



newsletter

25 March 2021

Term One

Easter Disco
26 March

Earth Hour for Schools
26 March

**Holy Week Prayer
Celebration**
1 April

Last day of Term One
1 April

Good Friday
2 April

Easter Sunday
4 April

Term Two

First Day of Term
19 April

P & F Meeting
20 April

ANZAC Day
25 April

ANZAC Day Holiday
26 April

Our School Mission Statement



Dear Parents,

The Lenten period is an important season in the life of the Church. We are given permission to 'start again' and to embrace the mystery of life in our quest to be better people. Lent is about both self and communal improvement and is a journey towards a closer relationship with others and with our God.

At Emmanuel, however, we never encourage students to be perfect, only to come to school to give their best and to work with everyone (not just our friends). Working with others doesn't automatically mean that we will get along famously or have perfect days every day. In fact, conflict is part of daily life and is a healthy aspect of any community. Effective people resolve conflict in ways that protect relationships, honour feelings and lead to a resolution. They neither avoid conflict nor do they use power to dominate others or to 'win'.

Emmanuel is a learning community and as such we are interested in supporting students to learn better ways to resolve conflict and think about their emotions. This includes learning conflict resolution processes and systems so that peaceful resolutions can be reached.

One process recommended by parenting expert Michael Grose that is both easy to learn and highly effective is the Face-Up conflict resolution process that is a variation on some common processes already in use.

The steps involved in the Face-Up process:

- **Safety first:** To ensure safety and integrity it is important that both children are calm. Give them time and some help to regain control if they are angry or upset.
- **Feeling second:** Using I-messages children tell each other how they feel about the situation. "I feel awful when you don't share your toys. I really feel like losing it because it is not fair." Focus on the feelings and don't let it get into recriminations or accusations.
- **Repeat third:** Sometimes this process is enough to get a resolution or at least an apology. Repeat this procedure if necessary so both children feel they have been heard.
- **Resolve fourth:** State the problem as you see it or as children identify it. Sometimes children just want to state their case and they will make their own suggestion about resolving it. "You can play with my old toys but I don't want you playing with my new toys for a while. They're special." "Okay."
- **Make-up fifth:** An apology or an agreement is often enough, however sometimes damage may need to be repaired or a follow-up talk from a parent about better behaviour may be appropriate.

In our journey towards Easter, working towards peaceful resolutions of conflict is one practical way of enhancing both personal and community relationships.

Wishing you God's blessings throughout the Lenten season,

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal

Religious Education

THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS - A REFLECTION

A young man who had been raised in a family of non-believers was training to be an Olympic diver. The only thing he knew about religion came from an outspoken friend who was a Christian. The young diver never really paid much attention to his friend's sermons, but he heard them often.

One night the diver went to the indoor pool at the college he attended to train. The lights were all off, but as the pool had large skylights and the moon was bright, there was plenty of light to practice by. The young man climbed up to the highest diving board. He stood on the edge of the board and turned his back to the pool. As he stretched his arms out, he saw his shadow on the wall. The shadow of his body in the shape of a cross.

Instead of diving, he knelt down and asked God to come into his life. As the young man stood, a maintenance man walked in and turned the lights on. The pool had been drained for repairs.

(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. During Holy Week we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, last supper, agony in the garden, betrayal, passion and death on the cross. We remember that Jesus' body was placed in the tomb. The week that begins in celebration ends in despair. It is not until Easter Sunday that we rejoice in and recall Jesus' resurrection.



Our Year Six students will lead us in a special Prayer Celebration next Thursday 1 April. They will share the events of Holy Week and lead us through the Stations of the Cross. It will take place in the Marist Centre at 9:30am. All welcome.

Those wishing to attend need to book via the TryBooking link which will be emailed tomorrow. Please be aware that social distancing requirements only allows for 70 adults to attend.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Last weekend Bishop Michael McCarthy Confirmed a number of our students in special celebrations at St Joseph's Church.

Confirmation, the second of the Sacraments of Initiation, completes Baptism. Through the Laying on of Hands, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Anointing with Chrism (which all looked a little different this year due to COVID restrictions), candidates were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and called to become involved in the life and mission of the church.



It was wonderful to have Bishop Michael here to lead these celebrations.

A big THANK YOU to Fr Stephen, Fr James and Fr Sijo, the parents and families of these students and the Sacramental team for guiding and supporting them throughout their preparation.

Please continue to keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time in May.





TIME TO SWITCH OFF

Tomorrow we will take part in World Earth Hour's school event. Lights, screens and all devices will be turned off in classrooms between 2:00pm and 3:00pm. In joining this action we promote the care of our planet, reduce the use of energy and walk in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world who do not have electricity. This is in line with the Pope's encyclical *Laudato Si* and Catholic Social Teachings.

You might like to consider participating in Saturday night's Earth Hour from 8:30pm. Together we can make a difference.

To find out more about Earth Hour go to: <https://www.earthhour.org.au/?su=wildcards>

LENTEN CHALLENGE

Our 'Animals for Others' campaign has been lots of fun. Students have excitedly bought tokens and parents have happily reported that their children having been doing lots of jobs at home to earn the money to buy chicks, goats and cows.

The students have bought 453 chicks, 204 goats and 142 cows raising \$1563 towards the cost of buying these animals. Thank you everyone. You are contributing to family life and making a difference in the lives of people you don't even know.

The class that has bought the most animals will lead the school in a special dance at Assembly tomorrow.

Look at all the chick, goat and cow tokens on the wooden cross in the sacred space in the Year 4E classroom.



EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets in our Easter Raffle are selling fast. They are great value at a cost of 50 cents each or three for \$1.00. Our Year Six Leaders will be selling the tickets before school and at lunchtime each day. Tickets are also available from classroom teachers.

The raffle will be drawn next week. All money raised will be forwarded to the Missions.

A big thank you to the Emmanuel Staff for donating all the goodies for this multi-draw raffle.

ECSIP SURVEYS UPDATE

A big THANK YOU to all parents who have taken the opportunity to reflect on our Catholic Identity, answer surveys and advise their child's teacher of their participation. Unfortunately there have been some issues with these surveys, and we have been advised to suspend completing them until further notice. They should be back online early next term. We will try again then. Your participation, co-operation and support is very much appreciated.

Remember: The class with the most parents completing the surveys will celebrate with a pizza party.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7

Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

The Passion.

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

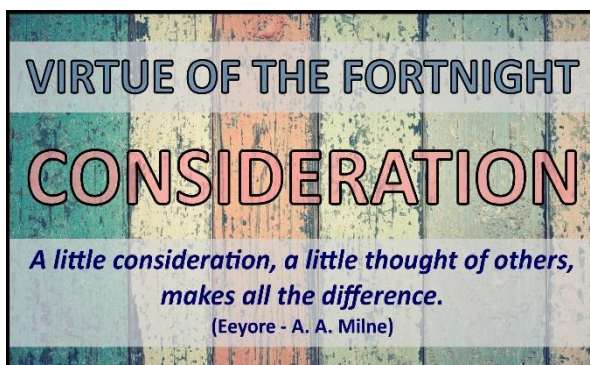
ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

This week at Assembly, Year 5C with the help of Year 1T will lead the school in prayer. With a 'Palm Sunday' theme, they will share the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, wave palms, and invite us to welcome Jesus into our lives. It will be a great way to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week!



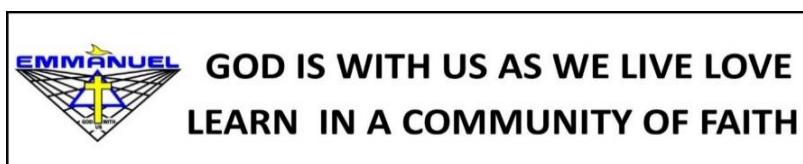
Why not check out the fabulous Michael Mangan song, "Sing It Hosanna" that we will all join in singing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XU0ptQH-eo>







Consideration begins by noticing what people need and thinking about how your actions could affect them. When you are considerate, you care about how others feel. You acknowledge that other people are just as important as you are. You treat them with kindness and respect and do little things to bring happiness to them. You are the friend that you would like to have.

"Blessed is one who adds to the happiness of another."
(Unknown)



Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Emmanuel Catholic Primary Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

<p style="text-align: center;">Catholic Identity and Ethos </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Teaching and Learning  (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8)</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>Goal <i>Implementing Catholic Social teaching and service learning within the Curriculum.</i></p>	<p>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.</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>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.</p> <p>Goal <i>All teachers will collaboratively plan and focus on embedding the Inquiry approach to Spelling across all year levels.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pastoral Support and Wellbeing  (NSIT Domain 3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing  (NSIT Domains 1,4,9)</p>
<p>Strategic Priority 3.1 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>Strategic Priority 4.1 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>

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Monday 26 April 2021 – Saturday 8 May 2021

Earlier today parents were emailed instructions on how to book Parent Teacher Interviews in Parent Lounge.

Bookings open Monday 22 March at 3:00pm
and will close Thursday 1 April at 3:00pm

Student Protection News – Safe Bedrooms

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation have developed “Safe Bedrooms” a suite of resources which equips parents and carers to protect their children from online predators. Many parents and carers feel unsure about how to keep their children safe online, unfamiliar with ever-evolving technologies and conscious of the significant role that technology plays in the lives of children and young people. Parents are invited to access the resources via the link below

Safe Bedrooms - Daniel Morcombe Foundation

Reports of online child sexual exploitation continue to rise at an alarming rate.

Safe Bedrooms provides information for parents and carers on how to recognise online grooming as well as tangible safety tools like the Family Technology Agreement. It also offers a range of resources for children and young people to understand grooming and the ways in which it differs from healthy relationships. These tools will support children, families and communities to increase their awareness of online grooming and combat child sexual exploitation.

[Safe Bedrooms | The Daniel Morcombe Foundation](#)

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL HOTLINE



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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

PREP Enrolments 2022

2022 PREP ENROLMENTS Closing soon

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.

Around the School

A colorful poster for an Easter Disco event. The background is light pink with vertical stripes. A large white Easter egg is the central focus, containing text. The text reads: 'JOIN US FOR AN EASTER TREAT', 'Easter Disco', 'COME DRESSED FOR THE DAY IN EASTER ATTIRE', 'WHEN: Friday 26 March 2021', '1:50pm - 2:15pm Prep - Year 2', '2:15pm - 2:50pm Year 3 - 6', 'WHERE: Marist Centre', and 'ENTRY FEE: Gold coin donation with proceeds going to Caritas'. The poster is decorated with various Easter-themed icons: a white rabbit, a pink heart, a blue egg, a pink egg, a white star, and a white hand holding a pink heart.

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Tomorrow, Friday 26 March, students are invited to come dressed in Easter clothing for a gold coin donation. There will be a Easter Disco held in the Marist Centre during the afternoon session. An alternate activity within the year level will be provided for those who do not wish to attend.

Virtue Vouchers

Term One Week Eight

6T/R	Artaya Billy	4S	Daniel Mia	2C	Lailah Chad
6S	Ashton Oliver	4E	Flynn Brodie	1T	Emmy Robert
6K	Bindert Kaitlin	3W	Emily	1M	Demi
5W	Cooper Libby-Rose	3H/B	Kayden Pyper	1J	Finn
5S	Piper Alfie	3B	Lily	PJ	Lily
5C	Eilish Hudson	2R	Korbyn	PG	Jaxson Alexis
4W	Prince Harley	2M	Parker Austin		



School Board 2021

Our school board members for 2021 are as follows:

Miss Geraldine Rostirolla	Principal
Mrs Donna Shepherd	Chairperson
Mr Ashley Watson	Secretary
Mrs Sharon Donnelly	Staff Representative
Mrs Noeleen Kliese	APRE
Sister Lila Galvin	Religious Member
Mrs Ciane Rodgers	Parent Rep
Mrs Anne Marshall	Board Liaison Officer

Parents & Friends Committee 2021

Our Parents & Friends Committee for 2021 is as follows:

President:	Mrs Sonja Coburn
Vice President:	Mr Paul Shepherd
Treasurer:	Mrs Tanya Bridson
Secretary:	Mrs Ciane Rodgers

Our next P & F Meeting will be held Tuesday 20 April 2021 at 5pm in the library.

Tuckshop News

VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 1 WEEK 10

Monday 29 March:	Talthia Swan
Tuesday 30 March:	Sandy Brown
Wednesday 31 March:	Jalena Creedon
Thursday 1 April:	Paul Johnson
	Help Wanted
	Help Wanted





LOST PROPERTY

Lost property items will be placed on display at the front of our administration building on Wednesday 31 March 2021.

Any items not collected by Thursday 1 April will be donated.

Please encourage your child to check for any items they may be missing.



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



PEACE AND UNITY
HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE

Year 7 in 2022 Information Evening



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton
Training for Life



SAVE THE DATE

29 April

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

WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IS YOU

Facilities Officer (28hpw)
MacKillop Catholic Primary School, Andergrove

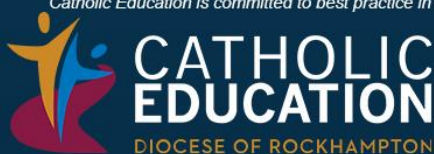
As Facilities Officer you will provide a high level of maintenance & development of the school grounds. Applications are now invited for this term-time position (45 weeks).

For further information and to apply
visit our website today

www.rok.catholic.edu.au

Applications close 26 March 2021

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Under 12.5s

Do you want your son or daughter to try a new sport? Are you looking for the club that Mum, Dad and kids can all play footy at? Then Bakers Creek Tigers is the perfect club for you!

Training Tuesday's & Thursday's 4:15-5:15pm at Etwell Park, Bakers Creek 



Age Bracket: 1/07/2008 - 30/06/2010
- Males & Females!!
Contact: Coach Kirsty 0499 979 897 or
klswi1@eq.edu.au

