



newsletter

21 April 2022

Term Two

**ANZAC Prayer
Celebration**

Friday 22 April

ANZAC Day

Monday 25 April

Labour Day Holiday

Monday 2 May

Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 5 May

Mother's Day Picnic

Friday 6 May

NAPLAN

10-20 May

School Photo's

24 – 25 May

**Sacrament of
Confirmation**

26/27 May

Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 15 June

**Mackay Show
Holiday**

Thursday 16 June

OUR SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT



Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the time spent with your family and found the faith experiences of the Easter celebrations to be a special time for you. I also hope that you had the opportunity to reinforce the real meaning of Easter and eggs and the new life and hope they represent. It was wonderful to see the safe return of our students filled with great stories of Easter holiday adventures. I wish everyone in our school community a tremendous term ahead in which we can all live out our motto: "God With Us."

The Easter message is one of hope; hope amidst cruel injustice. It is this one, small word that will carry us through difficulties that accompany each person's journey. Our staff express their hope for our students in their own impressive work ethic and positive approach to their jobs. I am encouraged by the people I work with and become changed by them. My hope is that I am not changed to the detriment of offering hope to others and that I work hard to make a positive difference.

On Monday Emmanuel will join with thousands of others throughout Australia in celebrating Anzac Day. I don't know what it is but when I hear *The Ode* and the playing of *The Last Post*, I find the hairs on the back of my neck stand up and I have an overwhelming sense of pride and emotion. It is a relatively new experience in so much as I cannot recall feeling the same way as a child or young adult.

The tradition of attendance at ANZAC Day ceremonies and marches has grown in the last decade to now large numbers. I sense (and hope) it is the recognition of sacrifice, the presence of courage and national pride rather than the glorification of war that has brought people back to this ceremony.

This special day ranks as one of the most widely celebrated in Australian culture because of the place that the brave deeds of many Australians have in our history. Anzac Day is our solemn memorial to honour our Navy, Army and Air Force service personnel who have paid the supreme sacrifice of their lives in the battle to free us from the enemies of our country and to protect the democratic values for which we stand.

As the 107th anniversary of Anzac Day approaches may we remember all those ordinary men and women who have marched out of our lives, leaving in their path a faint echo of music and snatches of laughter and life. A century scored and scarred by war, loss and grief. All so long and yet so short; all so far and yet so near.

It is my prayer that the spirit of Easter may permeate Anzac Day, so that a renewed vigour for peace and goodwill among all our citizens may be rekindled from remembering the sacrifice of so many in times of war. They died so we might not only cherish, but also spend ourselves for authentic values of truth, justice and peace in our land. May we work for the common good of all by building up the harmony and peace for which the fallen fought and died. For followers of Jesus ANZAC Day should be a call for us to remember and invite us to do things differently – to work to build a culture of peace.

Jesus' spirit is very much alive, but it can only live on in people. As we begin this term together, may we care for each other, enjoy the gathering times and continue to nurture our own spirit.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
(Principal)

STARS IN THE WINDOWS – A REFLECTION

During World War I, families with a son fighting in the war would place a star in the window.

One evening a man was out walking with his grandson. The little boy, seeing the stars, asked “*Why do all these homes have stars in the windows?*” The grandfather explained to him what the star symbolized.

They walked along and every time they passed a home with a star in the window the boy would smile and clap his hands together. Then the boy looked up into the sky and pointed to a star. “*Look,*” he said. “*God must have given his son too!*”

Many gave their lives for their country, but God gave his son for the world.

(Unknown)

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ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is Australia and New Zealand’s National Day of Remembrance for all servicemen and women who have fought and died in wars and conflicts around the world. Every year on 25 April, people in both countries gather for services at dawn, as well as for parades and ceremonies throughout the day.

It is interesting, and perhaps poignant that we commemorate ANZAC Day during the season of Easter. Through the resurrection, we are reminded of the sacrifice of Jesus, just as on ANZAC Day we remember the sacrifice of so many who went to war to defend the values of justice, peace and freedom.



No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. (John 15:13)

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest We Forget.*

We will be remembering ANZAC Day and praying for peace at a special Prayer Celebration in the Marist Centre tomorrow, Friday 22 April at 9:00am. All welcome.

CELEBRATING EASTER

Although Easter Sunday is just one day, the Season of Easter extends over 50 days, beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing through the Ascension of the Lord until Pentecost Sunday.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead. Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God’s promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar. (<https://www.catholic.org/lent/easter.php>)

He is
RISEN

2021/2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Students participating in the parish Sacramental Program will be Confirmed by Bishop Michael McCarthy next month. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers as they complete their preparation and receive the sacrament.



Family Workshop – Confirmation	Wednesday 11 May	6:30pm	St Joseph’s School Hall
	Sunday 15 May	10:15am	St Joseph’s School Hall
Parent / Child Interviews	Monday – Thursday 16 – 19 May	3:30pm – 5:00pm	St Joseph’s Parish Centre
Practice for the Celebration (for Confirmation on Thursday 26 May)	Tuesday 24 May	3:30pm	St Joseph’s Church
Practice for the Celebration (for Confirmation on Friday 27 May)	Wednesday 25 May	3:30pm	St Joseph’s Church
Sacrament of Confirmation	Thursday 26 May	6:00pm	St Joseph’s Church
	Friday 27 May	5:00pm	St Joseph’s Church
	Friday 27 May	7:00pm	St Joseph’s Church



THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

Acts 5:12-16

The Apostles work many signs.

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

A figure like a Son of man appears to John, instructing him to write his visions.

John 20:19-31

Doubting Thomas.

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



VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

Joyfulness is an inner sense of peace and happiness that fills us with delight and hope. It allows us to enjoy simple pleasures and to appreciate the gifts that each day brings. Joy can carry us through the hard times, even when we are feeling very sad. Joy gives us wings.

“Joy is the sound of love, the colour of gratitude and the song of hope.” (Mary Davis)

	<p>GOD IS WITH US AS WE LIVE LOVE</p> <p>LEARN IN A COMMUNITY OF FAITH</p>
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Noleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Curriculum Corner

NAPLAN ONLINE DATES

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level, it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

In preparation for NAPLAN Online, students across all year levels are engaged in technology lessons and are exposed to the knowledge and skills required for successful participation in each of the components of NAPLAN, Writing; Numeracy; Reading and Grammar.

Please see below the dates and times during which Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN Online:

NAPLAN Online Week One					
	Monday 9/05/2022	Tuesday 10/05/2022	Wednesday 11/05/2022	Thursday 12/05/2022	Friday 13/05/2022
Morning Session	<i>Preparation Day – No testing to occur as per NAPLAN Guidelines</i>	Year 3 Writing <i>Start time: 9am</i> <i>(Paper Based) (40min)</i>	Year 5 Reading (50min) <i>Start time: 9am</i>	Year 5 Conventions of Language (45min) <i>Start time: 9am</i>	
		Morning Tea			
Middle Session		Year 5 Writing Online (42min) <i>Start time: 11:15am</i>	Year 3 Reading (45min) <i>Start time: 11:15am</i>	Year 3 Conventions of Language (45min) <i>Start time: 11:15am</i>	
		Lunch			
Afternoon Session			<i>Catch up Writing tests</i>	<i>Catch up Writing tests</i>	

NAPLAN Online Week Two					
	Monday 16/05/2022	Tuesday 17/05/2022	Wednesday 18/05/2022	Thursday 19/05/2022	Friday 20/05/2022
Morning Session		Year 3 Numeracy (45min) <i>Start time: 9am</i>			
	Morning Tea				
Middle Session	<i>Catch up Reading Tests</i>	Year 5 Numeracy (50min) <i>Start time: 11:15am</i>	<i>Catch up Language Conventions Tests</i>	<i>Catch up Numeracy Tests</i>	

Please Note: Year 3 WRITING remains a paper based test.

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Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum

ANZAC DAY MARCH



Once again, our school has been invited to participate in the Anzac Day march to be held on Monday 25 April.

Prep to Year Six students will be required to assemble in The Dome Carpark at 8:00am.

Emmanuel Year One to Year Six students are to wear their **BLUE SCHOOL UNIFORM** (school blue dress for girls) correct socks and clean shoes. Prep students wear their usual uniform. The school hat is essential. Students may wear medals of their parents, grandparents and other ancestors on their right breast.

Further important details regarding drop off and dispersal procedures were emailed to all families yesterday, Wednesday 20 April.

Rain is forecast for Monday and parents are asked to ensure that children have raincoats available to wear in the march. No umbrellas please. This is a health and safety issue.

SAVE THE DATES - SCHOOL PHOTOS

OUR SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN ON TUESDAY 24 MAY AND WEDNESDAY 25 MAY.

Attached to this newsletter is a document outlining how to order photos. Envelopes will be sent home this week.

Students are required to wear **BLUE FORMAL UNIFORM**. Girls are expected to wear dresses. Prep students to wear usual Prep uniform.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Leadership is an important part of Year Six. This term all Year Six students will lead Peer Support groups. It is always great to see how the students grow in confidence and foster positive relationships with younger students. We are looking forward to seeing our student leaders shine.

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

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| 6K | Maeve Tierney and Angus Donnelly |
| 6S | Payton Crotty and Samuel Riley |
| 6T | Chloe Connolly and Archie Shepherdson |

Karla Falzon
Acting Assistant Principal Administration

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)
Monica Salter (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.



Emmanuel Catholic Primary

Strategic Priorities 2022

Catholic Identity and Ethos 	Effective Teaching and Learning (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8) 
<p>Continue to strive and maintain Emmanuel as a dialogue school.</p> <p><i>Students will move from literal understandings to a post critical (symbolic) belief.</i></p>	<p>Every student is engaged and learning successfully in their own ways at their own pace.</p> <p><i>To improve student learning outcomes in Mathematics.</i></p>
Pastoral Support and Wellbeing (NSIT Domain 3) 	Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing (NSIT Domains 1,4,9) 
<p>Students to be self directed learners.</p> <p><i>To enhance student voice and wellbeing.</i></p>	<p>Establish deliberate and strategic school community.</p> <p><i>To enhance student understandings of Indigenous Perspectives.</i></p>

COVID Update

Emmanuel Catholic Primary School wishes to advise you that, our school regularly consults with the Catholic Education Office and relevant authorities and continues to follow the advice of Queensland Health regarding cleaning requirements.

Queensland Health has advised that no quarantine of students or staff is required.

As COVID-19 remains active in our community we ask you to continue to monitor your child's/children's health and if they develop any flu-like symptoms:

- Keep your child/children at home
- Seek a PCR or Rapid Antigen test where it is recommended and notify the school of positive results. Please be aware, a negative COVID test does not change the requirement to be symptom free to attend school.
- Follow the advice of Queensland Health

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, please remind your child/ren to:

- maintain good hand hygiene at all times
- cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow and dispose of tissues in the bin immediately.
- practice social distancing from others where possible
- wear masks when required

We will continue to work closely with health authorities to keep our school community informed of any developments and advice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

The Arts

EISTEDDFOD CHOIRS 2022

The Mackay Eisteddfod (Choral/Vocal/Instrumental) will take place in August this year, with the Choral sections being held Wednesday 10 August – Friday 12 August. Choir rehearsals have commenced this week and will continue throughout the term. Choir rehearsals are as follows:

Choral Singing

- ♪ School Choir – Wednesday 8am (Year 6 and under Choir and the Hymn and Folk Sections)
- ♪ Year Three Choir – Monday 8.30am
- ♪ Year Two Choir – Monday 9.00am
- ♪ Year Four Choir – Wednesday 8.45 – 9.15am
- ♪ Year One Choir – Wednesday 9.15 – 9.30am (as well as preparation during music lessons)
- ♪ Year 5/6 Folk Group – Friday 1.40pm

Students have already registered their interest in participating in these choirs, however, it is not too late to add names to the list if you wish your child to be involved. The Eisteddfod Committee has strict rules regarding the number of students who can participate in a choir. Preparing for a performance at the Eisteddfod requires dedication and commitment to a group activity; it also requires the conductor, the accompanist and the choir to work together to achieve the best possible outcome. Full details of performances will be sent home once details are known to the school.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to a successful 2022 Eisteddfod.

MUSICAL TREAT

All students in the School Choir and the Rock Pop Mime team have been invited to attend the Mackay Musical Comedy Player's performance of SHREK – The Musical in Term 2. Letters were given to these students at the end of last term. Tickets are \$15. Permission forms and money are due to Mrs Miller by Friday 6 May.

Linda Miller
Music Teacher

P&F News

MOTHER'S DAY STALL



Our P&F Association will be running a **Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 5 May**. There will be a variety of gifts available, and they will range in price from \$3 to \$10. It should be lots of fun. The students always love shopping at the stall for their mums. Why not give your child/ren a job so they can earn the money to buy a gift?

VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 2

Monday 25 April	ANZAC Day
Tuesday 26 April	Mikayla Elliott
Wednesday 27 April	Stephen Northam
Thursday 28 April	Katie Murphy
Friday 29 April	Meggs Weissman
	HELP WANTED
	HELP WANTED



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. Proof of vaccination is required (Queensland Government mandate).

Angie and Carly
Tuckshop



MOTHER'S DAY PICNIC

**Friday 6 May
10:30am**

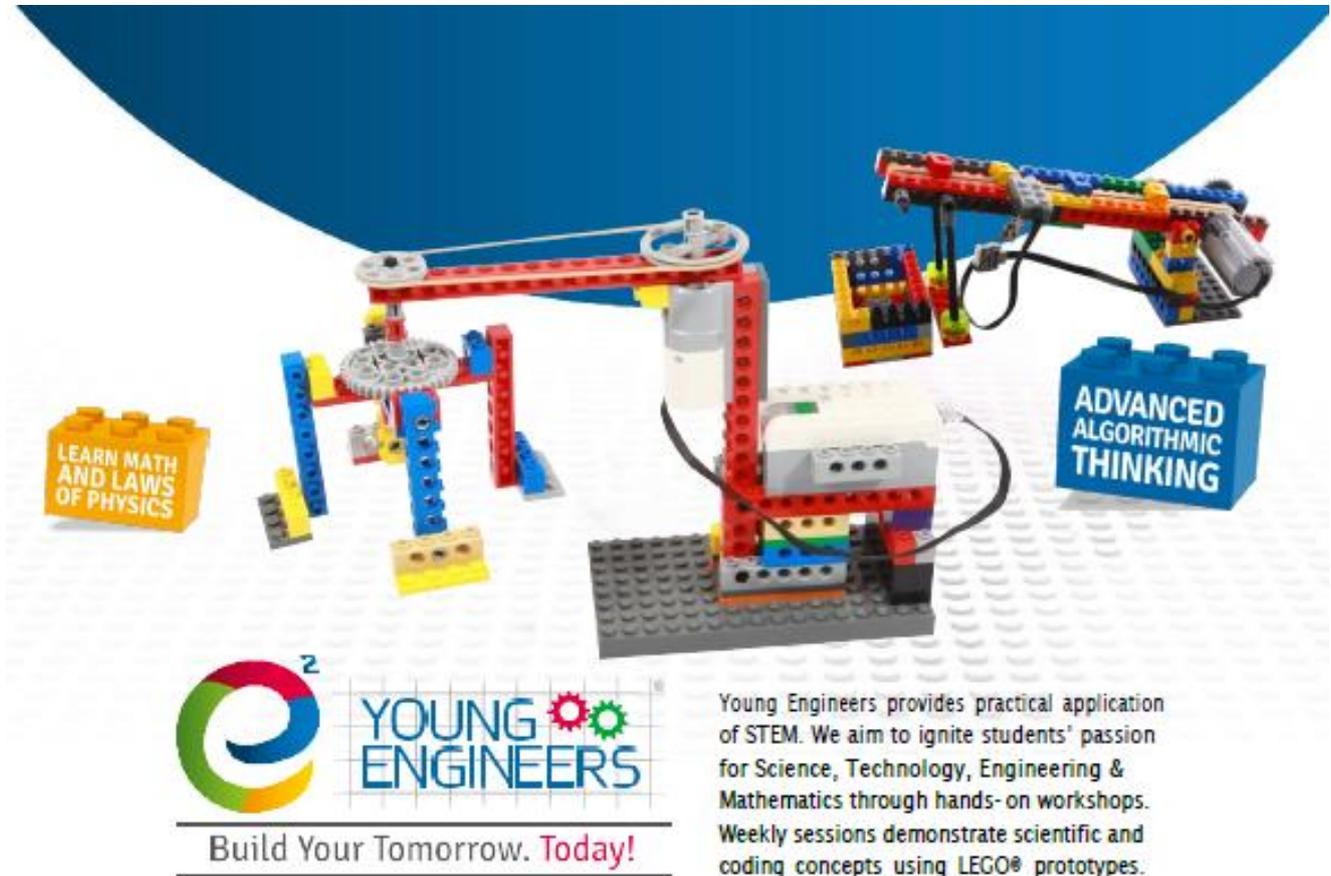


PLEASE NOTE:

All sibling enrolment applications need to be received ASAP to ensure a position for 2023.

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



LEARN MATH AND LAWS OF PHYSICS

ADVANCED ALGORITHMIC THINKING

YOUNG ENGINEERS

Young Engineers provides practical application of STEM. We aim to ignite students' passion for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics through hands-on workshops. Weekly sessions demonstrate scientific and coding concepts using LEGO® prototypes.

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MONDAYS TERM 2, WEEK 4-10 (9th MAY – 20th JUNE 2022)

Eligibility	Program Name	Time	Fees	Book online at
Yr 1 - Yr 2	Bricks Challenge	3:10pm to 4:25pm	\$140	www.trybooking.com/BYIKZ
Yr 3 - Yr 6	Robo Bricks	3:10pm to 4:25pm	\$140	

NEW

REGISTER NOW!! 2 separate sessions for younger and older children. Limited spaces.
All NEW activities for Term 2 2022.



Bricks Challenge enriches your child's world with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to make sure they are ready for the 21st century.

Robo Bricks Program provides theoretical knowledge in software and mechanical engineering combined with mathematics and physics.

For more information, please call 0424 985 172

cq@young-engineers.com.au
<https://cq.young-engineers.com.au>
<https://www.facebook.com/yecentralqld/>

STEM
SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATHEMATICS
EDUCATION

Year 7 in 2023 Information Evening

Thursday 28 April
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Family Fun Activities • Sausage Sizzle Provided

Pre-Register your attendance at
www.hsc.qld.edu.au

Let's be COVID Safe - please stay home if unwell.

ENROL ONLINE NOW!
www.hsc.qld.edu.au/enrolments



Year 7 in 2023
Enrolment Applications Close
9 May 2022

ENROL ONLINE NOW!
www.hsc.qld.edu.au/enrolments

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

FREE Come and Try Day

The Mighty RENEGADES
BASKETBALL CLUB INC.

are seeking new Under 8 and Under 10 Boys and Girls players

Played on Friday evenings starting 6th of May




UNDER 8
The Four on four Under 8's competition is played on the lower hoops. Every player gets to shoot for points at half time.

UNDER 10
Under 10's is five on five on the normal rings.

Great fun team sport played indoors

For cost and details, please contact the club via the Renegades Facebook page or email renegadesmackay@hotmail.com