordingly,

- Hairstyles should be appropriate to this expectation – extreme hairstyles are not acceptable.
- Hair should be clean, brushed and generally neat – not unruly.

## **NOT PERMITTED:**

- Variations to hair colour
- Cut less than gauge three
- Boys' hair longer than collar length and fringe past the forehead
- Spiked cuts
- Wedge cuts
- Track cuts
- Multiple braiding
- Rat's Tail
- Mullet Cuts

If hair bands or scrunchies are to be worn, they are to be gold or blue of the school colours. No decorative hair bands are to be worn.

IF PARENTS ARE UNSURE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM OR HAIR STYLE REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR CLARIFICATION OR REFER TO OUR WEBSITE FOR [UNIFORM GUIDELINES](#).

## **JEWELLERY AT SCHOOL**

As per the Uniform List:

- Girls are permitted to wear only small 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.
- Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.
- A small cross and chain around the neck is permitted, preferably long enough to be worn inside the uniform for safety purposes.
- Rings are not permitted under any circumstances.
- NO Smiggles brand wristwatch to be worn.

## **ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

If a child is absent from school, it is imperative that the school is notified. There are two options for notification.

Firstly, in the case of a planned absence (eg: holidays, eisteddfod) a note to the teacher outlining the date/s of absence would suffice.

In the event of a sudden absence (eg: sickness) a phone call to the school is required.

**PLEASE NOTE THE ABSENTEE NUMBER IS 4994 8256.** This is a direct line and is available 24 hours a day.

It is very important that parents notify the school BEFORE 9.00am each day if their child is absent. If notification is not received, a text message alerting parents that their child has been marked absent will be sent.

All students arriving late, or leaving early, are required to be signed in/out of the office by a parent or guardian.

**ABSENT FROM SCHOOL HOTLINE**

49948256

**DIRECT LINE - AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY**

WHEN YOU CALL YOU WILL BE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:  
YOUR NAME, STUDENT'S NAME, CLASS, DATE OF ABSENCE, REASON FOR ABSENCE

## **PARENT HANDBOOK**

---

A copy of the Parent Handbook, with all of the above information and more, will be available on Parent Lounge. **Parent Lounge login details were emailed to all new families yesterday.**

## **STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

---

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their peers as Student Representatives for Term One.

- 6K Gabi Stehbens and Ben Tickle
- 6S Ella Fry and Elijah Sehl
- 6T Charli Piper-Green and Dainyn Misztela

## **BIKE SAFETY**

---



It is great to see that some of our students are riding their bikes to school.

Parents can you please ensure that your cyclist has a lock for their bike and knows how to use it. It might be a good idea to have a practise at home and a reminder to lock the bike at school.

**Karla Falzon**  
*Assistant Principal Administration*



## Sporting News

After an extended holiday for most of our students, it is with great joy we can finally welcome everyone back to school and into a jam-packed sporting term.

With the delayed start to the year, trials begin in earnest in the first week! Please discuss the following list of events with your child. It will be crucial students collect and return permission notes before closing dates to ensure they do not miss out on their opportunity. Students will be notified via the morning bulletin when notes become available for collection. These notes will be available from me each day during lunch eating periods.

Sport	Nominations Close	Trial Date	Level	Type
Swimming	9 February	11 February	Mackay District	Time Trial
Basketball	9 February	11 February	Northern Suburbs	Trial
Hockey	11 February	11 February	Northern Suburbs	Paper Nomination
Squash	21 February	21 February	Mackay District	Paper Nomination
Netball	16 February	22 February	Northern Suburbs	Trial
AFL	23 February	23 February	Mackay District	Paper Nomination
Touch Football	18 February	25 February	Northern Suburbs	Trial
Rugby League	28 February	4 March	Northern Suburbs	Trial
Cross Country	n/a	10 March	Northern Suburbs	Trial
Golf	16 March	16 March	Capricornia	Paper Nomination
Soccer	18 March	25 March	Northern Suburbs	Trial



Once again, this year, students are offered the opportunity to prepare and qualify for the Emmanuel Cross Country Team. Qualifying students will compete in the Northern Suburbs Cross Country competition on Thursday 10 March. Upon completing our school trials, I will provide further information regarding Northern Suburbs to qualifying athletes. Emmanuel's trial will take place on Friday 4 March.

Term One also offers students the opportunity to participate in a Wednesday Afternoon Touch Football competition held at the Norris Road touch football fields. The competition is an opportunity for students to play against other schools in the region alongside their peers. Games commence Wednesday 2 March and conclude Wednesday 30 March. Notes were distributed on Tuesday, **nominations close Wednesday 16 February.**

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on my school email: [luke\\_dodson@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:luke_dodson@rok.catholic.edu.au)

**Luke Dodson**  
HPE Teacher

facebook

Stay connected with us by following our [Facebook](#) page for regular updates, photos and stories

## From the Office

### UPDATING DETAILS

---

If there have been any changes to your contact details (e.g. address, phone number, email address) please update these in Parent Lounge. This will ensure that you are up to date and receiving all correspondence from our school.

### FORMS TO BE COMPLETED

---

A number of forms were sent home with all students on Monday. **It is important that these forms are completed and returned to the class teacher promptly.**

#### FAMILY INFORMATION FORM

#### INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY FORM (ICT)

Please find attached to this Newsletter copies of the *Information and Communication Technologies Code of Practice* (Prep - Year 2 and Years 3-6). Parents are asked to please read and discuss these with your child/children. The ICT form then needs to be signed and returned to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience. If it is not returned, students will not be able to access the computers until you have done so. If you have already signed and returned the form to your child's teacher, please ensure you read the *Code of Practice* carefully and discuss this with your child.

#### CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT FORM

This form was handed out to any family who did not return the form last year. It is light green in colour. Please complete and return this form ASAP as it is required for you to receive your family discount. **Single student families are still required to return the form.**

#### TUCKSHOP FORM AND MENU

The 2022 Tuckshop menu and a note requesting tuckshop volunteers was distributed to the eldest child in each family. Please consider helping – your support is very much appreciated. Please be aware that COVID requirements for volunteers in school apply.

### 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.

## Tuckshop News

Welcome back to the Emmanuel Tuckshop 2022.

We hope everyone has been able to access our online menu via QuickClik online, and that all returning students have had their new teacher and classroom details updated.

In order to comply with COVID requirements, we have made a few changes to tuckshop procedures. All cold items will now be sent to classrooms in the tuckshop boxes. This has also meant some changes to the ordering process.



**On QuickClik we have added dropdown boxes that list available flavours for drinks, yoghurts etc. Please click on the flavour required so that your child is not disappointed with his/her tuckshop.**



Please consider volunteering in the tuckshop, even for just a few hours just one day a month. We rely on the generous support of parents and grandparents to operate and all helpers are very much appreciated. Lunch is provided, no experience is necessary, it's a friendly environment and the children love to see a parent or grandparent helping at school.

If you are able to assist in the tuckshop this year, please send in the relevant form as soon as possible so a roster can be organised. Proof of vaccination is required (Queensland Government mandate).

Please Note: It is imperative that volunteers **DO NOT** attend tuckshop if they are unwell, have anyone at home who is unwell or have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19.

Thank you and wishing you all a wonderful year ahead.

**Angie and Carly**  
*Tuckshop*

## Uniform Shop

A big THANK YOU to Charlotte Doumergue and Samantha Percival who have kindly volunteered to open the Uniform Shop each week. Lots of second-hand uniforms for sale. Lots of sizes.



**Due to ongoing COVID restrictions for schools in Queensland and Catholic Education guidelines**

**THERE WILL BE NO FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES OR LARGE GATHERINGS OF STUDENTS AND PARENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## **EMMANUEL HOCKEY**



**The 2022 school hockey season is upon us and we are looking for girls and boys to fill our teams in U7, U9 and U12 divisions.**

**New and returning players, please contact Brook Desbois on [ecpshockey@gmail.com](mailto:ecpshockey@gmail.com)**



Inspire. Encourage. Achieve.

## 2022 NETBALL SEASON

TRAINING HELD EITHER WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY AT EMMANUEL  
SCHOOL NETBALL COURTS

**FINAL REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 11TH FEB 2021.**

GRADING IS ON SAT 12TH FEB FOR U12'S & U14'S.

DIVISION	AGE GROUP	BORN
SET	7 - 8 YEAR OLDS	2014 - 2015
GO	9 - 10 YEAR OLDS	2012 - 2013
12 & UNDER	11 - 12 YEAR OLDS	2010 - 2011
14 & UNDER	13 - 14 YEAR OLDS	2008 - 2009

To register or find out more information, email to  
[saintsnetballclubmky@gmail.com](mailto:saintsnetballclubmky@gmail.com)



WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IS YOU

Specialist Teacher (PE / Arts)

MacKillop Catholic Primary School, Andergrove

Applications are now invited for the rewarding position of Specialist Teacher (PE / Arts). This is a part time (16hpw) contract commencing in Term 1, 2022 until 15 January 2023.

Visit our website and apply today

[www.rok.catholic.edu.au](http://www.rok.catholic.edu.au)

Applications close, 5pm 13 February 2022

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



**CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION**  
DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON