



newsletter

29 April 2021

Term Two

**Feast of St Joseph
the Worker**
1 May

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

Last Day of Term
25 June

Our School Mission Statement



Dear Parents,

A big “thank you” to all those families, students and staff members who came along to the ANZAC DAY march and paraded with our school last Sunday. Despite the inclement weather, the number of children who took part in the march this year was outstanding and I could not help but feel a great sense of pride as the students proudly made their way along the city streets. It was wonderful to see so many of our younger students also join us in celebrating this historic day. Anzac Day is always an opportunity for our students to show their respect for those who gave their lives for us and similarly, it allows us as a school to clearly demonstrate our respect to the community.

One very critical part of a child’s development is their social growth. At school this is largely seen in the way that they interact with their peers. The building and maintaining of friendships is an issue that causes both joy and sadness for children. As adults we need to support our children as they learn these important skills. As with other areas of their development, a balance between “being there” and being “not there” is the ideal.

Below is a list of behaviours exhibited by those who successfully make friends..... They.....

1. are optimistic about their engagement with others and communicate this;
2. take responsibility for their behaviour and avoid making excuses;
3. refuse to blame others for the problems they have;
4. are honest;
5. listen to and are considerate of others’ points of view;
6. actively look for win-win opportunities so that both their needs and the needs of others are met;
7. work at gaining respect and affection;
8. are reliable and trustworthy;
9. treat others as important and worthwhile persons;
10. intentionally plan to do things that demonstrate that they care about others.

Each day, we send and receive hundreds of messages and signals in our communications (both verbal and non-verbal) that show our beliefs about ourselves and others.

- I demonstrate that I believe that I am a worthwhile person when I study for a test, improve the presentation of an assignment, train hard for sport or practise my music etc.

- I tell myself that I am not worthwhile when I give up easily, make lots of excuses, use negative self-talk, say “I can’t”, tell lies, blame others etc.
- I let others know they are worthwhile when I help them with their school work, listen to their ideas (or problems), encourage them or intentionally perform acts of kindness etc.
- I send the signal that I believe others are not worthwhile when I put them down, refuse to help, ignore or dismiss their ideas, tell lies about them etc.

It is important that we are aware of the messages we send and receive and the effects these messages have on our ability to make friends. Parents can help their children by regularly promoting positive behaviour and challenging negative beliefs.

Have a wonderful week with your children – enjoy them for who they are.

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal

Religious Education

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM - *Lest We Forget*

On Friday our school community gathered to commemorate ANZAC Day and to pray for peace. Toni McNeill and two students from Holy Spirit College, representing the Army, Navy and Air Cadets, formed the guard and Mr Dodson reflected on his service in the Royal Australian Navy. Our Adopt-a-cop Constable Gayl Wilson and her son Cooper laid a memorial wreath and representatives from all classes placed poppies at the foot of the cross.

It was a reflective and respectful time of prayer that included scripture, *The Ode*, The Last Post, One Minute’s Silence, Rouse and Australian National Anthem. It was a wonderful way to remember and honour those who served and gave their lives to defend the values of justice, peace and freedom.

On Sunday, a large group of students and teachers participated in the Mackay ANZAC Day Parade.



MONTH OF MARY - PRAY THE ROSARY THIS MAY



May has always been a special month in my life. During May we celebrate our mums and our heavenly mother, Mary. As a child it was a time for our family to gather with other families in the neighbourhood to pray The Rosary. As an adult and a mother myself, it is a time to appreciate my mum and give thanks for the gift of motherhood.

'The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family.' (Pope Francis)

This May all classes will be learning about Mary and praying various Marian prayers. I encourage you to do the same.

CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY

Each year our school community comes together at a special prayer celebration or Mass to celebrate and thank God for mothers. Due to the large number of mums who usually join us to celebrate and the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, we have decided to try something different this year. Students will pray for their mums at Assembly.

We will also be having a picnic and all mums are invited. It will take place in the playground between the library and Year Two/Prep building at 10:30am on Friday 7 May. Please bring a chair or rug and morning tea to share with your children. We look forward to sharing this time with as many mothers as possible.

FEAST OF ST PETER CHANEL



St Peter Chanel is the Patron Saint of Oceania. He was a Marist priest and as such has a special significance for us here at Emmanuel. (The Society of Mary, Marist Fathers, is a religious order of priests, so called on account of the special devotion they profess toward the Blessed Virgin.) Peter Chanel was one of the first priests professed on 24 September 1836, along with Jean-Claude-Marie Colin and Marcellin Champagnat. His feast day is 28 April.

You will find a short video about St Peter Chanel @

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=403

FIRST COMMUNION

Students participating in the Sacramental Program 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 last week.

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)



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 9:26-31

Saul joins the apostles.

1 John 3:18-24

We are in God and God in us.

John 15:1-8

Jesus the vine, the Father, the vine grower.

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



Joy is not in things it is in us. (Richard Wagner)

Joyfulness is being filled with happiness. It is a peaceful sense of well-being. Joy is looking forward to your day, knowing it will be good. It comes from when we are doing what we know is right and when we laugh and see the humour in things.





There is no such thing as the pursuit of happiness, there is only the discovery of joy. (Joyce Grenfell)



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

Noleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Emmanuel Catholic Primary Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

Catholic Identity and Ethos 	Effective Teaching and Learning  <small>(NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8)</small>
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  <small>(NSIT Domain 3)</small>	Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing  <small>(NSIT Domains 1,4,9)</small>
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>

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum

WOW WEDNESDAY - WIPE OUT WASTE

By packing lunch in containers that we can

REUSE or

RECYCLE we will

REDUCE waste and help save the planet.

NO DISPOSABLE PACKAGING PLEASE!

Plastics and other disposable packaging will be sent home in lunchboxes.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 May 2021

Students are required to wear blue formal uniform, dress for girls.

Order forms have been sent home today. Please note that orders are to be placed ONLINE ONLY.

Envelopes do not need to be returned to school, they are for your information only.



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Emmanuel Catholic Primary School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Tuesday 25 May 2021 and Wednesday 26 May 2021

**ORDER NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code
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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by *advancedlife*. Our school has arranged for all school photography packages to be ordered online via our school portal. This reduces administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit **advancedorder** code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

ESAFETY - WEBINAR



NEW webinar: eSafety's guide to parental controls

Our new webinar, **eSafety's guide to parental controls**, will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help keep young people safer online.

This webinar is targeted to parents and carers of 5 to 13-year-olds.

Register for the free webinar, eSafety's guide to parental controls, for parents and carers from the eSafety Commissioner.

The webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online.

It will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to set up iOS and Android devices for safety
- how to set up popular games and apps like YouTube and Roblox for safety
- using family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help when things go wrong.

This webinar will include practical tips, demonstrations and advice.

To register, visit: esafety.gov.au/parents.

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 pictured (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'!



Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration



MOTHER'S DAY PICNIC

**Friday 7 May
10:30am**

Tuckshop News

VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 3

Monday 3 May:	Public Holiday
Tuesday 4 May:	Hannah Deguara
Wednesday 5 May:	Stephen Northam
Thursday 6 May:	Tahnee Nock
Friday 7 May:	Angela Fussell Rebecca Warrell

Help Wanted



facebook

Stay connected with us by following our Facebook page for regular updates, photos and stories.



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.

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



WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IS YOU

Facilities Officer (25hpw) Term-Time 46 Weeks
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, North Mackay

As Facilities Officer you will provide a high level of maintenance & development of the school grounds. Applicants interested in less than 25hpw and willing to work as a job share position are also encouraged to apply.

For further information and to apply
visit our website today

www.rok.catholic.edu.au

Applications close 10 May 2021

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures.



**CATHOLIC
EDUCATION**
DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON



WE ARE LOOKING FOR U8 BOYS!!

(Born 2014 & 2015)

Where do they play?: At Mackay Basketball Stadium

When?: Games are played Saturday morning from
8.15 am
(Season starts Saturday 8th of May)

Training times?: Every Thursday afternoon. Time TBA

Never played before?: It doesn't matter!

U8 is awesome fun and great exercise. It is played on full-court and lowered hoops.

It is 4 vs 4 so the kids get heaps of game time!

Any questions?: Give Darren a call on 0437 426 737

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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