



newsletter

22 April 2021

Term Two

**ANZAC Prayer
Celebration**
23 April

ANZAC Day
25 April

ANZAC Day Holiday
26 April

Labour Day Holiday
3 May

Mother's Day Picnic
7 May

NAPLAN
11-21 May

School Photo's
25 – 26 May

Mackay Show Holiday
17 June

Athletics Carnival
18 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 Sunday 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 of Remembrance 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 106th 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

Religious Education

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)

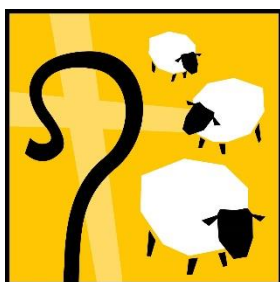
*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest We Forget.*

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

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

Lest We Forget

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



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:8-12

Peter heals by the power of Jesus.

1 John 3:1-2

We are children of God.

John 10:11-18

The Good Shepherd

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

FIRST COMMUNION

Students who were Confirmed by Bishop Michael in March will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time next month. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they complete their preparation and receive the sacrament.

Calendar of Events			
Preparation and Retreat	Sunday 2 May	5:00pm	St Joseph's Church
Celebration of First Communion	Saturday 8 May	6:00pm	St Joseph's Church
Celebration of First Communion	Saturday 8 May	6:00pm	St Brigid's Church
Celebration of First Communion	Sunday 9 May	7:30am	St Brendan's Church
Celebration of First Communion	Sunday 9 May	9:00am	St Joseph's Church



2021/2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A letter detailing the St Joseph's Sacramental Process and the upcoming Information Session was sent home with all **Year Four** students yesterday.

If you have an older child wishing to receive the Sacraments as part of the 2021/2022 Program, please collect a copy of this letter from the school office.

The Parent Information Session will be held on Wednesday 19 May at St Joseph's Church.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF NORTH MACKAY
AND NORTHERN BEACHES

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Preparation for the Sacraments of Penance
and Eucharist will commence with

REGISTRATION AND PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2021

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH AT 7:00pm

For further details please contact the Parish Office
Phone: 49574855 or Email: stjomky@bigpond.com
(Tuesday to Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm)

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)







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

Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Curriculum Corner

Emmanuel Catholic Primary Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

<p>Catholic Identity and Ethos </p>	<p>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. 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. 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. Goal <i>All teachers will collaboratively plan and focus on embedding the Inquiry approach to Spelling across all year levels.</i></p>
<p>Pastoral Support and Wellbeing  (NSIT Domain 3)</p>	<p>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. 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. 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

Attendance – Every day counts

Each parent / carer / guardian of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attends a school. Each parent / carer / guardian of a child enrolled in a Catholic school or college in the Diocese of Rockhampton regardless of the child's year level has the legal obligation to ensure their child attends on every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a satisfactory reason for the child's absence.



Every day counts...

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton are great places for *belonging* (feeling valued and respecting others), *connecting* (to our faith tradition and by making lifelong friends) and *learning* (about ourselves and our world). By attending and engaging in school every day, our students increase the likelihood of:

- succeeding in and enjoying their learning
- thriving as they collaborate
- embracing the challenge of new skills
- growing in understanding

Did you know that...

If your child misses...	2 DAYS per term	4 DAYS per term	6 DAYS per term	8 DAYS per term
That equals...	8 DAYS per year	16 DAYS per year	24 DAYS per year	32 DAYS per year
Over 13 years of schooling that's...	104 DAYS	208 DAYS	312 DAYS	416 DAYS
Which is...	nearly 21 WEEKS	nearly 42 WEEKS	over 62 WEEKS	over 83 WEEKS

Every day counts and as a high priority, we want our students to be at school, every day (unless they are unwell). Our schools are welcoming, safe, inclusive centres of learning, designed to promote student well being and progress so please contact your Principal to discuss any factors that might be affecting your child's attendance and engagement at school.



belonging, connecting, learning.



Anzac Day 2021

An email was sent on Monday regarding details for the Anzac Day march. This information can also be found on our [website](#).



Student Council Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their peers as Student Representatives for Term Two. Badges will be presented at our Week Two assembly.

- 6K Indi Brady and Harrison Bell
- 6S Mia Ciampallari and Sebastian Copley
- 6T/R Keeley Crowe and Hudson Synnott

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

Year Six News



Mrs Alison Wales, principal of Holy Spirit College, along with some of our student leaders from 2020 visited Emmanuel Year Six students on Wednesday, to discuss transitioning to High School.

Our Year Six students are looking forward to the transition to high school day at HSC on Tuesday next week.

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 11th – Tuesday August 17th. 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 Linda Miller
Music Teacher

Tuckshop News

VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 2

Monday 26 April:	Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 April:	Sandy Brown
Wednesday 28 April:	Jelena Creedon
Thursday 29 April:	Paul Johnson
Friday 30 April:	Kara Shepherd
	Katie Murphy
	Help Wanted



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STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND *Wellbeing* IN OUR SCHOOLS

ALL PARENTS & SCHOOL STAFF, PLEASE JOIN US (BY ZOOM OR IN PERSON)
AT THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS QUEENSLAND
DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON - PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 29 APRIL 2021

This is a free event

6.30pm refreshments for a 7pm start
KEVIN CASTLES CONFERENCE CENTRE
152 West St, Allenstown

Our speaker for the evening will be Erin Sheldrick
Catholic Education Office Rockhampton - Project Officer, Student Wellbeing

Followed by Carmel Nash OAM
Catholic School Parents Qld - Executive Director

TO REGISTER CLICK HERE: <https://www.cvent.com/d/kjqdsh>

Or for further information phone 3905 9730



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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

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

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www.hsc.qld.edu.au/enrolments





Would your child be like to play AFL?

Playing AFL teaches your child teamwork and new skills, improves fitness and makes lifelong friendships. We offer football for all abilities, for both male and female players and field teams from under 6 to under 17.

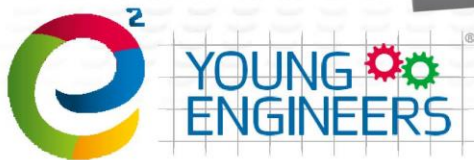
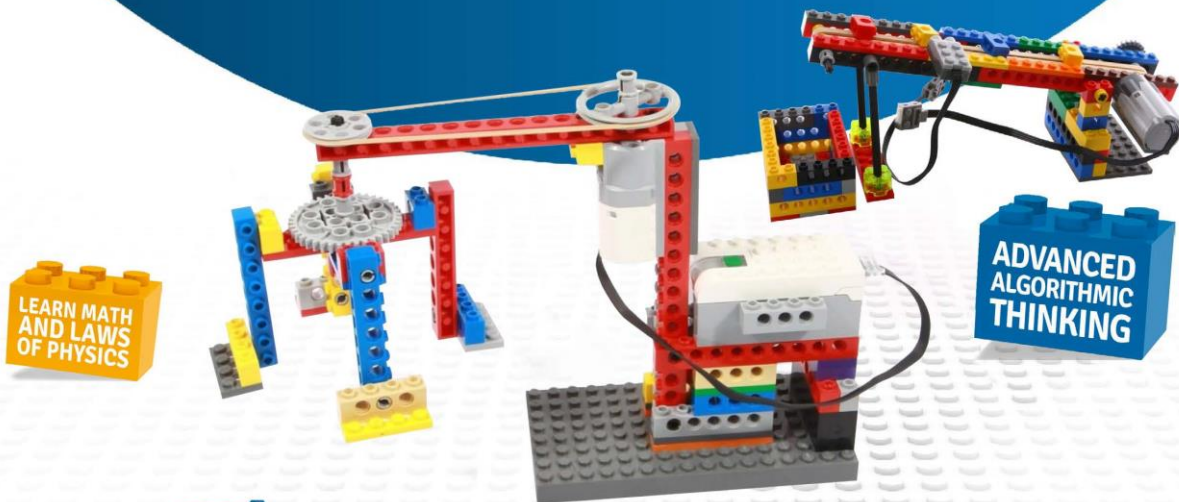
We are based at Magpies Sporting Club where we enjoy the most modern facilities of anyone in Mackay. Our oval was refurbished last year, lights have recently been upgraded and we have outstanding new clubrooms and canteen facilities.

Your child will be led by experienced and qualified coaches (all with Level 1 AFL accreditation). Their emphasis is to teach your child the basic skills in a safe environment for everyone. Rules are modified for the younger grades to encourage participation.

For more information, give us a call...



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SATURDAY 22nd MAY 2021

Eligibility	Program Name	Time	Fees	Book online at
Yr 1 - Yr 2	Bricks Challenge	9:00am to 10:30am	\$25	https://www.trybooking.com/BQQIA
Yr 3 - Yr 5	Robo Bricks	11:00am to 12:30pm	\$25	
Yr 6 - Yr 8	Inventor's Kit	1:00pm to 2:30pm	\$25	

First time in Mackay: Register before April 30 to get an early bird discount. This discount will apply automatically when you proceed to the booking page that can be found at www.trybooking.com/BQQIA

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.

Inventor's Kit program will challenge your child to build solutions to real world problems by using LEGO models and a range of input output sensors, controlled by block programming (no prior experience required).

For more information, please call: 0424 985 172

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