



# newsletter

16 September 2021

## Term Three

Rugby League  
GALA Day  
17 September

Last Day of Term  
17 September



## Term Four

First Day of Term  
Tuesday 5 October

Swimming Carnival  
(Yrs 4 – 6)  
21 October



Dear Parents,

### How can we be present to each other today?

We all need to be reminded regularly that we matter to others and we need to remind others that they are important to us. Gestures such as a loving hug from a parent or perhaps a smile from a friend or even a stranger, gives us a special warm feeling. Such gestures remind us that we are special to others. Being 'present' to others when they are talking to us, sharing some news or just saying hello is another powerful way that we demonstrate to others that we care about them.

With the pace of life today it is very easy to forget both. We have even gone so far as a society to use terms such as 'multi tasking' to give ourselves permission to not be fully 'present' to others both in the context of family and work. Everyone needs to be valued, to be noticed and to be loved. How can we be 'present' to our families, friends and colleagues today?

Being present to others may not look the same for everyone. It may be stopping when we say hello and having a brief chat, or asking about a friend's family or new job or it could be a heartfelt hug, doing a favour for someone, helping around the house or yard, giving an unexpected gift to a friend, being a good listener, or reaching out to those who will never personally know us but who are in need.

In his gospel, John challenges us **"Let us love, not in word or speech but in truth and action"**.

As we come to the end of another term. I look back at the many memorable occasions that were shared with our school community. Great things don't just happen on their own. They are the result of a positive attitude, hard work, planning, enthusiasm and especially team work! Thank you parents and family members for your support of our work with your children. A huge 'THANK YOU' to our P&F team and helpers whose enthusiasm and tireless efforts for the school are very much appreciated and valued.

To the staff of Emmanuel who go 'above and beyond' in their sacred work, my deepest gratitude for all you do to bring our students to a deeper and more loving relationship with our God and your dedication to instilling a love of learning in their hearts and minds. God's blessings upon each and every one of you!

With the holidays once more upon us, I wish you all a restful few weeks, enjoy your time together as a family and take the opportunities to spend quality time in each other's company. It has been a very busy term and students and staff alike deserve a break to recharge their energies and return full of vitality for the final term of the year. Whatever your plans ..... stay safe, enjoy the break and return to the last term refreshed and renewed!

I hope you all have a wonderful two weeks with your children and may God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

**Geraldine Rostirolla**  
(Principal)

### US' NOT 'ME' – A REFLECTION

An anthropologist proposed a game to the children in an African tribe. He put a basket of fruit near a tree and told the kids that the first one to reach the fruits would win them all. When he told them to run, they all took each other's hands and ran together. Then they sat together, sharing and enjoying the fruit.

Surprised, the anthropologist asked them why they had run like that, when one of them could have had all the fruit.

They replied, "UBUNTU! How can one of us be happy if all the other ones are sad?"

\* **Ubuntu (oo-boon-too) is a Zulu or Xhosa word. It means, "I am because we are."**

(Author Unknown)



### WORLD REFUGEES & MIGRATION SUNDAY

*Migration today is not a phenomenon limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to leave their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security.* (Pope Francis)

The Holy See has set aside Sunday, 26 September, as a special day to remember and pray for Refugees and Migrants. This year's theme, '**Towards an Ever Wider We**,' is an invitation for all of us to 'commit ourselves to restoring our human family.....so there is no longer 'others' but only one 'we'..... a 'we' as wide as all of humanity.' <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/event/migrant-and-refugee-sunday-2021-09-26/>

*'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'* (Mark 9:37)

Remember, the Holy Family were refugees. They fled from Herod into Egypt and stayed there until it was safe to return home (Matthew 2:13–23). They knew danger, fear and alienation and they knew what it was to be safely home.



Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age.

Please join with Catholics around the world on Sunday 26 September to pray for those who must flee their homes in the quest for freedom, safety and a better life.

### VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – UNITY

Unity is inclusiveness. It helps people work and live together peacefully. When you practice unity, you feel connected to everyone and everything. It is achieved when we value each other. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honour of one is the honour of all.

**"Where there is unity, there is strength."** (Unknown)





**THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS:**

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
The wicked put God to the test.

James 3:16 – 4:3  
Wisdom versus jealousy and strife.

Mark 9:30-37  
Jesus teaches that to rank first, disciples must serve all.

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQeYD6B2cSvFb4zqStn_Brg)

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

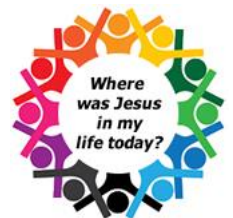
- St Brigid’s Church - Saturdays 6:00pm
- St Joseph’s Church - Saturdays 6:00pm, Sundays 9:00am
- St Brendan’s Church - Sundays 7:30am

Please use the QLD QR Code check-in app when attending Mass.



**MAKING JESUS REAL**

Let’s Make Jesus Real this school holidays. Teamwork At Home (TAH) is a great place to start. It’s all about co-operation, consideration thoughtfulness and kindness - the simple everyday things we do for each other and ourselves. Enjoy your time together.



Teamwork Song (TEAM) @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1tv0lrNTKs>



 <b>We are MAKING JESUS REAL EVERY DAY</b>	<b>TEAMWORK AT HOME</b>
	<b>MANNERS MONDAY</b>
	<b>TIME TO BE TUESDAY</b>
	<b>WELCOME WEDNESDAY</b>
	<b>THANKFUL THURSDAY</b>
	<b>FRIENDLY FRIDAY</b>
	<b>TEAMWORK AT HOME</b>

	<b>GOD IS WITH US AS WE LIVE LOVE LEARN IN A COMMUNITY OF FAITH</b>
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Noeleen Kliese  
Assistant Principal Religious Education

## Health Guidelines for Students

A reminder to all parents that Emmanuel Catholic Primary School and the Rockhampton Catholic Education Diocese follow all relevant QLD Health guidelines.





At this stage, we continue to operate in a *COVID-normal* environment, which is what we have experienced in the past months. With the ever changing situation in Queensland, I refer parents to the [QLD Health Website](#), which will provide the most up to date information pertaining to parents and students.



Again, I ask that parents adhere to all relevant Qld Health requirements and keep students home if they are unwell. If students have a COVID test, they are not to return to school until the results has been returned. If families have any queries, please consult the [QLD Health Website](#) or contact the school office.

## Curriculum Corner

### Emmanuel Catholic Primary Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

Catholic Identity and Ethos 	Effective Teaching and Learning (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8) 
<p><b>Strategic Priority 1.1</b> 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.</p> <p>Goal <i>Implementing Catholic Social teaching and service learning within the Curriculum.</i></p>	<p><b>Strategic Priority 2.1</b> 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.</p> <p>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><b>Strategic Priority 2.2</b> 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.</p> <p>Goal <i>All teachers will collaboratively plan and focus on embedding the Inquiry approach to Spelling across all year levels.</i></p>
Pastoral Support and Wellbeing (NSIT Domain 3) 	Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing (NSIT Domains 1,4,9) 
<p><b>Strategic Priority 3.1</b> To enhance student learning and well-being outcomes through the development of a school well-being framework.</p> <p>Goal <i>For all teachers across Years 4-6 to build their knowledge of the "Be You – Mentally Healthy Communities" survey.</i></p>	<p><b>Strategic Priority 4.1</b> That deliberate and strategic school community partnerships are developed to enhance teacher understanding of flexible learning and collaborative teaching environments.</p> <p>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>

**Janine Refalo**  
Assistant Principal Curriculum

## DANCE FEVER

It has been another great year of Dance Fever!

During their final lesson, the Prep – Year 2 students showcased their skills and moves for parents. It was well supported and lots of fun. Thank you to all parents who participated.

The Interschool Dance Fever Challenge, held on Tuesday evening, was a wonderful opportunity for students in Years 4-6 to display their new dance skills and enjoy watching students from other schools. Lots of our dancers (some pictured below) were awarded places and received prize ribbons in their year level 'Dance Offs'. The Show Dances were a highlight of the evening. Emmanuel was awarded the Performance Trophy for our 'Alice in Wonderland' themed performance. Congratulations to all our students and to the students from St Francis Xavier, St Brendan's, St John's and Mackillop Catholic Primary Schools who participated and kept us entertained throughout the evening.

A big thank you to this year's Dance Fever teachers, Drey and Marita. We look forward to welcoming you back to Emmanuel next year to continue to enhance our Arts curriculum. Keep dancing everyone!



## MATHS OLYMPIAD

Last week's answer:  $7 \times 10c$  coins

Week 10 problem: In hoopball, a field goal is worth 2 points and a foul shot is worth 1 point. Suppose a team scored 72 points and made 6 more field goals than foul shots. How many foul shots did the team make?

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND AN ONLINE WEBINAR WITH ANDREW FULLER.  
THIS IS A FREE EVENT SPONSORED BY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS QUEENSLAND



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## Building Mentally Healthy Kids



Catholic School Parents Queensland invite Catholic School Parents and Carers, Principals and School staff to attend a free online evening webinar with Andrew Fuller.

**Thursday 7 October 7-8pm on Zoom.**

Andrew is a Clinical Psychologist, Family Therapist, Author, Speaker and Creator of 'Learning Strengths'.

**This webinar is to support our children's learning and wellbeing.**

**Topics suitable for all ages Prep to Yr 12 and will include;  
Resilience, Friendship and relationship skills, Neurochemistry and parenting,  
Parenting tricky kids, Creating happy kids, Building self-esteem and dealing with  
set backs.**

Please click on the link below to view our event website and register online. A zoom link for the webinar will then be emailed to you.

Or please share this event with your school community:  
<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/andrewfuller7oct>

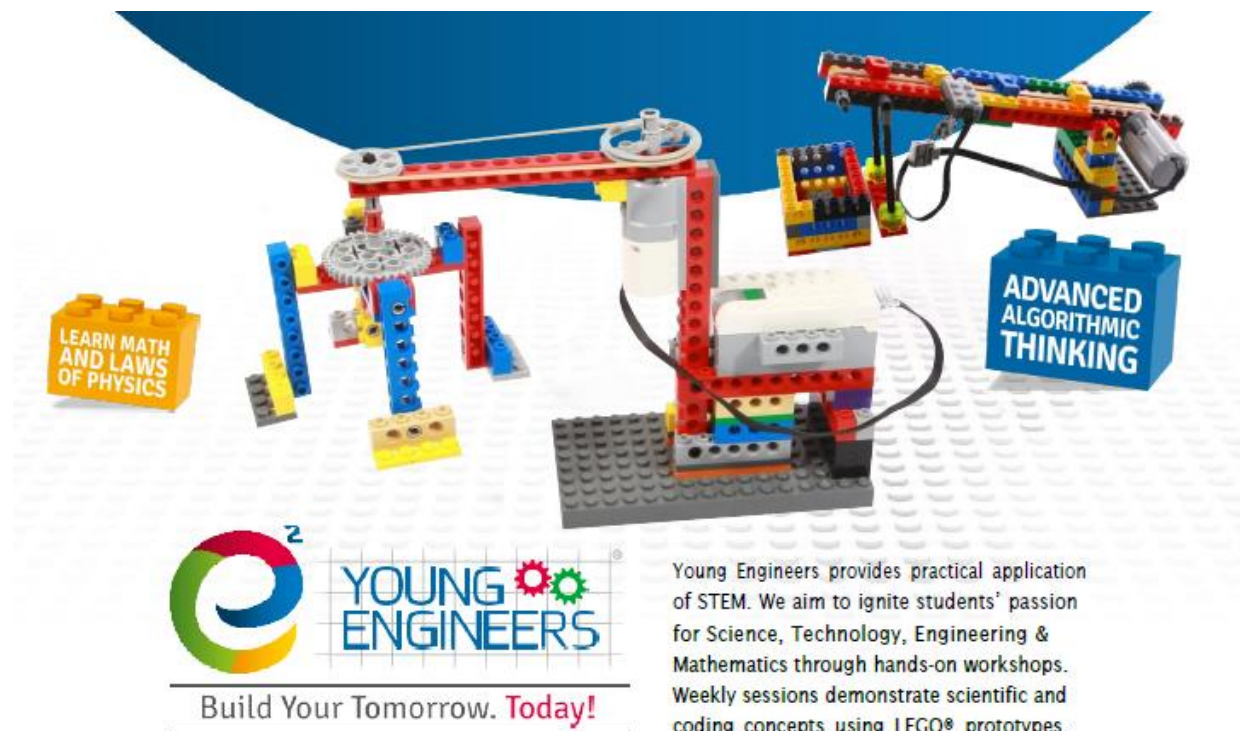
Andrew's talks are always fun and really informative. We look forward to you joining us on Zoom!

For enquiries contact Catholic School Parents Queensland  
[info@cspq.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@cspq.catholic.edu.au) or telephone us on 3905 9730



## YOUNG ENGINEERS PROGRAM

An exciting opportunity exists for Emmanuel students to join the CQU Young Engineers program, which will take place here at Emmanuel in Term 4. Limited spaces are available – see the link on the flyer below to register.



The image shows several LEGO-based engineering projects. One is a complex structure with gears and a motor, another is a simpler gear-based mechanism, and a third is a structure with a motor and a long arm. There are also three blue and yellow LEGO bricks with text: 'LEARN MATH AND LAWS OF PHYSICS', 'ADVANCED ALGORITHMIC THINKING', and the Young Engineers logo which features a stylized 'e' and the text 'YOUNG ENGINEERS'. Below the logo is the slogan 'Build Your Tomorrow. Today!'.

Young Engineers provides practical application of STEM. We aim to ignite students' passion for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics through hands-on workshops. Weekly sessions demonstrate scientific and coding concepts using LEGO® prototypes.

## Emmanuel Catholic Primary School



MONDAYS TERM 4 WEEK 2-9 (11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER)

Eligibility	Program Name	Time	Fees	Book online at
Yr 1 - Yr 2	Bricks Challenge	3:10pm to 4:25pm	\$160	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BUCED">www.trybooking.com/BUCED</a>
Yr 3 - Yr 6	Robo Bricks	3:10pm to 4:25pm	\$160	

**Initial offer for Emmanuel Catholic Primary School:** To commemorate the launch of the Young Engineers Program at your school, the early bird discount of \$15 will apply longer than usual. This discount will apply automatically when you proceed to the booking.

Bricks Challenge enriches your child's world with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to make sure they are ready for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Robo Bricks Program provides theoretical knowledge in software and mechanical engineering combined with mathematics and physics.

For more information, please call 0424 985 172

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<https://cq.young-engineers.com.au>  
<https://www.facebook.com/yecentralqld>



**Amanda McDonald**  
Assistant Principal Administration

## Music News

### SCHOOL CHOIR




**School Choir**

New members are welcome and any interested Year 3 students can attend starting in Term 4 - Wednesdays at 8am! We will be starting to learn some Christmas songs.


**Linda Miller**  
Music Teacher

## 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.



**Student Travel Rebates**



**Semester 2**



<b>Bus Fare Assistance</b>	<b>Students With Disability</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does your child attend a <b>school outside the Brisbane City Council</b> boundary?</li><li>• Does your family spend more than <b>\$40/week*</b> on fares to and from school (* \$30/week if you hold a concession card)?</li><li>• Does your child travel on a <b>publicly available service</b> not owned or associated with the school?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does your child have a <b>verified disability</b> that requires <b>transport assistance</b> to and from school?</li><li>• Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's <b>travel capability rating</b> as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?</li></ul>

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 October.**

**Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> October.**



# VOLUNTEER ROSTER

## TERM 4 WEEK 1

Monday 4 October:	Public Holiday
Tuesday 5 October:	Shirley Bloom
Wednesday 6 October:	<b>HELP WANTED</b>
Thursday 7 October:	Lara Legarde
Friday 8 October:	Teresa Crowe Mark Ayles



**CAN YOU HELP US?**

We are in URGENT need of tuckshop volunteers. Without this help we are unable to provide lunches to our students on time.

Please contact our office on 4942 5999 if you can help.

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.

**Angie and Carly**  
*Tuckshop*

Do you have one hour a week to help our school?

**We are seeking expressions of  
interest for a Volunteer  
Uniform Shop Coordinator**

Please email the office on [enm@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enm@rok.catholic.edu.au) if you are interested or call 4942 5999 if you require any further information.

# ABSENT FROM SCHOOL HOTLINE



# 49948256



DIRECT LINE - AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY

WHEN YOU CALL YOU WILL BE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

YOUR NAME, STUDENT'S NAME, CLASS, DATE OF ABSENCE, REASON FOR ABSENCE

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Stay connected with us by following our [Facebook](#) page for regular updates, photos and stories



## Outside School Hours Care Assistants St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Mackay

An exciting opportunity exists to join the team at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, in the casual position of OSHC Assistant, for an immediate commencement.

Visit our website and apply today

[www.rok.catholic.edu.au](http://www.rok.catholic.edu.au)

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures.  
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

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# GIRLS ONLY COLOUR BLAST FREE COME AND TRY DAY

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2021

TIME: 8:30AM - 11:30AM

WHERE: HARRUP PARK COUNTRY CLUB

AGE: 7 - 18

COST: FREE!

\*PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY THEIR OWN WHITE SHIRT FOR THE EVENT



**MACKAY  
CRICKET**  
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TO REGISTER SCAN  
THE QR CODE  
BELOW:



# WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?

Join a team at our

## SIGN ON DAY

Saturday 9 October 2021

McDonalds Mackay Multisports Stadium

9am - 12 noon

NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS WELCOME | AGES UNDER 8 TO UNDER 20 | ALL SKILLS LEVELS

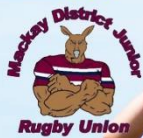


[WWW.MACKAYBASKETBALL.COM](http://WWW.MACKAYBASKETBALL.COM)

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# GIRLS COME & TRY RUGBY DAY



## WHO:

Girls aged 11 - 15 years

## WHEN:

Friday 17th September 4 - 5:30pm

## WHERE:

Quarry Hills Rugby Fields 28 Quarry St, North Mackay (Opposite Mackay Christian College Senior School)

## WHAT:

Training every Tuesday and Friday U12, U14, U16 and U18 Teams Including end of year tournaments!

Get in touch for more details  
<https://www.facebook.com/mdjrugirls>

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# KIDS!

Quarry Hills Rugby Fields  
 28 Quarry St North Mackay  
 Future Stars 11-12yrs  
 Little Legends 8-10yrs  
 Junior Champs 5-7yrs

**PRICE** \$60

**TIME** 9am to 3pm

**DATE** 27/09/21

**AGES** 5 to 12 years

## DETAILS

Contact: Chloe Butler  
 Mobile: 0468954974  
 Email: [chloe.butler@redsrugby.com.au](mailto:chloe.butler@redsrugby.com.au)

Begin your journey from **ROOKIE2RED** today!  
 Register online at [Rookies2Reds.com.au](http://Rookies2Reds.com.au)



**ROOKIES2REDS PACK**  
 All Rookies will receive a pack including the items pictured above.

## TAILORED COACHING

Fun and safe coaching sessions designed for the skill level of each age group.

## SILVER FAMILY PASS

New Rookies receive a complimentary Silver Family Pass to a 2021 St. George Queensland Reds home game of your choice.

## MERCH DISCOUNTS

Rookies2Reds clinic participants are eligible for a 10% discount on Reds Merchandise.  
Offer excludes sale items.