

18 June 2021

**Term Two** 

ASSEMBLY

**Peer Support Friday Mornings** 

**Athletics Carnival** 23 June

**Last Day of Term Two** 25 June

> First Day of Term Three 12 July

**Challenge Cup** 14 July - 16 July

**Mackay Schools NAIDOC Mass** 20 July

**Catholic Education** Week 25 July - 31 July



Dear Parents.

It has been great to see the buzz around the school mounting in preparation for our Athletics Carnival. It reminds me of the work and struggles that our students go through on a daily and weekly basis. Some of our students seem to make running and field events seem so easy and natural, while others appear to be really working at the maximum capacity to travel only a few metres.

This is very similar to the academic path of many of our students. Some students find their subjects very easy, everything seems to fall into place and the results follow. They are high achievers and deserve all the credit they get. On the other hand some students really struggle and work through lesson after lesson and achieve to the best of their ability. This path can seem like a painful one, the home end can often have a lot of tension and feelings of frustration. It is at these times that our students need the most support and understanding.

It is also the time that they need to work through the difficult tasks and complete activities themselves. As a parent it is tempting to offer too much assistance, especially in the pressure of daily routine and activities. What we are trying to achieve for the children in our school is the opportunity for them to create independence, resilience and an ability to solve problems on their own. Our view of education has a number of elements and includes achievement for now and also preparation for the future. We want to prepare students for a future where they can solve complex problems, persist with tasks, feel success and also failure, this is a natural and important part of growing up. In the context of life any failures at school often are only small and are necessary to prepare children for the challenges life will throw at them.

Our task as teachers and parents is to guide and support our students through their work and study. On occasions we will see that a student is headed for a challenge or a failure and even after guidance and support that crash still occurs. The learning from that situation is often greater than a report card full of A's.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

**Geraldine Rostirolla** 

Principal

## **RE Matters**

## THREE HAIRS - A REFLECTION

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. "Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So, she did, and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "*H-M-M*," she said, "*I think I'll part my hair down the middle today*." So, she did, and she had a fabulous day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "Today I'm going to wear my hair in a ponytail." So, she did, and she had a great day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "YEAH!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

(Unknown)

I read this story to a teenager I know and asked him what he thought it meant. This is what he said.

It is about being grateful, being happy with what you have and not wishing for more. You have to make the most of what you have, accept the things you cannot change and choose to be positive. It's about life.

What does it say to you?

## MJR - MAKING JESUS REAL AT HOME AND SCHOOL

MJR emphasises the spirituality of the everyday, so lots of the things we do each day and week are Making Jesus Real in the world today.

We can't always control what happens to us, but we can control what we think about it and how we respond to it! **We can choose** to be a Happy Chappie/Happy Chickie who is cooperative, considerate and kind or a Nastie Pastie who sulks, complains and blames others.



#### YOU ARE IN CHARGE OF YOUR ATTITUDE!

What will you do this week to Make Jesus Real in your home, workplace and community?



As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. (Colossians 3:12-14)





Our BIGGEST MORNING TEA was a wonderful success. The sun was shining, a large number of our families joined the fun and the morning tea was delicious. A big thank you to all who bought badges (\$930) and made a gold coin donation (\$778).



## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

Please pray for our students who have enrolled in the Sacramental Program.

Sacrament of Penance	Tuesday 22nd June 3:30pm - 5:00pm	
	Wednesday 23rd June 3:30pm - 5:00pm	St Joseph's Church
	Thursday 24th June3:30pm - 5:00pm	
Family Workshop (Eucharist)	Wednesday 14th July 7:00pm or Sunday 18th July 10:15am	St Joseph's Church
Retreat	Sunday 29th August 2:00pm	St Joseph's Church
Celebration of First Communion	Saturday 4th September (6:00pm Mass) Saturday 4th September (6:00pm Mass) Sunday 5th September (9:00am Mass) Sunday 5th September (7:30am Mass)	St Brigid's Church St Joseph's Church St Joseph's Church St Brendan's Church



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Job 38:1. 8-11

The Lord constrains the sea.

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

We are new creations in Christ.

Mark 4:35-41
Jesus stills the sea

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

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

#### VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT - POSITIVITY

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." (Theodore Roosevelt)

Positivity means thinking in an optimistic way, looking for solutions and expecting good results and success. It is a happy and worry-free state of mind, which looks at the bright side of life. A positive attitude is one of joy, love and inspiration. It is choosing constructive feelings and emotions and acting with purpose and determination. If you have a positive attitude you avoid negative and unhappy feelings and thoughts.

The most important thing you will ever wear is your attitude. (Jeff Moore)



## **Curriculum Corner**

# **Emmanuel Catholic Primary**

# Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

Catholic Identity and Ethos	Effective Teaching and Learning (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8)
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  Implementing Catholic Social teaching and service learning within the Curriculum.	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 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.  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 All teachers will collaboratively plan and focus on embedding the Inquiry approach to Spelling across all year levels.
Pastoral Support and Wellbeing (NSIT Domain 3)	Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing (NSIT Domains 1,4,9)
Strategic Priority 3.1 To enhance student learning and well-being outcomes through the development of a school well-being framework.	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  For all teachers across Years 4-6 to build their knowledge of the "Be You – Mentally Healthy Communities" survey.	Goal  During 2021, students will participate in flexible inquiry-based Problem Solving and Reasoning lessons, which have been collaboratively planned and administered by their teachers.

#### **SEMESTER ONE REPORT CARDS**

A reminder to parents to please check that you can **sign into Parent Lounge prior** to reports being released next week. If you have any queries, please contact our school office.

Report cards will once again be available through Parent Lounge from 4:00pm on Thursday, 24 June.

- 1. To access Parent Lounge, open your internet browser and type in the URL for Emmanuel Catholic Primary School website: <a href="www.ecps.qld.edu.au">www.ecps.qld.edu.au</a>
- 2. Click on Parent Lounge under Quick Links.
- 3. Click on the Parent Lounge icon.
- 4. Login with your unique ID number and the password remains the same as previously used.

The goal of the reporting process is to support student learning progress by providing parents and carers with clear, individualised information about:

- the learning expectations for the student
- the student's achievement against expected standards
- how well the student is engaging with expected learning
- progress that has been made since the last reporting period
- strengths that the student has demonstrated and areas of challenge that may require more attention
- 'next steps' that will help the student improve.

The semester report is one part of a feedback loop, along with regular and consistent written and verbal communication such as on-going feedback on tasks, parent-teacher interviews, and daily opportunities for parents to discuss questions and concerns with teachers. The report reflects an on-balance judgement about the quality of student learning, based on evidence collected during the reporting period.

#### ICAS ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENTS FOR YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 STUDENTS

We are delighted to inform you that Emmanuel Catholic Primary School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments<sup>™</sup> this year.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment, that has been running for 40 years. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to online assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: <a href="https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas">https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas</a>

## Parent payment system

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS) for **Maths and English for Year 5 and 6 students only**. Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school. Please use the following details to register your child no later than **Friday 23 July**.

Access details for parents

Your school access code is: SHQ744

Your parent page link is: <a href="https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps">https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps</a>

These assessments will take place during the weeks of:

- ICAS English Monday 16 August to Friday 20 August (Term 3 Week 6)
- ICAS Maths Monday 30 August to Friday 3 September (Term 3 Week 8)

Specific dates and times will be confirmed after registration depending on number of students involved.

Please email Janine Refalo (janine\_refalo@rok.catholic.edu.au) once you have registered and paid for your child's participation, to confirm that I have received notification confirming your child's registration.

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum

## **APA News**

#### SCHOOL RESULTS SURVEYS

These surveys are being conducted as part of our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement. As it is critical that opinions on a range of issues are received, all parents are asked to complete the surveys.

## **SURVEYS CLOSE TODAY, FRIDAY 18 JUNE.**



## Think U Know – Cyber Safety Talk

A big THANK YOU to Sgt Nigel Dalton and Senior Constable Steve Smith of QPS who presented the "Think U Know" Cyber Safety Talk for parents on Tuesday evening. Our Year Four students participated in an informative and engaging presentation on Monday and the Year Five and Year Six students will participate today. See next week's newsletter for more details.

#### **MATHS OLYMPIAD**

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: 1999

#### THIS WEEK'S MATHS OLYMPIAD:

sum of eleven consecutive numbers is 1100. What is the smallest of these eleven numbers?

Answer in next week's newsletter!

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

## **Interhouse Athletics Carnival**

Our Inter-house Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 23 June.

The tuckshop will not be running as usual on Wednesday 23 June. This year we will be having a Sausage Sizzle. Sausages will be \$2 each. Payment is due on the day. Small notes and coins would be appreciated. Parents are asked to please order the number of sausages required **PER FAMILY** via QuickCliq. Parents are advised that we are catering for students only and parents will need to make their own arrangements for morning tea/lunch.

Families who have not yet used QuickCliq are asked to register and create an account. <a href="www.quickcliq.com.au">www.quickcliq.com.au</a> Instructions of how to use QuickCliq is attached to this Newsletter email.

**Please Note:** We understand that some families are having difficulty ordering via the QuickCliq system. If this is the case, please notify your oldest child's classroom teacher, via either a note or email, advising the number of sausages required per family. If using this method, please ensure that your order is received by Monday 21 June.

## Other Important Information:

- Students will also be able to purchase water, poppers, Zooper Doopers and a selection of light snacks (available until sold out).
- Students will still need to bring their lunches with snacks/ morning tea and water bottles.
- Sports uniform to be worn or house colour collared shirt is acceptable.
- Slip Slop Slap with school hats to be worn.
- NO ZINC OR HAIRSPRAY IS TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

We appreciate all parental support. However, we ask that parents remain out of the official zones and stay within the allocated spectator areas. When not competing in events, children have been instructed to remain in their house area, to encourage and cheer on their fellow team-mates and not to be crossing the track to sit with parents.



Luke Dodson HPE Teacher





Class	Student	Reason for Award	
	Name		
6TR	Ella	Congratulations Ella on the consistent effort you are applying to all of your schoolwork. You are always looking for ways to improve your work and implementing these improvements. It is wonderful to see your efforts paying off! Keep up the great work Ella.	
6S	Blake	For your consistent improvement in the classroom. You have been working hard to complete all tasks to a high standard, which has been noticed by all of the Grade Six teachers. Keep up the great work Blake!	
6K	Sienna	For the positive and diligent way you approach your school work. Sienna you consistently push yourself to the best of your ability and are always looking for ways to better yourself as a student and a leader. Thank you for being such a fabulous role model in our school community. Emmanuel is very lucky to have you as school captain.	
5W	Xander	For your insightful questions during activities. You challenge yourself and others' thinking. Well done Xander!	
5W	Alex	Your love for learning comes out in all activities. You always create high quality pieces and try hard to improve your work when given feedback.	
5S	Haylee	For the positive attitude you bring to school each and every day. You always have a smile on your face, help your peers and have an excellent work ethic. Well done Haylee!	
5C	Tanner	For all the small acts of kindness you have made this week - from giving a pencil to someone who didn't have one to helping with logging onto the computer. Your peers are lucky to have you looking out for them, Tanner!	
4W	Jaxon	Jaxon is always polite and sincere in the manner in which he mixes with his peers. You are a positive role model Jaxon.	
4W	Alexis	Alexis is growing in confidence to contribute to classroom discussions. You are a star and can be proud of your efforts Alexis.	
4W	Paige	Paige is growing in confidence to contribute to classroom discussions. You can be proud of your efforts Paige. Keep believing in yourself. You are a star.	
45	Thor	For the creativity you have shown in your HASS assignment when depicting what life was like for convicts onboard the First Fleet. Well done Thor!	
4S	Peyton	Peyton is such a helpful member of the classroom who tries her best in her work across subject areas. Your improved commitment to your work is to be commended. Well done Peyton!	
4E	Flynn	For the positive and consistent effort you have been demonstrating towards your learning throughout the term. Well done Flynn!	
3W	Harriet	For being a reading star! Congratulations Harriet on the effort you have made to increase your reading fluency. Mrs Wheeler and 3W are very proud of you. Well Done!	
3W	Chloe	For your outstanding effort towards all your classroom activities. You are always positive and enthusiastic about your work. Congratulations and keep up the great work!	
ЗНВ	Bella	For your consistent success in Mathematics this semester. You are a wonderful student Bella. Well Done!	
ЗНВ	Jayden	For your well-mannered, honest approach in class. Thank you for being a great example for others Jayden.	
ЗНВ	Harper	For always displaying a positive attitude to your school work. Keep working well Harper.	
3B	Jensen	For always striving to achieve your best in all areas of school. You consistently work hard to achieve your goals and are seeing excellent results. Keep up the wonderful work, Jensen!	
3B	Henry	For his excellent effort in all areas of school. Henry's enthusiastic and determined attitude towards his learning is helping him to make exciting improvements. Keep up the wonderful work, Henry!	
2R	Errin	For being a quiet achiever and always showing love and friendship to those around you. You are a wonderful role model to your peers.	
2R	Max	For being a motivated and independent worker, who exhibits a positive attitude in the classroom. Keep up the wonderful effort, Max!	

2M	Kayden	Kayden is congratulated on being a super Mathematician! Miss Menzies is so impressed by the improvement in your ability to explain your mathematical thinking and your determination to work through challenging tasks. Keep up the fabulous work!	
2M	Austin	Congratulations for all of the hard work that you continuously put in during Maths lessons and groups.  Miss Menzies and Mrs Baird have been very impressed by your determination to work through challenging problems and explain your Mathematical thinking. Keep up the great work, Austin!	
2C	Xavier	For your perseverance when building your marble ramp in our design task this week. It was wonderful to see you work so hard to improve your ramp. Keep pushing through those challenges, Xavier!	
2C	Oliver	For your perseverance when building your marble ramp in our design task this week. It was wonderful to see you work so hard to improve your ramp. Keep pushing through those challenges, Oliver!	
1T	Mason	For always giving your best effort to all that we do in class. Mason, you always bring so much energy and enthusiasm to all our classroom activities and Miss Thomas is so proud of how hard you are trying. Keep it up!	
1M	Rhys	for having a happy and enthusiastic attitude towards all aspects of his class work. Congratulations on moving up to chapter books. Keep up this great effort!	
1M	Mila	for being a kind and responsible class member, who always tries her best. Keep up this great effort Mila.	
1J	Nate	For working so hard to follow the classroom rules this week. You have demonstrated a wonderful attitude towards learning and have tried your very best to stay focused during set tasks. Keep up the great work Nate!	
Prep S	Magenta	For the way you have settled into Prep S. You have been such a kind friend to all of your class mates and teachers. You arrive each day with a smile on your face, a positive attitude and ready to learn. Miss Smith loves listening to your fabulous ideas and stories that you share during our InitaLit lessons. Keep being such a superstar learner Magenta!	
Prep J	Isla	For improved participation in all classroom activities. It is fantastic to see Isla feeling more confident and willing to join in and contribute. Keep up the great work, Isla!	
Prep G	Lyla	For the fabulous effort you are putting into all Literacy and Numeracy activities. You are always listening, cooperating and ready to do your best work. You are a wonderful role model for your peers. Thank you for brightening our day.	
Prep G	Valerie Ong	For showing creativity and imagination in our classroom. You always try your best and have a positive attitude to learning. Thank you for brightening our day with your lovely smile. Keep up the great work Valerie.	



## **MUSIC NEWS**

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a Certificate of Excellence in Music:



Year 5 – Ashlynn McEvoy, Charli Grant, Chloe Connolly, Libby Griffiths, Ella Fry, Elijah Sehl

Year 6 – Millie Byrne, Riley Green, Brody Morgan, Audrey Van De Kaa, Taylah Quetti

> Linda Miller Music Teacher

# **MUSIC LESSONS - Violin or Cello**



This is an expression of interest for those interested in learning Violin or Cello with our Strings Tutor, Chelsea Jansen. Chelsea has much to offer as an experienced teacher and performer across Queensland who also studies at the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music. Lessons are held during school hours (scheduled around specialist lessons) as private students. Chelsea has been developing and teaching strings students at the school for the past 4 years and we are pleased she now has the capacity to accept new students from next Term. Please obtain an Enrolment Form from the office for further details.

## **FINANCE**

#### **School Fees**

Term 2 school fees are now **overdue**. 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.

# Tuckshop News

# VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 2 WEEK 10

Monday 21 June: Lauren Gossweiler

Tuesday 22 June: HELP WANTED

Wednesday 23 June: ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thursday 24 June: Paul Johnson

Friday 25 June: Theresa Crowe

**Kara Shepherd** 

**Chris Simonson** 

**Matt Murphy** 





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



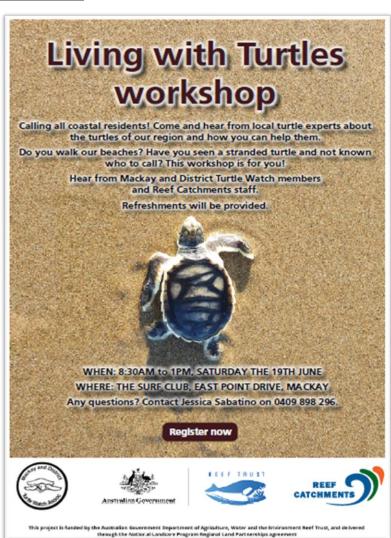
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As parents, carers and members of the community, one of the most important things we can do is to educate children and young people to identify when something doesn't feel right, and to talk to a trusted adult without fear of consequences.

The Courage Project have demonstrated experience in the provision of specialist therapeutic services and support for children, young people, adults and family members impacted by child sexual assault. We invite you to join our expert clinicians and local service providers to explore the following topics:

- What is child sexual assault?
- How to respond to disclosure of harm
- Signs and indicators that something isn't right
- Grooming
- Keeping children and young people safe online
- How to support your child

Please RSVP your attendance to Alannah Watts by calling 4953 6600 or email admin@thecourageproject.org by Monday 21st June 2021 @ 4:30pm.

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