



newsletter

4 February 2021

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5 February

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15 March

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19 March

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21 March

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26 March

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1 April

Our School Mission Statement



Dear Parents,

The members at a gathering were given a task to perform. Each was given a handful of jellybeans to eat but there was a catch; they were to keep their hand outstretched in front of them and they had to find a way to eat the sweets without bending their arms.

As the time started to tick away, most of the members tried throwing the sweets into the air in an effort to catch the beans in their mouths; but, as expected, most failed as the jellybeans hit the ground.

After a while, two individuals watching the drama unfold, had a brainwave. They moved to stand facing each other, their arms outstretched and each ate from the hand of the other.'

Once revealed, this seems a logical solution to the problem – each gets what s/he needs when they work together to achieve a common goal. We all recognise the advantages of working as part of a team; the old saying, 'A champion team will always beat a team of champions,' has been proven many times over. And, of course, there is no secret to the reason for this, the difference lying in the mindset and motivation brought to the endeavour. 'Am I in it for me' Or, 'Am I in it for us and what we can accomplish together?' The strange thing is, when we unite behind a common goal and direct our energies and attention towards the achievement of that goal through mutual support and care, aspirations of the individuals are also achieved. Cooperation rather than competition within teams contributes to a winning formula.

We, too, in everyday life, benefit from working productively and harmoniously within a team structure, whether that be within a family, in a workplace or school. Is there anyone who has not experienced the difference between working in an environment in which everyone works together for the good of all and one in which it's every person for him or herself?

Here at Emmanuel we frequently talk about the fact that our school operates as teams within teams, varying in size and intent, but all under the umbrella of one large Emmanuel team. And parents, you are a tremendously important part of that whole school team. Each one of us either contributes to, or detracts from, achievement of the school vision which is 'to be an inclusive, high quality learning community where faith inspires action.' That vision may sound lofty but in fact it is achieved in the small and seemingly insignificant actions that are chosen by each of us every day. The same questions can be asked, 'Am I in it for me (and mine)?' Or, 'Am I in it for us and what we can accomplish together?'

Perhaps some people think that there is only so much care they have to give, so much respect they have to extend, only so much courtesy to go round, only so much time to give and so they see the need to conserve and be selective in their giving for fear that there will not be enough for those closest to them. In fact, the more these are freely given to others, the more is returned and the well never runs dry, but rather continues to fill.

Basically, this school becomes more and more effective in its learning and teaching and in its growth as a Christian community, as we move closer and closer towards caring for the good of all and seeing the value in supporting, encouraging, challenging, including, contributing, welcoming and cooperating. Once again, this does not necessitate grand gestures or impossible contributions; so much good is achieved through simple kindnesses and expressions of gratitude, offering a helping hand, meeting commitments, a word or gesture of support and choosing to focus more on what is good, true and beautiful in life in spite of difficulties being faced.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal

Religious Education

IT'S UP TO YOU – A Reflection



One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.
One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room,
One candle wipes out darkness
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true,
One life can make the difference,
You see, **IT'S UP TO YOU!**

(Author Unknown)

BISHOP'S IN-SERVICE DAY

Our annual Bishop's Inservice Day will be held on Friday 12 February. This is a PUPIL FREE DAY and all staff will be attending. The school office will be closed.

With a focus on *The Church and its Mission and the role of the Catholic School today*, the theme this year will be *Mission Discipleship*. The speakers will include Bishop Michael McCarthy and Diocesan Director of Catholic Education, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat. Staff will also explore the *Enhancing Catholic Identity Project* that our school community will be participating in this year.

It is always a great day for personal faith development and all staff appreciate this opportunity to focus their attention and learn something new.

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.

Our first WOW Wednesday was held yesterday and we are happy to report that lots of families took the opportunity to pack lunches in reusable containers. We only put out two bins and they were not even half full. Our goal of 'Bin Free' Wednesdays is closer to becoming a reality. Thank you everyone. We are really looking forward to seeing what we can do next Wednesday.

YEAR SIX LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

Each year we come together to acknowledge, commission and congratulate our Year Six students as they begin their year of student leadership. This prayer celebration will take place in the Marist Centre tomorrow at 8:50am. Unfortunately, due to ongoing restrictions and social distancing requirements, we have only invited the parents of our school captains, house captains and Term One class representatives to attend. Be sure to check out our school Facebook page for highlights of this prayer celebration.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

Life is a drudgery.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

Paul is compelled to preach the Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law

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.

Share in Daily Mass from St Joseph's Cathedral @

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQeYD6B2cSvFb4zqStn_Brg

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – CO-OPERATION

Co-operation divides the task and multiplies the success. (Anonymous)

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

I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things for God.
(St Teresa of Calcutta)



Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2021

On Safer Internet Day the world comes together with a shared vision of making online experiences better for everyone. Please continue reading the important information below from the eSafety site informing you of some very valuable resources they provide to assist you in keeping your families safe when using the internet. For further information please click on the following link <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/events/safer-internet-day-2021>

As the official committee in Australia and a leader in the global effort, eSafety celebrates the day as one of the most important events of the year. We run Safer Internet Day webinars for school students, parents and carers. We also share tips and resources that help all communities throughout Australia talk about online issues and the best strategies for staying safe.

To mark **Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 9 February 2021** we are releasing new research, **Digital Lives of Aussie Teens**. We are also launching two new resources for young children, the **Swoosh, Glide and Rule Number 5** picture book and **My Family Rules** song by Lah-Lah.

Plus, we are kicking off our new Virtual Classroom webinar for primary schools, **Be an eSafe kid: Fake news, real harms** and our new webinar for parents and carers, **Cyberbullying and online drama**.

So get involved now and help promote a better internet!

Find out how to start the chat

Now is the time to start thinking about how you will **start the chat!**





Find resources, activities and tips to help you start the chat about online safety with your students, family, friends, colleagues and community in 2021 at

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/events/safer-internet-day-2021>



Emmanuel Catholic Primary

Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

Catholic Identity and Ethos 	Effective Teaching and Learning  (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8)
Strategic Priority 1.1 For all members of the school community to continue to strive and maintain Emmanuel as a dialogue school through the traditions and practices; celebrations; teaching and learning. Goal <i>Implementing Catholic Social teaching and service learning within the Curriculum.</i>	Strategic Priority 2.1 That our school has a culture of data informed practice where every student is engaged and learning successfully in their own ways at their own pace. Goal <i>To improve student learning outcomes in Mathematics as we build teacher capacity to collect, analyse and respond to data with a focus on student engagement and surface, deep and transfer learning.</i> Strategic Priority 2.2 That our school has a feedback culture of continuous improvement which builds a schoolwide team of professional highly able teachers who use data and evidence-based teaching strategies to support deep student learning. Goal <i>All teachers will collaboratively plan and focus on embedding the Inquiry approach to Spelling across all year levels.</i>
Pastoral Support and Wellbeing  (NSIT Domain 3)	Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing  (NSIT Domains 1,4,9)
Strategic Priority 3.1 To enhance student learning and well-being outcomes through the development of a school well-being framework. Goal <i>For all teachers across Years 4-6 to build their knowledge of the "Be You – Mentally Healthy Communities" survey.</i>	Strategic Priority 4.1 That deliberate and strategic school community partnerships are developed to enhance teacher understanding of flexible learning and collaborative teaching environments. Goal <i>During 2021, students will participate in flexible inquiry-based Problem Solving and Reasoning lessons, which have been collaboratively planned and administered by their teachers.</i>

This year we begin our second year of our three year School Improvement Cycle, the above School Priorities were set for 2020 – 2022. The School Improvement Cycle seeks feedback from parents; students; board members; staff and leadership to provide feedback on their school's current position in relation to international effective practice to plan a focussed approach to school improvement appropriate to the context of their school (ACER 2019). The School Priorities frame the Annual School Goals to ensure all members of the Emmanuel School Community are continuously working towards schoolwide improvement to maximise teaching and learning whilst enhancing the educational experience of all students. Student targets are measured to assess if annual school goals are achieved, ensuring that the direct recipient of school improvement are the students.

Our School Priorities and goals closely align with those of Catholic Education, these being:

DIMENSION	Catholic Identity	Effective Teaching and Learning	Pastoral Support and Wellbeing	Leadership (Governance)	Partnerships and Resourcing	
PRIORITIES	Enhancing the Catholic identity of all our schools	Support continuous improvement in the quality of teaching and learning across all schools	Enhance the safety, wellbeing and mental health of school communities	Support, develop and promote staff and leadership capacity to drive improvement	Build authentic relationships to nurture and improve opportunities and outcomes for students, staff and parents	Provide targeted resources to enhance the provision of quality Catholic Education

We look forward to the year ahead and working in partnership with our parent body, as we focus on the following big rocks as we strive to achieve our Annual School Goals:

- Catholic Social Teachings
- Social Justice
- Surface, Deep and Transfer learning (Mathematics)
- Student Engagement
- Inquiry learning (Spelling)
- Well Being

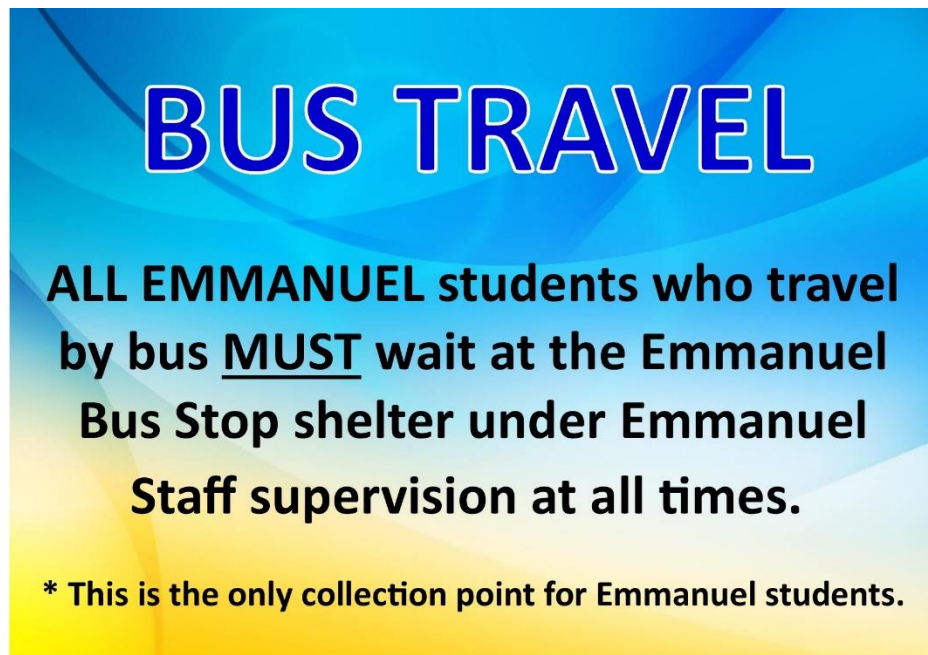
Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum

VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

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

BUS TRAVEL

It is an expectation that all Emmanuel bus students catch the bus at our Emmanuel school bus stop located on Baxter Drive. Also, if your child catches an early bus and needs to leave the classroom on the first bell, please ensure this is communicated in writing to the classroom teacher. Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our children safe!



BUS TRAVEL

ALL EMMANUEL students who travel by bus MUST wait at the Emmanuel Bus Stop shelter under Emmanuel Staff supervision at all times.

*** This is the only collection point for Emmanuel students.**

STUDENT PROTECTION - SCHOOL CONTACTS

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

Geraldine Rostirolla (Principal)
Amanda McDonald (Deputy Principal)
Noeleen Kliese (APRE)
Kristy Flor (School Counsellor)
Nicole Klease (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. Hope this helps you to not be 'caught short'!



PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY

STOP DROP GO ZONE

Please pass this important information onto all parents and caregivers who drop off and collect students from school.

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

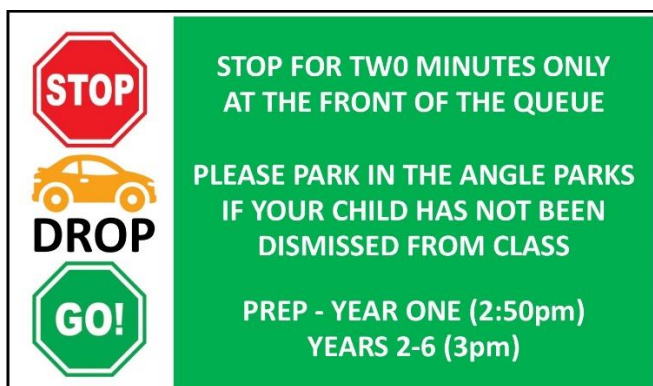
- Only Turn LEFT in and out of the school drive way – **NO RIGHT TURN IN OR OUT!**
- Adhere strictly to the 10 km/h speed limit
- Display your laminated school name-card on your sun-visor so that teachers can easily call for your child as quickly as possible
- Ensure your child is ready for drop-off 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 2-6 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 St and Pioneer St. Please do not block driveways or access to these properties.



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



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 HANDBOOKS/PARENT LOUNGE

New families to the school will receive a copy of the Parent Handbook tomorrow. New families will also receive their Parent Lounge login details tomorrow.

STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA

If your child identifies as having Asthma, we require you to complete the Asthma Student Information Sheet for 2021. Please complete attached mentioned form and return to the school administration by Wednesday 10 February, 2021.

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 to update your child's details.

If you require a paper copy of the Asthma Student Information Sheet for ease of completion, please notify us via the above mentioned email and we will send a copy home with your child.

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration



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

UPDATING DETAILS

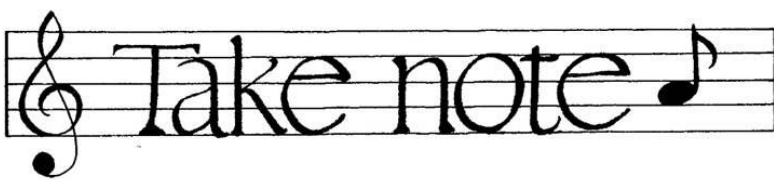
If there have been any changes to your contact details (e.g. address, phone number, email address) please update these in Parent Lounge. This will ensure that you are up to date and receiving all correspondence from our school.

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.

SCHOOL CHOIR



SCHOOL CHOIR WE ARE BACK FOR 2021!



School Choir will start rehearsals Next Wednesday (Week 3 – 10th February) in the Music Room starting at 8am.

All students from Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome.

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ORDERS

Reminder to all parents. Please ensure you update your child's/children's teacher and class details on QuickCliq before placing your order.



Thank you to all the parents who have returned volunteer forms offering their help in our Tuckshop, it is greatly appreciated.

We still have a number of days a week where we are in need of some help. If you are available to come in and help, please contact the office. It's only one day a month for a couple of hours and we always have a great time! We will even make you a delicious lunch.

Please Note: It is imperative that volunteers **DO NOT** attend tuckshop if they are unwell, have anyone at home who is unwell, have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 (awaiting test results), or recently returned from overseas. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 1 WEEK 3

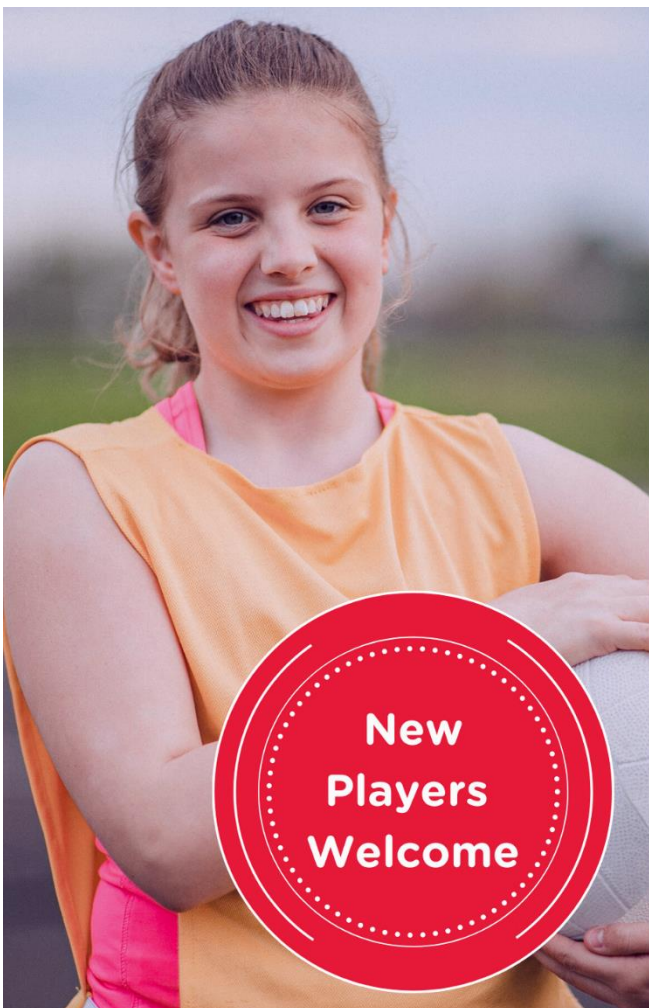
Mon 8 February:	HELP WANTED
Tues 9 February:	Hannah Deguara
Wed 10 February:	Stephen Northam
Thur 11 February:	HELP WANTED
Fri 12 February:	PUPIL FREE DAY



Angie McGowan/Carly Nicholas

Tuckshop

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
2:30pm - 2:55pm



**WANT TO PLAY
NETBALL IN
2021?**

**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

TRAINING HELD AT EMMANUEL SCHOOL
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 14TH FEB 2021

JUNIOR COMPETITION - PLAYED SATURDAYS
TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED AT START OF SEASON

MODIFIED GAMES - SET & GO DIVISIONS (2011 - 2014)
12 & UNDER (BORN 2009 & 2010)
14 & UNDER (BORN 2007 & 2008)
16 & UNDER (BORN 2005 & 2006)

To register or find out more information,
email to

saintsnetballclubmky@gmail.com

COME TRY HOCKEY AND ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS

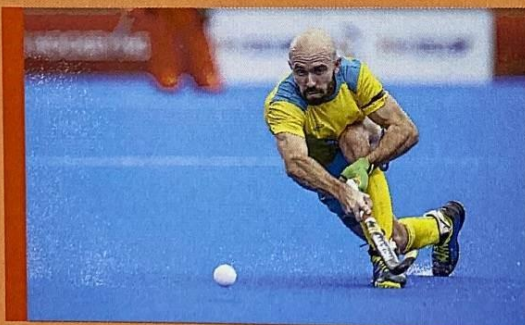
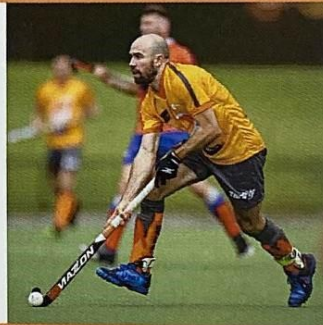
Mackay School Hockey

HUSTLE, HIT AND NEVER QUIT



FROM PLAYING FOR
MACKAY HOCKEY

TO THE BRISBANE
BLAZE



TO
REPRESENTING
AUSTRALIA

Play Like A Champion

Come and Try Session - Mackay Hockey Fields
Harney Street, Mackay

Date: 13 February 2021
Time: 9- 11am

CONTACT: Tanya Vaughan
PH: 0408 556 702





Help our Kids get Safely to School

**Become a School Crossing Supervisor
and make a real difference to the lives
of school children.**



Working with us you will:

- be paid a generous casual rate of pay with leave loading
- be entitled to long service leave
- have access to the government superannuation scheme



Where: Emmanuel Catholic Primary – Baxter Drive

Hours: Up to 15 hrs per fortnight- Crossing times are as follows
mornings 8.00am to 9.00am & afternoons are 2.45pm to 3.15pm

Pay: Casual rate: \$30.34 per hour

Duties: Assist children crossing roads at local schools

- Training is provided
- You will be required to undergo a medical & working with children Blue Card check provided by the Department of Transport & Main Roads

**Contact: The School or Road Safety Officer Karen Cantoni on 0409 511 542
for application forms**