



# newsletter

1 April 2021

## Term One

**Good Friday**  
2 April

**Easter Sunday**  
4 April

## Term Two

**First Day of Term**  
19 April

**P & F Meeting**  
20 April

**ANZAC Prayer  
Celebration**  
23 April

**ANZAC Day**  
25 April

**ANZAC Day Holiday**  
26 April

**Athletics Carnival**  
18 June

## Our School Mission Statement



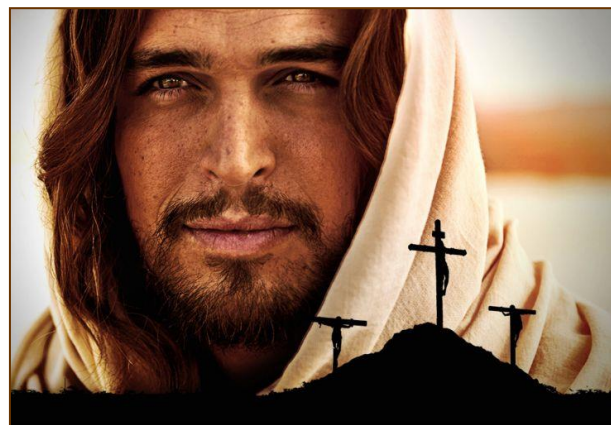
Dear Parents,

In these final days of term we take time to reflect on the Lenten journey we have shared and give thanks for the many blessings that have graced our days in what has been a very busy and productive term.

During the past week our students have journeyed with their teachers through the events of Jesus' last days. This journey has immersed the children in the solemn nature of these events as they learn of the importance of this week in revealing Jesus' divine nature to us. Our celebration of the Easter story is central to our faith as Christians and one which we share with great passion during Holy Week.

For many, Easter is an ideal time to have a holiday with family and I trust you will have the opportunity to have some quality time with your loved ones over the course of the Easter holiday period. Easter is a great time of celebration where we experience the joy of the risen Lord upon us. In amongst all the chocolate and eggs it is important to reflect on the true meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus, which is central to our Christian faith. It is the Easter story that is the pinnacle of our lives as Catholics and Christians and it is important that we take time through these three days of Easter to remember and celebrate in liturgy.

In sending your children to a Catholic School, I encourage you over the Easter weekend to take the opportunity and reflect on the true meaning of Easter through participation at Easter ceremonies in the parish across the weekend.



On behalf of the staff I take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very happy and blessed Easter, as well as a safe and rest filled holiday. I know that many of our students are feeling very tired and in need of a break! I look forward to their return on **Monday, 19 April**. Have a wonderful holiday break and may you be aware of God's blessings in all that you do.

Wishing you a truly safe, holy and happy Easter Season,

**Geraldine Rostirolla**  
*Principal*

## Religious Education

### THE SON – A REFLECTION

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art. When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "*Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art.*"

The young man held out his package. "*I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this.*" The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "*Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift.*"

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected. The man died a few months later.

There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection. On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "*We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?*"

There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted. "*We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one.*" But the auctioneer persisted. "*Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?*" Another voice shouted angrily. "*We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!*" But still the auctioneer continued. "*The son! The son! Who'll take the son?*"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the long-time gardener of the man and his son. "*I'll give \$10 for the painting.*" Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. "*We have \$10, who will bid \$20?*"

"Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters." "\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?"

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. *"Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!"*

A man sitting on the second row shouted. *"Now let's get on with the collection!"*

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. *"I'm sorry, the auction is over."*

*"What about the paintings?"*

*"I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time..... Only the painting of the son would be auctioned.*

*Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!"*

God gave His son almost 2,000 years ago to die on a cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is, *"The son, the son, who'll take the son?"* ..... because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything!

(Author Unknown)

## **HOLY WEEK**

*Holy Week, which precedes the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, is the most important week of the church year. It starts on Palm Sunday, sometimes called Passion Sunday, and continues through Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday. The week that begins in celebration ends in despair. It is not until Easter Sunday that we rejoice in and recall Jesus' resurrection.*




Last Friday Years 5C and 1T led Assembly in prayer. They shared the story of Palm Sunday, waved palms and sang Michael Mangan's 'Sing It Hosanna'. The students reminded us that we need to welcome Jesus into our lives and prayed that we would continue to show our love for God in the way we care for and treat others.



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*I asked Jesus,  
"How much do you love me?"  
"This much," He answered,  
and stretched out His arms  
and died.*



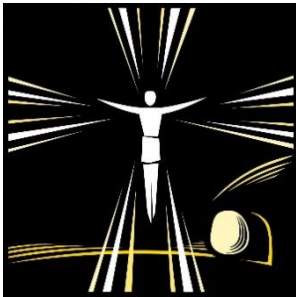
*"For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son, so  
that everyone who believes in  
him may not perish, but may  
have eternal life." (John 3:16)*

This morning our Year Six students dramatized Jesus' last supper, agony in the garden, betrayal, passion, death on the cross and resurrection. It was a reflective and prayerful celebration and a wonderful way to share in the events of the final day of Jesus' life. A well-earned and sincere congratulations and thank you to the students, their teachers, Mrs Dale who joined us to lead the singing, Mrs Miller who provided the music and all staff members who contributed to this memorable re-enactment. Happy Easter Everyone.



## **EASTER RAFFLE**

Our Easter Raffle has been a great success. We have raised more than \$900. A big thank you to the Emmanuel Staff for donating all the goodies for this multi-draw raffle. Students have been busy buying lots of tickets and lots of lucky winners took home prizes yesterday.



## **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - EASTER SUNDAY**

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.

Colossians 3:1-4

Set your heart on the greater gifts.

John 20:1-9

Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.

For weekly Gospel readings, reflections and meditations go to <http://www.prayasoucan.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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQeYD6B2cSvFb4zqStn_Brg)

## **DATE CLAIMER - ANZAC PRAYER CELEBRATION**

We will be remembering ANZAC Day at a special Prayer Celebration in the Marist Centre on Friday 23 April at 9:30am.





*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.*



**GOD IS WITH US AS WE LIVE LOVE  
LEARN IN A COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**Noeleen Kliese**  
*Assistant Principal Religious Education*

## Emmanuel Catholic Primary Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

Catholic Identity and Ethos 	Effective Teaching and Learning (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8) 
<p><b>Strategic Priority 1.1</b> 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.</p> <p>Goal <i>Implementing Catholic Social teaching and service learning within the Curriculum.</i></p>	<p><b>Strategic Priority 2.1</b> 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.</p> <p>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></p> <p><b>Strategic Priority 2.2</b> 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.</p> <p>Goal <i>All teachers will collaboratively plan and focus on embedding the Inquiry approach to Spelling across all year levels.</i></p>
Pastoral Support and Wellbeing  (NSIT Domain 3)	Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing  (NSIT Domains 1,4,9)
<p><b>Strategic Priority 3.1</b> To enhance student learning and well-being outcomes through the development of a school well-being framework.</p> <p>Goal <i>For all teachers across Years 4-6 to build their knowledge of the "Be You – Mentally Healthy Communities" survey.</i></p>	<p><b>Strategic Priority 4.1</b> That deliberate and strategic school community partnerships are developed to enhance teacher understanding of flexible learning and collaborative teaching environments.</p> <p>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></p>

**Janine Refalo**  
Assistant Principal Curriculum



## APA News

### Anzac Day 2021

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

Students will be required to assemble in the Dome Carpark at 8am.

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

Further details regarding drop off and dispersal procedures will follow in an email on Monday 19 April



**Amanda McDonald**  
*Assistant Principal Administration*

## PREP Enrolments 2022



Prep enrolment details for 2022 are NOW required from our existing families. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year - born between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 – you are asked to complete an ONLINE enrolment form available from the school website – <https://www.ecps.qld.edu.au/application-for-enrolment.html> by Friday 26 March. It is essential that we have our current families accounted for so as to determine how many positions may be offered to new families seeking enrolment. If you have any queries or concerns in regards to this process, we ask that you contact the office. ALL ENROLMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE. Once enrolment applications have been received and processed by our Administration staff, you will be notified of an interview time. Interviews for current families will take place towards the end of Term Two and at the beginning of Term Three.

## Tuckshop News

# VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 1

<b>Monday 19 April:</b>	<b>Help Wanted</b>
<b>Tuesday 20 April:</b>	<b>Mel Hudson</b>
<b>Wednesday 21 April:</b>	<b>Renaë Borg</b>
<b>Thursday 22 April:</b>	<b>Lara Legarde</b>
<b>Friday 23 April:</b>	<b>Mark Ayles</b>
	<b>Teresa Crowe</b>
	<b>Help Wanted</b>



## Sporting News

### HPE

After a year like no other, 2021 began with a prayer and a hope that things were finally getting back to a new normal. School sporting events, inter-school competitions and weekend fixtures recommenced much to the delight of all involved. At Emmanuel, HPE lessons for our younger grades focused on establishing fundamental movement skills through specific drills and specialized games. Our middle and upper grades dribbled, stepped, shot and dunked (well, maybe not dunked 😊) as students developed skills used in basketball. It is always rewarding watching children try their hands at new skills and sports.







### **Touch Football**

This year has seen more students take part in Wednesday afternoon touch football than ever before. Seven teams from grades 3 to 6 travelled to the Norris Road touch fields each week to battle against schools from all over the district. A lesser observer would say parents fought harder to beat the 3 o'clock traffic to get their children there by 3:40, but not this die-hard sports fan. Special mention must be made of our grades 5 & 6 girl's teams, as they came to the SOS of Glenella state school and ensured the team's continuation.

Due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak, the last week of fixtures had to be cancelled except for the grand final games. To cap off Emmanuel's best year ever, our grades 3 & 4 girl's team won the grand final, defeating St Mary's in a hard-fought game. Congratulations, girls and to all players this year. You have made Emmanuel proud!



## Cross Country

Each year Emmanuel opens nominations from all students aged 10 to 12 wishing to train and trial for our Northern Suburbs cross country team. This year 51 students nominated. To ensure students are prepared and capable of racing up to 3 km (depending on age), a seven-week training program is undertaken. On race day, 36 boys and girls raced for a limited number of positions in the team.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for Northern Suburbs:

Girls	Boys
10 yrs: 1 <sup>st</sup> – Isabella Barretta 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Elliana Ness 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Maeve Tierney	10 yrs: 1 <sup>st</sup> - Oscar Lewis 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Isaac Scully 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Alfie Gall
11 yrs: 1 <sup>st</sup> – Marli White 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sophie Lawrence 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Phoebe Wheeler	11 yrs: 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sonny McGovern 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ryan De Pinto
12 yrs: 1 <sup>st</sup> – Lilly Buckeridge	12 yrs: 1 <sup>st</sup> – Riley Green

A special congratulation goes to Lilly Buckeridge and Sonny McGovern for finishing first overall.



## Inter-school Sport (Northern Suburbs and Beyond)

Inter-school sport allows children to compete on a level that not only challenges them but can help them achieve new highs. This year, Emmanuel had over 100 students' trial and compete for selection in Northern Suburbs, Mackay and further. I am proud to present the 2021 honour roll (so far) for students who have been selected to the Mackay level and beyond.

## Emmanuel's Sporting Honour Roll

(Students who have been selected to represent Mackay School Sports and beyond)

### AFL

Elliana Ness

Xander Ness

Archie Shepherdson

### Basketball

Sonny McGovern

### Hockey

Lucas Haack

Harry Murphy

Indie Vaughan

### Netball

Lexi Worth

### Rugby League

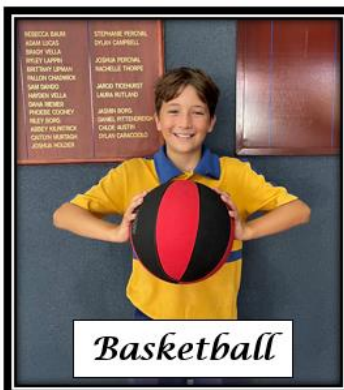
Chevy Woods

Benjamin Tickle

Isaac Scully

### Swimming

Kayden Neilson



We still have several students who have yet to trial. Our hopes and prayers go with them as we wait to hear of their results.

## **Exception Performance**

To qualify to race at a state level is a wonderful achievement, but winning gold in a number of events is exceptional. Kaiden Neilsen of 5W competed recently at the QLD school sport swimming championships in Brisbane. Kaiden won gold medals in the 200m individual medley and 100m butterfly, silver medals in the 50m and 100m breaststroke and a bronze medal in the 100m freestyle. He was also a finalist in his other four races. Kaiden swam 18 races, including heats, finals and relays and has made the QLD merit team. Unfortunately, due to COVID, there are no national titles this year.

Kaiden, you have made Emmanuel, your family and friends, and ultimately yourself very proud. Congratulations Kaiden. You are a star!



## **Save the Date**

Athletics Carnival – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June (Term 2, Week 9)

Swimming Carnival – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October (Term 4, Week 3)

**Luke Dodson**  
*HPE Teacher*

## **Music News**

### **EMMANUEL EISTEDDFOD CHOIRS 2021**

The Mackay Eisteddfod (Choral/Vocal/Instrumental) will take place in August this year, with the Choral sections being held on Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will commence rehearsals in Week 1 Term 2 as follows:

#### **Choral Singing**

*School Choir – Wednesday 8am (which will include preparation for the Year 6 and under Choir and Hymn and Folk Section)*

*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 indicated to Mrs Miller if they wish to participate 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 2021 Eisteddfod.

*Mrs Miller*

**Music Teacher**



# PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

## TERM ONE - WEEK NINE

Classroom	Student	Reason for Award
6TR	Harry M	For your excellent efforts with all of your classroom tasks. You are striving for excellence and your efforts are really paying off. We love teaching you in Year Six Harry!
6TR	Oliver K	Oliver, we are so proud of the effort you are putting into your classroom work. The positive choices you are making to be a leader are fantastic. Keep up the great work Oliver!
6S	Molly B	For constantly working beyond expectations and consistently putting in 100% to your work. Your commitment to learning is fantastic. Keep up the great work!
6K	Brody M	For the positive interactions that you have with your kindy buddy. You are a fantastic leader who jumps in and has a go. You encourage good choices and ensure that everyone is having a good time. Thank you for being such a great role model Brody, we are so lucky to have someone like you in Year 6.
5W	Jayden B	For your exceptional effort towards creative writing. We love listening to your stories. Keep up the great effort Jayden.
5W	Charlie S	For your excellent effort towards learning in class. You are always focused and trying your best. Well done Charlie!!
5S	Travis L	For the positive attitude you have displayed to your learning this past week. I am so proud of the effort you have put into all tasks. Well done Travis!

5C	Angus D	For working on displaying a persistent and positive attitude towards your school work. Fantastic effort Angus!
4W	Lexie A	Congratulations on your determination to be positive and try your best. You are growing in resilience and confidence. You are a star Lexie!
4W	Asha W	Asha is always very kind and thoughtful in volunteering to help others even when they are away by completing summaries for them. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is very much appreciated.
4S	Quinn A	For the amazing effort you put into all tasks, especially your creativity in writing this week. You always do your best and approach tasks with a positive attitude. Your teachers are very proud of you Quinn!
4S	Jack O	For showing great diligence and enthusiasm when taking on challenges in Mathematics. He is striving hard to learn new ways of thinking. Well done Jack!
4E	Annabelle B	For the enthusiasm and positive attitude you exhibit towards your learning. Annabelle you eagerly participate in class discussions, work collaboratively and co-operatively with your peers. Well done!
4E	Griffin S	For being a responsible and co-operative class member and contributing to class discussions sharing your knowledge. Griffin you demonstrate a positive attitude towards your learning. Well done!
3W	Fletcher J	Congratulations Fletcher on your Narrative writing this term. 3W has enjoyed listening to your creative and clever introductions which leaves the audience wanting more. Keep it up!
3HB	Lilly B	For being a polite and responsible student, who is a great role model to others.
3HB	Levi L	For showing significant growth in all areas of his schoolwork. Congratulations Levi!
3B	Sophie M	Sophie approaches every day with enthusiasm, cheerfulness and a willingness to do her best! You are a wonderful role model for your peers. Keeping reaching for the stars, Sophie!
3B	Flynn A	For demonstrating outstanding effort and enthusiasm in class. His contributions to class discussions and positive attitude are to be commended. We are lucky to have you in 3B, Flynn!
2M	Spencer H	Spencer, you have been working so hard to make your handwriting the neatest it can be! Good on you for taking such pride in your work. Keep making yourself proud!
2M	Amaya S	For putting your hand up to participate in class discussions during our Storybook lessons. Miss Menzies and your 2M friends love to hear your creative and valuable ideas! Keep up the wonderful work, Amaya!
2C	Harrison V	For your wonderful effort in numeracy this week. It was fantastic to see you working hard during our fact families lesson. Keep up the great work, Harrison!
2C	Tylah K	For working hard and listening carefully at all times. You are a supportive class member and a wonderful role model for your peers. Well done, Tylah!
1T	Pallas S	For the wonderful way you conduct yourself each day. Pallas, you show kindness, respect and a willingness to help your friends and teachers at all times. You always give your best effort to everything you do. Miss Thomas is so proud of the fantastic student and friend that you are! Keep up the fantastic work!

1T	Jack H	For demonstrating persistence to achieving your learning goals. You are always focused and give your best effort during every classroom activity. Jack you are a wonderful role model to others. Miss Thomas thinks you are a superstar!
1M	Kyan S	Kyan contributes great ideas during our class discussions and has an excellent attitude to all learning tasks. Keep up the great work!
1M	Bodie B	Bodie approaches every day with enthusiasm, cheerfulness and a willingness to do his best. You are amazing!
1J	Harper N	Harper, you always go out of your way to be kind to others. You are constantly looking for ways to be helpful around the classroom and you always strive to complete your best work. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, keep up the amazing work.
Prep S	Amaya W	For the effort you have been putting into your learning this term. You are always ready to share your ideas about new words or sounds you've discovered and it has been amazing to watch your love of learning grow. Keep shooting for the stars with your learning Amaya.
Prep J	Isabella A	For showing improved persistence and determination in all class activities. Keep up the amazing attitude, Isabella!
Prep J	Miller T	For being a keen learner who takes on tasks with great enthusiasm. Well done, Miller!
Prep G	Aubree M	For the positive way you approach all your prep activities. You always try hard and do your best. Keep up the great work Aubree.
Prep G	Sophie G	For the fabulous effort you are putting into learning your letters and sounds. Keep up the super effort Sophie, I am so proud of you.



**Year 7 in 2022 Information Evening**

**Thursday 29 April**  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Family Fun Activities • Sausage Sizzle Provided

Pre-Register your attendance at  
[www.hsc.qld.edu.au](http://www.hsc.qld.edu.au)

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

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**2:30pm - 2:55pm**

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**Thompson**  
VOICE STUDIO

## Easter Music Class Offerings! 2-day Program for Kids & Adults (Second Week of School Holidays)

### Wednesday, April 14th:

- Tiny Singers (prep to 6 years): 9:30-10:30am
- Young Singers (7 to 12 years): 11:00-12:00pm  
BREAK
- Ukulele Sampler Class (ages 9 to adult): 1:30-2:30pm
- Drumming Sampler Class (ages 9 to adult): 3:00-4:00pm

### Thursday, April 15th:

#### Song Style Sampler Classes (Ages 9 to adult)

- Contemporary (Pop etc) Style: 9:00-9:50am
- Musical Theatre Style: 10:00-10:50am
- Classical Style: 11:00-11:50am



#### COST:

1 class: \$20	4 classes: \$65
2 classes: \$35	5 classes: \$80
3 classes: \$50	6 classes: \$100

Message Sharon  
with your  
name, email & the  
classes you would  
like to book

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