



newsletter

13 May 2021

Term Two

NAPLAN
11-21 May

**Year 6 Peer Support
Training Day**
19 May

**Mumma Mia Preview
Show (School Choir)**
19 May

**Walk Safely to School
Day**
21 May

Peer Support Begins
21 May

School Photos
25 – 26 May

Mackay Show Holiday
17 June

Athletics Carnival
18 June

Last Day of Term
25 June

Our School Mission Statement



Dear Parents,

Below is an extract from a speech given by Christian Tsoutsouvas, when he was a 13 year old student, to the Year 7 and 8 classes of his school. Christian has Asperger's Syndrome and this speech is perhaps one of the bravest things I have ever heard of a student doing in a school.

"When I am walking alone through the school yard, I notice that many people start doing things such as pointing and laughing at me and talking to me as though I am 3 years old. I don't know – although I would like to – whether it is just plain immature behaviour on their part or if there's something about me that appears odd to those who don't know me. I don't want to embarrass those people by mentioning their names up here, but if any of you are in this room, do tell me privately if you think I'm an alien. I will not be offended after all the names I have been called in the past, but I would like to know. If not, I ask those people to please be more polite."

Christian gave this speech because of the bullying he was experiencing and the way he was being made feel disconnected from his school by a group of students. To do this as a young adolescent took an amazing amount of courage and certainly placed this student at risk of further harm and intimidation. The bullying stopped.

We are all different and I would wager that most of us at one time or another can remember feeling alienated. Perhaps not to the extent of Christian but to an extent where we did not feel we belonged or that we did not fit in with the others around us. Christian performed an extraordinary act of courage to change his situation however I don't think that would be possible for all of us.

Schools have in place policies and practices which are intended to keep all students safe and make sure they do not experience intimidation and bullying. To the best of their ability, schools adhere to these policies and for the most part children are safe and feel connected. Schools can have all the policies, slogans and programs to try and get all those in the community to treat each other with respect and dignity but they cannot watch and intervene with every interaction that happens in schools.

We work hard to develop students who have empathy with others and treat others as they would like to be treated without supervision or intervention. We use Jesus as an example to our students and we hope that the Christian values of our Catholic Church are foremost in our student's minds when they make decisions. In short, we endeavour to lead our community to be responsible Christian people who interact respectfully with each other.

"Let us love, not in word or speech but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18)

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal

Religious Education

MAY - MONTH OF MARY



*FROM MARY we learn to surrender to God's will in all things.
FROM MARY we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.
FROM MARY we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!*

(Pope Saint John Paul II)

When I was at school we prayed 'The Angelus' every day. The Angelus bell would ring at noon and we would stand for prayer. The Angelus is based on the Annunciation story. It recalls that Mary said 'Yes!' to God, that she agreed to be the mother of Jesus. Mary was scared and unsure, but she trusted God and answered His call.

Traditionally this devotion was repeated three times a day and gave ordinary people the opportunity to sanctify their everyday lives with regular pauses for prayer.

The Angelus (Traditional)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPERfvbpVg>

A Children's Angelus

The Angel Gabriel told Mary that God had chosen her to have a very special baby.

Hail Mary.....

Mary agreed to God's plan. She said,
'Let it happen to me as you have said.'

Hail Mary.....

And Jesus was born and lived among us.

Hail Mary.....

Holy Mary, please pray for us,
that our love for Jesus may grow stronger every day.

Let us pray:

O Lord, fill our hearts with your love,
warming our hearts and brightening our way.
May Christ our Saviour bring light and life into this
world, and to us, as we wait for His coming.
Amen.

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC

This month, Pope Francis has called for a 'marathon of prayer'. The Rosary will be led from different Marian shrines around the world each day. To join the daily live broadcast or view videos of the recitation of the Holy Rosary and to see a list of the Marian sites and daily intentions go to:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-05/shrines-around-the-world-linked-for-recitation-of-the-rosary.html>

The Rosary will be led from St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Sunday 16 May.

"The Rosary has a peaceful effect on those who pray it, leading them to see the face of Christ in others, to recognise other's grief and to yearn to make the world more beautiful, more just, more closely conformed to God's plan." (Pope John Paul II, 2002)

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

Gratitude is the quality of being thankful and showing appreciation. It is a mindful acknowledgement of all that we have been given. When we focus on the abundance in our lives, we discover a greater capacity for generosity, cheerfulness and contentment.

"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough." (Meister Eckhart)

FIRST COMMUNION

Last weekend, surrounded by family, friends and members of the parish, students involved in the Sacramental Program received the Eucharist for the first time. Fr James and Fr Sijo blessed the communicants and encouraged them to invite Jesus into their hearts and lives.

Congratulations to all students and families involved. You have worked hard over many months to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist.

A big THANK YOU to Fr Stephen, Fr James, Fr Sijo, the Sacramental Team and parents for guiding and supporting them throughout the program.

A reminder to all students that Mass is celebrated in the Emmanuel Chapel at 8:00am each Thursday morning. It is a great way to start your day. All welcome.



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 in recent weeks.

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)

CHILDREN'S MASS

9:00am

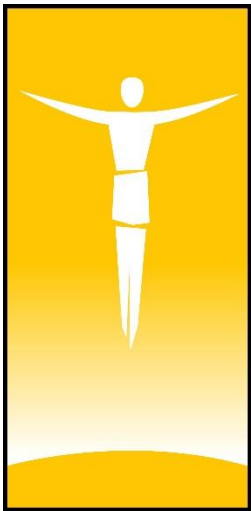
SUNDAY 23 MAY

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH



CHILDREN'S MASS

A children's Mass, led by Emmanuel students, will be held at 9am on Sunday 23 May at St Joseph's Church. Students wishing to participate in this ministry should contact Mrs Kliese in the office.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

On the fortieth day after His resurrection on Easter Sunday, Jesus led his disciples to the Mount of Olives. There, after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfilment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into Heaven.

The Ascension - The Catechism of the Catholic Church

<http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/ascension.php>

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up into heaven.

Ephesians 1:17-23

Live a life worthy of your calling.

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus commissions the eleven, ascends to heaven.

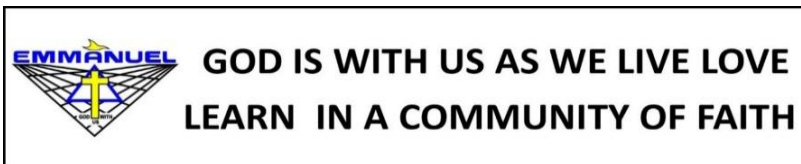
For weekly Gospel readings, reflections and meditations go to <http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au/>

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



Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Curriculum Corner

Emmanuel Catholic Primary Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

<p style="text-align: center;">Catholic Identity and Ethos </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 style="text-align: center;">Effective Teaching and Learning </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>(NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8)</small></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 style="text-align: center;">Pastoral Support and Wellbeing </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>(NSIT Domain 3)</small></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 style="text-align: center;">Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>(NSIT Domains 1,4,9)</small></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>

This week our Year 3 and 5 students have completed the Literacy components of the NAPLAN test; these being Writing, Reading and Language Conventions. We are very proud of the students and the outstanding effort they have made to complete their best work over the last few days. We wish them well for the Numeracy test next Wednesday. Please see the timetable below:

NAPLAN Online Week Two					
	Monday 17/05/2021	Tuesday 18/05/2021	Wednesday 19/05/2021	Thursday 20/05/2021	Friday 21/05/2021
Morning Session			Year 5 Numeracy (50min) Start time: 9am		
Morning Tea					
Middle Session	<i>Catch up Reading Tests</i>	<i>Catch up Language Conventions Tests</i>	Year 3 Numeracy (45min) Start time: 12pm	<i>Catch up Numeracy Tests</i>	

A key component of the teaching and learning cycle is celebrating success. It is important to take the time to provide students with feedback to promote growth in their learning as that is the true indicator of individualised learning has taken place, that each student has improved from the beginning of the learning journey to the next point, so as teachers can then provide the appropriate feedback and pedagogy to ensure students continue to be challenged, set high expectations and continue to grow and develop new understandings.

Below are some samples of Year 6 Writing that represents the culmination of developing writing skills across P – 6 as students build on their writing knowledge and capacity as they move through the Curriculum which is progressive from P – 6 ensuring students have the opportunity to consolidate prior learnings and build on these with new skills.

The year six students were asked to watch a short film and respond to a show not tell exercise. They had to describe what was happening using strong vocab, including metaphors and similes. Here are some of their responses:

Harry Bell

Bang! The bullet shot off misfiring, shooting into the bush. The Stampede were frightened and moved like thunder. The girl stood, shaking like a rattlesnakes tail. Her fear oozed throughout her skin. She held her ground. The stampede was progressing, closer towards the girl.

Indi Brady

As the beast stomps towards the trembling girl, she stands her ground. Her heart skipped a beat as she clutched onto the yaks long horn and flung herself onto his back. She saw the animals flee the forest to escape the stampede....

Kaitlyn Shanks

She could feel her heart pounding in her chest as she slowly approached the massive buffalos. She pounced, her hair blowing in the wind. Moving her hand gently down the creatures side touching it with a warm hand, she calmed the beast.

Indii Peterstorfer

Bang! The creatures sprinted to behind the trees as the beasts stampeded towards them. Only she was brave enough to save them. She ran with no fear, pushing hard off the rock. Her hand latched onto the smooth horn of the red eye buffalo; leading the herd to edge of the cliff.

Marli White

She could feel the magic move within her. She could see the animal and the creatures around her. She could hear the sound of birds chirping. A sound louder than a waterfall roaring began to move through her ears. The ground vibrating. What was it?

Demika Mezzen

She could feel the calm breeze flowing through her as she strolled through the forest. The calmness stopped when she felt the rumbling of the ground. A herd of angry buffalos. She quickly made a u-turn and discovered the herd running right at her.

Oliver Kippen

She could hear the gunshot, the buffalos charging right at her. She could see the buffalos, mysterious creatures flying through the forest. The feeling of the soft green grass on her feet as she sprinted, fast, away from the stampede charging her.

Indie Turner

My heart stopped beating in fear of what came next. It was like my stomach twisted causing me to feel sick. The buffalos feet thumped the ground like rocks clashing together. My face, reflected in the waterfall, a reflection of someone who had just seen a horror movie.

Well done students, we look forward to publishing some more next week. Keep up the great work and your love of learning!

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum

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PEER SUPPORT TRAINING DAY

Each year our Year Six students are responsible for leading the Peer Support program across the school. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to demonstrate leadership and act as positive role models to the younger students here at Emmanuel. Peer Support Australia is a national non-profit organisation who has been working with schools across Australia for almost 50 years to support student wellbeing. The Peer Support program empowers students with practical skills and strategies to positively navigate life and relationships. At Emmanuel, students from Prep – Year Five are placed in groups of approximately 10 students, and led by Year 6 students in activities and games to focus on the key message of taking responsibility for their own wellbeing and to assist them deal positively, proactively and resiliently with life experiences. This year's Peer Support program will run for six weeks and will focus on the core message of RESILIENCE.



To prepare students for the program, next **WEDNESDAY 19 MAY** the Year Six students will participate in a training day which will help prepare them to lead the groups this year. Peer Support will begin across the school next **FRIDAY 21 MAY**. The groups will run from 8:40am – 9:10am, with students working in groups under the guidance of classroom teachers. Awards will be presented in Peer Support groups and recipients will be congratulated at a short Assembly after Peer Support has concluded. **Please note the new Assembly time NEXT WEEK (Week 5) of 9.15am during the Peer Support Program.**

Please support this valuable program by discussing the content of weekly activities with your children – topics will be outlined in our Newsletter each Thursday. We look forward to wonderful student leadership and another successful year of Peer Support here at Emmanuel.

UNIFORM IN COLD WEATHER

With the cooler weather upon us, a reminder that the Emmanuel School jumper is to be worn. The Uniform Shop has second hand jumpers for sale if you wish to purchase this item of clothing. Our Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday, 2:30pm – 3:00pm.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY: FRIDAY 21 MAY

The annual Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is a day when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. This event will be held throughout Australia tomorrow, however, here at Emmanuel we will be participating in the event next **FRIDAY 21 MAY.**



As in previous years, Emmanuel students, staff, parents and friends are invited to participate in WSTSD by assembling in Tolcher St park from 7.45am on **FRIDAY 21 MAY.** From this point, at about 8.00am, police will ensure the safe crossing of Tolcher St and Arthur St, walking to the intersection of Phillip St and Bucasia Rd, then along the walkway running parallel to Bucasia Rd. The group will cross Baxter Drive at the supervised crossing, arriving at school by the first bell at 8.25am.

One of the many aims of the Pedestrian Council of Australia is to promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age. Some students may wish to join the walk by meeting Mrs

McDonald at school at 7.45am. If this is the case, **these students must have WRITTEN PERMISSION** to join the walk from school. Please note that NO CHILD will be able to leave the school grounds on Friday morning to join the walk unless a written permission note from a parent is provided. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing many members of our school community walking with us next Friday.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

Each Wednesday our Year Six Maths extension students participate in a challenging couple of hours of Maths. The questions certainly aren't easy, but we know that if we're not challenged, we're not learning! The questions are "timed", with 30 minutes allocated to solving five problems. Each week, a question will be published in the newsletter for parents to solve. Good luck with the Maths challenge below (we will start with an easy one!)

Sam has a secret code. Jan asks Sam what the code is.

Sam gives Jan the following clue: "If you subtract 6 from this secret code and then multiply the result by 5, the answer is 2020."

What is Sam's secret code?

(Answer in next week's newsletter).

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs will take place on **TUESDAY 25 May and WEDNESDAY 26 May**. Please note the following:

- As in previous years the payment method is **ONLINE ONLY**.
- To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for *Sibling/Family photos* will be cut off at 12:00am on the night before our photo day - Monday 24 May. To order go to <http://www.advancedlife.com.au/>
- Photos for Prep to Year 3 and some Siblings will be taken on **Tuesday 25 May** while students in Years 4 to 6, School Captains, House Captains, and remaining siblings together with the School Choir will be photographed on **Wednesday 26 May**.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 May 2021

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

Order forms have already been sent home. 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.

Students from Years 1 to 6 are to wear their **blue day uniform**, with girls wearing their **school dress**. Parents are asked to ensure that hair is neat and tidy, and hair longer than collar length is to be tied back. If hair bands, ribbons or scrunchies are to be worn, they are to be **gold or blue of the school colours**. No decorative hair accessories are to be worn.

Please contact the school office if you require any further information regarding school photos.

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


Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

Travel Subsidy


Student travel rebate applications are only open in May for Semester 1 and October for Semester 2. Please visit <https://schooltransport.com.au/> to check if you are eligible.



Non State Schools
TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME



Student Travel Rebates



Semester 1

Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$40/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$30/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](https://schooltransport.com.au) during May.**

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st May.

Virtue Vouchers

Term Two Week Three

6T/R	Ava Artaya	4S	Maddison Skylah	2C	Libby
6S	Claire Mia	4E	Isabella	1T	Isabella
6K	Curtis	3W	Archie		
		3H/B	Aiden Arki	1J	Alexander
5S	Ruby Jasmyn	3B	Charli Mason	PS	Gabriella Scarlett
5C	Jameson Leni	2M	Jonah Archie	PJ	Phoebe
4W	Marlee Thomas	2R	Claudia Avery	PG	Manny Violet



Term 2 School Fee Statements

Term 2 school fees are due tomorrow, Friday 14th May. We would like to thank those families who have paid. However, if you have not paid your account, it would be appreciated if you could do so immediately. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact Therese in the finance office.

Lost Keys

We have had a set of keys handed into the office, they were found on the ground near the Prep toilets. If you have lost your keys please come and see us in the office.

Tuckshop News

VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 5

Monday 17 May:	Help Wanted
Tuesday 18 May:	Mel Hudson
Wednesday 19 May:	Help Wanted
Thursday 20 May:	Lara Legarde
Friday 21 May:	Teresa Crowe Mark Ayles



CAN YOU HELP US?

We are currently experiencing a very large volume of orders through our tuckshop, which is great, however due to many of our volunteers unable to commit due to work commitments and unwell family members we have been struggling for volunteers to help us fill the orders on time.

So, we are calling for more people to volunteer just a few hours of their day, or once a month to assist in the tuckshop. We provide lunch, it's a friendly environment and the children love to see a parent or grandparent at break times.

Please phone the office if you can be of help.

PLASTIC CUTLERY

Plastic cutlery is supplied with all hot meals, pies, yoghurts, custards and fruit cups. The cutlery is available to those who have forgotten to bring their own items with lunch bought from home. However, this is at a cost of 10c per item.

Angie and Carly
Tuckshop

Pumped Sport

Pumped Sport's new Ninja Dash event is coming to Emmanuel Catholic Primary School on Tuesday the 25 May starting at 3.15pm and runs for 75 minutes. Cash or credit card payments can be made on the day to Pumped Sport. Children kindy aged and older are \$15 and toddlers are \$10. For more information and to register head to <https://pumpedsport.com.au/events/>

Please note: This is not a school related event. All enquiries are to be directed to Pumped Sport via the communication channels on the flyer.



\$15 PER CHILD
\$10 PER TODDLER

NINJA DASH

75 MINUTE AFTER SCHOOL EVENT

PAY ON THE DAY WITH CASH OR CARD

OBSTACLE COURSE

THE BIG BALLS

WARPED WALL

UNDER & OVER

WAVE RIDER

SLIDE

WIPEOUT WALL

ALL NEW INFLATABLES!

pumped sport

REGISTER AT
pumpedsport.com.au
1300 367 980

Emmanuel Catholic Primary School Oval
Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 3:15pm

Beyond the Pages

14-16 July 2021



Short Story
Competition 2021

Get Writing



Enter Now

If you love creative writing,
this is the competition for you!

See your English Teacher or Librarian for details
and an Entry Form or visit:

<http://www.whitsundayvoices.com.au/>

Entries close 5pm Friday 4th June 2021



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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.

LET'S GET

physical

St Mary's Trivia Night 2021

THE Social Event of the Year!

Friday June 11, 6.30pm for 7pm start.

\$30ea, Tables of 8 or 10 available

Ticket includes snacks and pizza

