



newsletter

04 June 2020

Term Two Dates to Remember

Tue 23 &
Wed 24 June
School Photos



Fri 26 June
Last Day of Term 2



Mon 13 July
First Day of Term 3



Fri 31 July
National Tree Day



“God will carry us safely through every stage.”
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding throughout the last ten weeks. It has been a challenging time as COVID19 has significantly impacted the wider community and schools. Thank you to all of the staff at Emmanuel who have continued to turn up and teach students not only in the curriculum areas but more importantly, how we respond in a life-giving way in uncertain times. The love, commitment, dedication, understanding, and flexibility the staff have shown here has enabled our Emmanuel community to continue to learn throughout this time. Some of the COVID19 restrictions are especially hard for us as we love to have positive interactions with our wider families/parents/carers, and we look forward to welcoming parents back into the school grounds when we are advised that this is possible. Our commitment is that we want Emmanuel to be a safe learning community.

I would like to pass on my thanks to parents and friends for respecting our guidelines in regards to minimising adult traffic through the school. It is hoped that these guidelines can be relaxed in the coming weeks and we can return to the bubbly community hub that we all enjoy.

Our society is starting to move slowly back into what we hear called the “new normal”. With this, our school will move accordingly. We continue to receive advice about refraining from assemblies and larger gatherings. When this changes, you will be duly informed.

As educators, we need to take what we learnt during this pandemic and work collaboratively to transform our school for the benefit of every child. Together in partnership with parents we strive to continue to deliver the best opportunities for all students here at Emmanuel Catholic Primary School.

Please continue to stay safe throughout this time and we will continue to keep you updated on changes as they occur.

For me, the past ten weeks have been a reminder that no matter the storm, when you are with God, there’s always a rainbow waiting...

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

- One: Don't miss the boat.
- Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Six: Build your future on high ground.
- Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.
- Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- Eleven : No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting...

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal



Religious Education

TRINITY SUNDAY



Trinity Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost. At this time Catholics honour the most fundamental belief of the church – that God is three and God is one: God the Father, the creator; God the Son, the Word made flesh; and God the Holy Spirit who shares His gifts and fills our hearts with love. There is only one God, but there are three persons in God. They are all equally God and cannot be divided.

Every time we bless ourselves or begin a prayer with the Sign of the Cross we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. (Greg Sunter)

This Sunday's Readings:

(Ex 34:4-6. 8-9) *Moses meets the Lord on Mt. Sinai.*
(2 Cor 13:11-13) *Live in peace with one another.*
(John 3:16-18) *Jesus tells Nicodemus of the Father's love.*

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

[For Parish News and updates check out 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

RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week is a time to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Celebrated at the same time each year (27 May – 3 June), National Reconciliation Week commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The theme of Reconciliation Week this year is '***In This Together***'.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the reconciliation walks of 2000, when people came together to walk on bridges and roads across the nation and show their support for a more reconciled Australia.

Yesterday the whole school participated in our own *Walk for Reconciliation*. It was a great way to end Reconciliation Week and to remind our students that reconciliation needs to be fostered every day; is about respectful relationships and everyone working together for a better future.





MJR AT HOME AND SCHOOL

Now that we have welcomed all of our students back to school, we are promoting an ***Attitude of Gratitude*** which acknowledges just how lucky we are, and encourages us to show in word and action our appreciation for the love and support of others. Being grateful acknowledges that you have ***enough***.

May you have enough

Enough happiness to keep you sweet.

Enough trials to keep you strong.

Enough sorrow to keep you human.

Enough failure to keep you humble.

Enough success to keep you eager.

Enough friends to give you comfort.

Enough wealth to meet your needs.

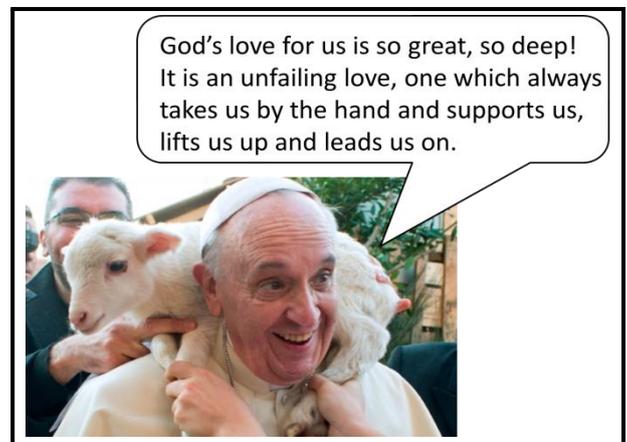
Enough enthusiasm to look forward.

Enough faith to trust yourself.

Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

May you have enough.

(Author Unknown)



CELEBRATING WITH BISHOP MICHAEL



Last Friday, 29 May, marked the 6th anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of our Bishop, Michael McCarthy. Many around the diocese joined Bishop Michael in celebrating by sharing the livestreaming of Mass from St Joseph's Cathedral.

We congratulate Bishop Michael and pray for him as he continues to lead and guide our diocese.

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT - GRATITUDE

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.

“Gratitude is the greatest prayer. Thank you is the greatest mantra.” (Swami Nithyananda)



Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Curriculum Corner



Opti-MINDS is a team challenge, which empowers participants to Think, Create and Communicate... Opti-MINDS is a six week challenge process held in Term 3 each year. Participants work in a team and select one of three challenges to solve and present their most creative solution in a ten minute dramatic performance, to a panel of Judges. Teams can nominate for one of the following challenges: Language/Literature; Science/Engineering or Social Science. This year's Regional Opti-MINDS event will be held on Sunday 23 August 2020.

Students interested in registering for the Opti-MINDS Challenge must be willing to give up some lunchbreaks and meet afterschool and Sunday mornings during the six week preparation time during Term Three, leading up to the presentation day, Sunday 26 August.

Students in Year Five and Six are asked to see Mrs Refalo next week if they would like further information or register for this year's event.

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum



School

The word "FEEES" is spelled out using five wooden blocks, each with a letter on top.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fee Statements were issued on Monday, 18 May. We have extended the normal collection term to 28 days, with payment due by 15 June.

As the economic impacts of the COVID-19 response are being increasingly felt by our school communities, Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton is offering a range of concessions to our families.

If you have an eligible government health concession card, including all Carer, Disability and Mobility card holders, Job Seeker (JS) or Farm Household Allowance (FH), you are eligible for a 100% discount on the tuition levy component of the School Fees.

Families without a concession card, but who are experiencing financial stress are encouraged to contact the Principal, Geraldine Rostirolla as fee concessions are available. A simplified concession application form is available. To access this, please click [here](#).

Please contact the finance office to discuss any of the above matters further, or if you have any other queries relating to this.

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.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

A reminder to parents that even though current restrictions have limited parent access to the school grounds, you are still required to sign students in when they are late for school, and out when leaving school early. If a member of the Leadership Team is NOT present at the school gate when you arrive after the 8.30am bell, you are asked to present to the school office and complete the sign in/out register.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs will take place on **TUESDAY 23 JUNE AND WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE**. Advanced Life Photographers have adjusted photography practices to accommodate current Covid19 restrictions. The company will take professional photos on an individual basis but **NO TRADITIONAL GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN THIS YEAR**. Instead, the company will provide a printed composite package that will feature your child's class, plus your child's portrait pack of choice.

As in previous years the payment method is **ONLINE ONLY**. The online order instructions are published below. Orders can be placed by following the instructions provided. Please note that 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 22 June*.

Photos for Prep to Year 3 and some sibling photos will be taken on **TUESDAY 23 JUNE**, while students in Years 4 to 6, School Captains and House Captains, and remaining sibling photos will be photographed on **WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE**.

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.



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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Tuesday 23 June 2020 and Wednesday 24 June 2020

**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 direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop is operating as normal and we will be calling for volunteers once again. We understand if anyone on our roster would rather not attend at this time, please notify us. It is imperative that you **do not** attend tuckshop if you are unwell, have anyone at home unwell and of course if you have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 (awaiting test results), or recently returned from overseas.

We currently have several days on our monthly roster that we have no assistance. It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider helping just one day per month.

Angie McGowan/Carly Nicholas

TUCKSHOP ROSTER – WEEK 8

Mon 08 June – Michelle Buckeridge

Tues 09 June – **HELP WANTED**

Wed 10 June – Stephen Northam

Thur 11 June – Vicki Brooke

Fri 12 June – Kara Shepherd
Angela Fussell

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TUCKSHOP



HSC PRINCIPAL'S VISIT TO YEAR SIX STUDENTS

Holy Spirit College Principal, Mrs Alison Wales, met with our Year Six students today to talk about what to expect at high school next year. Students enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions and to find out more about the college community.





Hudson S from 4 W
receiving his
"Home School Diploma".

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS - TERM TWO WEEK SIX

CLASS	STUDENT'S NAME AND COMMENT
6K	Ethan J - For the fantastic way that you engaged with the Learning From Home content. You showed diligent work habits and completed all set tasks to a high standard. Great work Ethan!
6K	Maggie T - For the fantastic way that you engaged with the 'Learning from home' content. You showed diligent work habits and completed all set tasks to a high standard. Great work Maggie!
6S	Alysse A – For the amazing work you did during the online learning period. Your work was always on time and completed at a high standard.
6W	Thomas S - For the dedication and hard work you demonstrated during the past four weeks. Keep up the great work.
6W	Alvin A - For the dedication and hard work you demonstrated during the past five weeks. Keep up the great work.
5C	Tobias R - For being an incredible member of our class. You are always eager to learn, you participate actively in class conversations, work well with all your peers and complete your work with a positive attitude. Well Done, Tobias!
5C	Brady C- For your have-a-go attitude. Regardless of how hard a task is, you always tackle it with enthusiasm. Your positive mindset and encouragement of others sets a great example for your peers. Well done Brady!!!
5F	Max M - for being our resident 'tech wizard' over the last few weeks. You have great knowledge in this area and you happily helped others; including your teacher! Great work Max!

5K	Audrey V - Audrey deserves recognition for her great effort with working on her writing. Well done!
5K	Lucas S- Lucas is commended for his organised, focused approach to his learning. Well done!
4E	Jameson W- For the positivity and commitment you have demonstrated towards your learning this term. Well done Jameson!
4S	Angus D – For consistently applying yourself to Learning From Home. You thrived working with the online platform and you are a real technological expert! Well done!
4S	Tanner A – For always displaying beautiful manners and a happy positive attitude in class. We are lucky to have you in 4S.
4W	Amy L - Congratulations on the mighty effort you put into completing Home Learning tasks. You are a legend!!
4W	Liam J - Congratulations on the mighty effort you put into completing Home Learning tasks. You are a legend!!
3P	Lincoln S - For the wonderful hard work and enthusiasm you have put into your work in our first week back at school. Keep up the amazing effort!
3M	Aaliyah F - For the focus and concentration you have applied to your writing this term. 3M have enjoyed listening to your creative responses and thought provoking opinions.
3M	Ruby G - For being a mathematics star. Congratulations Ruby on working so diligently with your times tables and regrouping. Keep it up!
3W/D	Dorothy P - Excellent effort and eagerness to lead others within the classroom Well done Dorothy!
3W/D	Isabella L - For an excellent attitude and enthusiasm to learn, it motivates us all Isabella. Well done!

3W/D	Blake B - For continued excellent effort towards learning. Well done Blake!
2B	Liliana L - For her wonderful dedication to Learning From Home. Mrs Brandon is very proud of the wonderful work you produced every day!
2B	Hudson F - For her wonderful dedication to Learning From Home. Mrs Brandon is very proud of the wonderful work you produced every day!
2M	Harriet A - For her amazing effort in her COVID-19 writing task. You included many thoughtful ideas and remembered capitals and full stops. Great work, Harriet!
2M	Cooper C - For his amazing effort in improving his writing during Learning From Home. Miss Menzies is very impressed by your speediness!
2R	Connor G - Congratulations Connor! For your hard work and dedication you put into every task when learning from home.
1C	Reid B - For showing significant growth in your writing. Miss Cordingley is so proud of you!
1C	Tayah B - For your wonderful effort in class. Tayah you have been working so hard. Miss Cordingley is very impressed. Keep it up!

1M	Libby M – For the wonderful improvement in your story writing and handwriting.
1M	Sophia V – For always trying your hardest and being organised for school.
1T	Amelia M - For persistence and dedication to all classroom tasks. The way you approach every activity with a positive attitude is admirable. You are a great role model to all Millie!!
PG	Rhys H - For the fabulous effort you are putting into your story writing. You are using your sight words and trying to sound words out independently. Keep up the great work.
PJ	Hudson C - For having beautiful manners. Hudson uses his manners when speaking with his friends and teachers. Keep up the marvellous and magnificent manners, Hudson!
PJ	Austen M - For settling back in beautifully to school life. It has been wonderful to see Austen’s happy face each day. Well done, Austen!!
PS	Mikito N - for the way he has settled back into the classroom. Mikito is always offering up ideas during classroom conversations and is always willing to help his friends. Keep up the good work Mikito!



Welcome New
Students

REMEMBER

- ❖ 2 minutes ONLY in the front of queue
- ❖ Please park in the angle parks if your child has not been dismissed from class
- ❖ Prep – Year One (2.45 – 3pm)
- ❖ Year Two – Six (3pm onwards)



SAFETY ALERT

If you are accessing the carpark along Baxter Drive opposite our bus stop, you MUST use the Pedestrian Crossing. This is a very busy roadway at pick-up time.



FOR THE SAFETY
OF EVERYONE,
PLEASE DO NOT
VACATE YOUR CAR
FOR ANY REASON.

Please click on the picture below to be taken to the Kids Helpline Website

Are you concerned about your students' online usage?

