



newsletter

30 April 2020

Term Two Dates to Remember

Mon 4 May –
Labour Day Public
Holiday

Sun 10 May –
Mother's Day

Fri 26 June –
Last Day of Term



Dear Parents

As you are aware, last week there was a serious eSafety breach within our school. Despite the unexpected media coverage I am confident in the way that we managed this breach, and in collaboration with Queensland Police and other authorities, we hope to resolve the source of the breach as soon as possible. In the meantime, it is important for us to reiterate key messages about eSafety for our students, to all parents and carers. A colleague from one of our Catholic schools in Rockhampton reminded her parents that materials, images and videos that may be provided via any learning platform should not be shared on social media. The following information which was shared with her school community will assist all families in supporting children when working from an online platform.

*Seesaw and Google Classroom provide opportunities for a shared digital platform where teachers can provide explicit instruction, set tasks, receive completed tasks from students, and design feedback for ongoing learning. On many occasions this may involve images or videos of teachers, and while we only share student images where media consents have been obtained, we increasingly have parents who don't want their child appearing in Social Media. Therefore, parents are requested **not** to re-post images from Seesaw or Google Classroom onto social media or share via the internet. This includes images of student work, images and videos of teaching and images of other students.*

Successful learning about eSafety happens both at school and at home, and we thank you for your active support and partnership. We also encourage parents to check computer settings at home and discuss safe online behaviours, using resources available through the eSafety Commission [website](#). If you have any concerns about any aspect of eSafety or videoconferencing in particular, please don't hesitate to contact myself or a member of the Leadership Team at any time.

As always I thank you for your ongoing support and especially for your feedback regarding any aspect of your child's education here at Emmanuel Catholic Primary School. I thank those parents who have been in contact to express their appreciation for our teachers' efforts to deliver a quality *Learning from Home* program. I also thank those parents who have personally contacted the school to convey their concerns. Please know that we value all feedback provided, as we do all that we can to support your child's learning progress in these challenging times.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week.

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal

Religious Education

REFLECTION

Mother Teresa said

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is bliss, taste it.

Life is a dream, realise it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfil it.

Life is a sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is too precious, do not destroy it.

Life is life, fight for it.



EASTER

Although Easter Sunday is just one day, the Season of Easter extends over 50 days, beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing through the Ascension of the Lord until Pentecost Sunday. It is the most important season in the Church's calendar.

Readings during the Easter season focus on Jesus' teaching after the Resurrection. For this week's Gospel readings, reflections and meditations go to <http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au/>

This term, students in all year levels have been reviewing the events of Holy Week and learning about the joy of Easter. Look at the fabulous work some of our Preps have been doing at home.



If you would like to share photos of the great work being done at your home in Religious Education, please email/send it to your child's teacher or to the school office.

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day was different this year. There were no dawn services, no parades, no bands, but there was abundant respect and gratitude on display. Many around the country stood on their balconies, driveways, or front lawns to *Light Up the Dawn*, to remember and honour all servicemen and women who have fought and died in wars and conflicts around the world.

If you have not already done so, be sure to check out the *Emmanuel Catholic Primary School* Facebook page to see our school captains, Connor and Abby place some poppies in our ANZAC Garden.

A big thank you to these families who have sent in photos showing how they marked the day at home.



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.

We Will Remember Them (My Grandfather's Hat) by Andrew Chinn
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPfaZCbwGYQ>

Lee Kernaghan's *Spirit of the Anzacs*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q20DUalzYJg>

We Will Remember Them - ANZAC Day Tribute
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rOnpc4NZcQ>

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.



Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort to pray the Rosary this May and has composed two new prayers asking for Our Lady's intercession to help end the COVID-19 pandemic.

'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)

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html

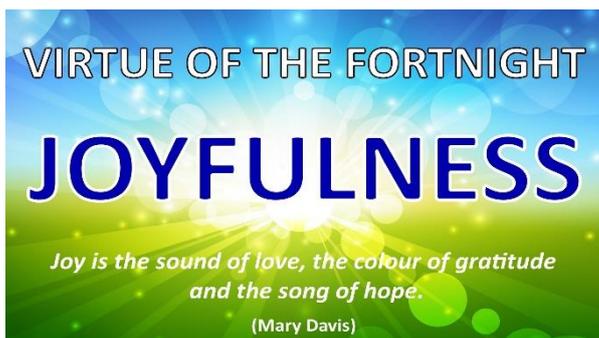
MJR AND CORONAVIRUS

In these uncertain times, it is important to remember that we are all in this together and we need to support and encourage each other. Being a WEST person is a great start.

Welcome with a wave, nod or foot tap. **Encourage** with positive words and phrases (written or verbal) or give a smile or a thumbs up. With people being a little more on edge than usual, the willingness to say **sorry** is important, as is taking the time to say **thank you** (for the little things as well as the big).

It is also a great time to practise kindness and gratitude and to share your joy with others. Why not smile more, complain less and help when and wherever you can? That's what Jesus would do.

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT



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)

Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education



Curriculum Corner

This week of Learning from Home has been filled with many learning experiences across all Year levels with Google Classrooms being filled with further resources to continue to deepen the curiosity and inquiring minds of children in a range of subjects beyond Literacy and Numeracy. It has been lovely to see the quality of work and the enjoyment on children's faces via email, google classrooms and seesaw (P-1) as they proudly pose for a photo with their finished product in response to the purposeful and interesting tasks set by their teachers. As teachers, we are always delighted to see a child's face light up when they have grasped a concept or overcome a learning challenge that they have persevered to master. This week, we thank you for sharing so many of these moments with us, as it is our daily interaction with students that we are all missing the most and we hope that you have enjoyed seeing these moments as you have supported, encouraged and motivated your children to learn over the past few days.

Beyond the cloud of COVID-19, there are many new opportunities arising, one of these certainly being the capacity for students to witness the relationship between parents and teachers growing even more closer as we all strive to instil a love of learning and positive mindset within the hearts and minds of our students. During this time the boundaries and walls of our classrooms have faded and merged into your homes and more clearly than before students can see that we are all working together in their best interests. I truly believe this united front will be very powerful when students return to our classrooms as they will continue to know more explicitly than ever before that their parents and teachers are a very influential team which research shows when a child has reassurance of this message they will achieve academically better and their social emotional state and well-being is healthier.

An important part of this relationship is feedback, during this time, teachers are providing feedback via phone, email and google classroom. Feedback will be provided to support students in many ways, some of these being: to maintain engagement and well-being with the Learning from Home online platform; to recognize how well tasks are understood and performed; as well as the process of learning and the final product. We appreciate your support in providing this feedback on our behalf during this time, as feedback is crucial to a successful teaching and learning experience to ensure growth in all individual students as a learner. During this time, it is very important that children continue to develop a love of learning and maintain their "I can do it" attitude and approach to learning. On the next page there are some wonderful examples of a small snippet of student achievements received by teachers this week.

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum



If you have requested paper based copies of the Google Classroom, please pick them up from the STOP DROP GO area between 3:15pm – 4:15pm tomorrow.

LEARNING FROM HOME

Letter Hunt!

Take pictures of things that begin with the letter

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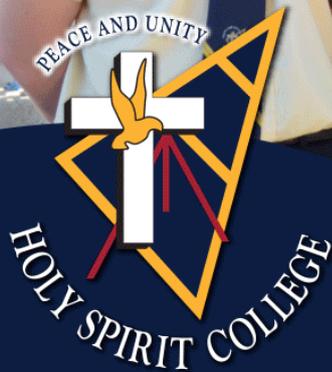
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HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

As of 2020, Enrolment Applications are to be submitted online. If you have trouble accessing the internet or need assistance completing the forms, please contact the Holy Spirit College office staff who are happy to assist you.

Join us for **Year 7 in 2021**



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Sometimes
heroes
need helping too!

Feeling the pressures of ISO life?

As a parent, keeping you and your family's **mental wellbeing** in check is **important**. We are here to help you through these challenging times.

- Isolation getting too much
- Kids are bored at home
- Learning from home is a struggle
- Tensions are building at home
- Unrealistic expectations of life
- Feelings of hopelessness
- Feelings of loneliness
- Depression or anxiety
- Missing distant family members
- Relationship troubles

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*Psychology appointments can be arranged as Telehealth and Bulk Billed through Medicare.

