

29 July 2021

#### **Term Three**

**Dance Fever** Mondays (Week 2-9)

**Catholic Education** 25 July - 31 July

Wear GREEN and **GOLD Day** Friday 30 July

**CEW Family Picnic** Friday 30 July

**Feast Day** Friday 6 August

**Beach Day** Friday 6 August

**Mackay Eisteddfod** Year 1 Choir **Year 2 Choir Year 4 Choir School Choir** Wednesday 11 August

**Mackay Eisteddfod** School Choir Year 3 Choir **Folk Group** Friday 13 August



Dear Parents,

#### 'To be Trusted is a greater compliment than being loved'

George Macdonald

Trust in individuals is vital in an era where trust is no longer a staple of common life. Through sport, politics and international relations, levels of trust have decreased and cynicism has often taken its place.

In education this trend is no different. As a student my parents and the majority of parents had a complete, respectful and distant association with the school. The school was backed ahead of the child, often at the expense of the child. Students were exceptionally resilient, often harshly done by and with the use of corporal punishment; by today's expectations, some would argue, physically assaulted. The curriculum was much narrower with things like social, emotional and mental wellbeing rarely, if at all, ever focused on. There were much more consistent (rightly or wrongly) parenting approaches and expectations on students, their sleep time, their chores and what good manners were!

During my time, 44 years in education, I have seen the pendulum swing significantly in the other direction. Schools and teachers are now in a culture of justification, accountability and documentation. There is often a belief now in the child ahead of the school. Schools provide, accommodate and differentiate more than at any other time in history. We are much more positive in our focus, more broad in curriculum exposure, whilst being criticised much more readily through the media than ever before. Parenting approaches vary much more broadly and expectations around sleep times, diet, pocket money, outside school commitments for students are also much more varied.

In terms of the pendulum swinging, somewhere in the middle of these two extremes would be ideal from my point of view. Neither extreme is close to what I would believe is an ideal climate or culture. I hope that we are still and will keep aspiring to get the 'best of these worlds!'

What level of trust do we place in our child's school? What level of trust does the school deserve to receive? What level of trust do parents deserve from the school? What effort do we expect of ourselves and of others in making this happen?

If we all just tried 2% harder to trust each other, I really believe this would transform any school community culture for the better!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Mrs Janine Refalo, Assistant Principal – Curriculum, who was the recipient of a Spirit of Catholic Education Award for 2021. Janine was presented with her award by the Director of Catholic Education, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat, at our Catholic Education Mass which was celebrated at St Patrick's Church yesterday.





The Spirit of Catholic Education Award is a fitting acknowledgement to a person who has committed her professional life to Catholic Education.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

#### **Geraldine Rostirolla**

Principal



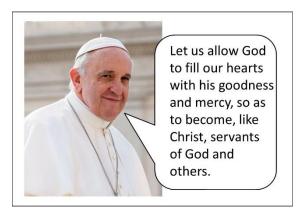
#### **RE Matters**

#### **TWO HORSES – A REFLECTION**

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse, but if you get a closer look you will notice something quite interesting - one of the horses is blind.

His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made him a safe and comfortable barn to live in. This alone is pretty amazing, but if you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. It is coming from a smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a metal bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse listens for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting he will not be led astray. When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, he will stop occasionally to look back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.



Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse, being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives.....and at other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way.

(Author Unknown)

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This week students in all classes have been praying for everyone associated with Catholic Education and making a special effort to be kind. Many have reported simple 'Acts of Kindness' that have helped to make them smile and to appreciate those in our community. Keep up the great effort everyone! 'Kindness - It costs nothing but means everything" (Unknown)



Yesterday a group of Year Six students, including our School Captains and House Captains, represented Emmanuel at a special Mass at St Patrick's Church. Miss Rostirolla, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Kliese and Mrs Refalo accompanied the students. Director of Catholic Education, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat was in Mackay for the Mass, which was livestreamed to schools and colleges around the diocese. A big thank you to Fr Don White, Fr Alex, Fr Jayanthi and Fr Ashwin, the amazing musicians and choir and all who contributed to the planning and organisation of this liturgical celebration. It was a wonderful way to celebrate all the great things that happen in Catholic Schools and to acknowledge those nominated for Spirit of Catholic Education Awards. Congratulations to Mrs Refalo on her award.

Tomorrow we are having our annual Catholic Education Week Picnic and all members of the Emmanuel Family are invited to bring a chair or rug to sit on and lunch to share with their children. It will take place in the playground between the library and Year Two/Prep building at 1:00pm. It is always a lovely way to end the week and we look forward to as many parents as possible joining in this celebration.



#### FEAST DAY



On the 6 August each year the Church celebrates the *Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord*. It is the Fourth Luminous Mystery of The Rosary and tells the story of Jesus being transformed and of God proclaiming from heaven that "*This is my beloved Son*." The Transfiguration is our school feast day and each year we gather to remember and celebrate that '*God is with us*.'

We will be having a Prayer Celebration in the Marist Centre on Friday 6 August at 8:40am. All welcome.

Those wishing to attend need to check-in using the QLD QR Code Check-in app. Please be aware that social distancing requirements only allows for 70 adults to attend.

#### **BEACH DAY – WALKATHON**

Our annual beach day and walkathon will held on **Friday 6 August** at Bucasia Beach. Each year this walk-a-thon is held in conjunction with our Feast Day Celebrations. All students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation which will be forwarded to a charitable organisation.



The children will travel to and from Bucasia Beach Park by bus. They will participate in the walkathon and beach activities before enjoying a sausage-sizzle lunch, kindly donated and cooked by the Emmanuel P&F Association.

Students are to wear their **SPORTS UNIFORM** and bring their morning tea and a bottle of water. Every child must wear their school hat and is encouraged to apply sunscreen.

If your child carries medication (such as an asthma puffer) this must accompany them to the beach.

#### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

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

Calendar of Events - Term Three 2021						
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				

#### DANIEL MORCOMBE CHILD SAFETY CURRICULUM



Throughout this term, our school will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum with students in all year levels. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: **Recognise**, **React** and **Report**. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

It is important that these key safety messages are reinforced, both at school and home. I encourage you, wherever possible, to talk with your child about safety to help them stay safe now and in the future.

Information about the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum can be found at: <a href="https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculums/school-curriculum/Pages/danielMorcombe.aspx">https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculums/school-curriculum/Pages/danielMorcombe.aspx</a>.

For resources and information about child safety go to:

https://danielmorcombe.com.au/fact-sheets/

https://danielmorcombe.com.au/keeping-kids-safe-resources/



#### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15 Manna from heaven.

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 Lay aside your former way of life.

John 6:24-35 Jesus is the bread of life.

For weekly Gospel readings, reflections and meditations 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

#### **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.



#### VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT - SERVICE

"Give your hands to serve and your heart to love." (St Teresa of Calcutta)

Service is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in their lives. It is looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked. The needs of others are as important to you as your own. When you work with the spirit of service, you give any job your best effort. You make a real contribution. People who want to be of service can change the world.

"For we are co-workers in God's service." (1 Corinthians 3:9)



#### **Curriculum Corner**

#### **Emmanuel Catholic Primary**

#### Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

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riority 2.2 hool has a feedback culture of continuous improvement which builds a schoolwide of sessional highly able teachers who use data and evidence-based teaching strategies deep student learning.  s will collaboratively plan and focus on embedding the Inquiry approach to Spelling ear levels.		
Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing (NSIT Domains 1,4,9)		
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  During 2021, students will participate in flexible inquiry-based Problem Solving and Reasoning		
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#### Janine Refalo Assistant Principal Curriculum

#### **APA News**





We're turning Emmanuel **green and gold** on Friday 30 July, in support of the Australian Olympic Team. All students, parents, volunteers and staff are invited to wear **green and gold** dress on this day. We will add some balloons and celebrate our athletes. A reminder that clothes need to be sunsmart and students need to wear closed in shoes and their school hats. No donation is required for this event.

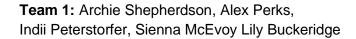
#### **LUKE KENNEDY- MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER**



Next Tuesday 3 August, our Year 4 - 6 students were to take part in a presentation by inspirational author and speaker, Luke Kennedy. Unfortunately due to current Covid-19 restrictions, Luke is unable to present here at Emmanuel next week. Costs of Luke's visit have been billed to Term Three accounts, and we hope to have an update in the near future as to when the presentation will take place.

#### MACKAY PRIMARY SCHOOLS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

On Friday 23 July, two Emmanuel teams headed to St Joseph's Primary School to participate in the Mackay Primary Schools Mathematics Competition. A total of 38 teams, consisting of Year 5 and 6 students, gathered to compete and test their collective mathematical skills. Teams competed in two 'Challenges': a Team Challenge working together to solve 12 questions, and a Relay Challenge working in pairs to compete 20 questions, both with a time limit. Although the teams didn't place, they represented Emmanuel with excellence and are congratulated on their efforts.







Team 2: Lexi Worth, Tahlia Harris - Swift, Mia Ciampallari, Jake Ryan, Bindert Hovinga

#### **LIONS ROCK POP MIME COMPETITION 2021**

The Rock Pop Mime is an event for primary and secondary schools in and around Mackay which is held on the last weekend of July each year. It is organised and sponsored by The Lions Club Mackay. It is a dancing, acting and lip syncing competition. The team has been coordinated by Mrs Larissa Simonsen, Mrs Amanda McDonald and Mrs Linda Miller. The team has also been supported in their preparation by many other staff members.

Emmanuel Catholic Primary School entered a group of students who auditioned for their place on our team. They worked tirelessly during Term 2 rehearsing two to three times per week to bring to life a modern take on the classic Phantom of the Opera story. The families of our team members offered their time and expertise to help us create amazing costume and set designs as well. They performed last Saturday 24 July at the MECC Exhibition Halls. We are so very proud of the performance they delivered. There was hot competition from six other schools in the primary division, Mackay West State School, St Francis Catholic Primary School and St Mary's Catholic Primary School placing in the competition. Thank you and congratulations to all involved!





A huge THANK YOU to Larissa Simonsen and her team of helpers for all their efforts to provide this opportunity to our students. It takes many hours working with the children and behind the scenes to bring this vision to life. Thank you also to parents and carers for their support and encouragement.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: 50

#### THIS WEEK'S MATHS OLYMPIAD:

I am less than 1 metre tall but more than 60cm tall. My height in centimetres is a multiple of 7 and is also 2cm more than a multiple of 6. What is my height in centimetres?

Answer in next week's newsletter.

**Amanda McDonald** 

Assistant Principal Administration



#### Term Three Week Two

6T/R	Keeley	4S	Quinn Reyne	2C	Samuel Alexandra
6S	Caleb Abby	4E	Harley Annabelle	1T	Max
6K	Bindert	3W	Archie	1M	Leo
5W	Indiee Ashton	3H/B	Lucas Hugo	1J	Annabelle
5S	Ethan Jack	3B	Mila Isla	PS	Indi
5C	Mackensie Shelby	2M	Leela Siale	PJ	Brax
4W	Lexie Archie Jack	2R	Liam Xavier	PG	Paxton Kaley Aubree



#### **Music News**

#### **CARMEN**

On Saturday evening, three Emmanuel students were involved in an amazing experience in performing alongside the professional cast and orchestra of Opera Australia's production of "Carmen". Paige Illguth, Henry Miller and Elena Webber (Year 5) rehearsed with other 10 – 13 year old children from the Mackay region, to join the touring cast of the show, and demonstrated their singing, acting and dancing abilities at the MECC Theatre. We are very proud of these students who rehearsed for many hours each week to be able to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity.



#### **EISTEDDFOD CHOIRS**

All Eisteddfod notes need to be returned to school no later than **Friday 30 July**. Please encourage your children to be rehearsing their songs at home so they are confident in remembering all of the words.

**School Choir** – Many students who have committed to School Choir are missing rehearsals or are late each week on Wednesdays at 8am. As next Wednesday is our last rehearsal, please ensure that your child is at school prior to 8am so that our rehearsal can start on time. Extra rehearsals will be held during lunch hours over the next two weeks in order to prepare for the Eisteddfod in Week 5.

#### **MACKAY EISTEDDFOD 2021**

Year 1 Choir - Wednesday 11 August 8.30am

Year 2 Choir – Wednesday 11 August 8.30am

Year 4 Choir – Wednesday 11 August 8.30am

School Choir (Hymn and Folk) - Wednesday 11 August 1pm

School Choir (Year 6 and under) - Friday 13 August 9.30am

Year 3 Choir – Friday 13 August 1.30pm

Year 6 Folk Group (small group) - Friday 13 August 6.00pm



#### **CQU PERFORMANCE – GENERATIONS OF GROOVE**



The Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music is presenting a *Generations of Groove* concert on Friday 24 September at 11am. This is sure to be an entertaining evening featuring music spanning generations – from Big Band classics to modern groove-based music from the last five years. In addition to showcasing the students of the Bachelor of Music program, this concert will feature guest artist, Nathaniel Andrew on electric bass and guitar. After the concert in the CQCM theatre, stay around to hear the conservatorium's student ensembles perform jazz music in the foyer. Phone the CQCM office on 4940 7800 for bookings - Adults \$35, Senior/Pensioner \$30, Friends of the Conservatorium \$25 and Students \$20.

**Linda Miller** *Music Teacher* 

#### **Tuckshop News**

## VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 3 WEEK 4

Monday 2 August: HELP WANTED

Tuesday 3 August: Tamara Flynn

Wednesday 4 August: Lerryn Tickle

Thursday 5 August: Michelle Buckeridge

Friday 6 August: Diana Camilleri

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**HELP WANTED** 





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.

#### **ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM UPDATE**

Our online ordering system, Quickcliq, has upgraded their website overnight and we believe some parents have been unsuccessful accessing it. A message was sent by Quickcliq regarding this upgrade and it has been noted that any bookmarks previously saved will no longer work. You will need to clear your bookmark. Go to <a href="https://www.quickcliq.com.au/">https://www.quickcliq.com.au/</a> and select Login. Then re-establish a new bookmark in your browser. Please phone the tuckshop if you need further information.

#### **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.

#### **School Fees**

#### **TERM 3 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS**

Term 3 School Fee Statements were emailed to all families on Monday 19 July, with payment due 2 August. Statements can also be viewed via parent lounge using the 'make a payment' tab from the menu bar and clicking on the paperclip. If you did not receive your statement, please advise the office.

#### **Olympic News**

Congratulations to former Emmanuel student Meg Harris (2021 Olympic Gold Champion in Women's 4x100m Freestyle Relay and World Record holder) on her fantastic achievement at the Tokyo Olympics earlier this week. Meg attended Emmanuel from Years 4 to Year 7 and represented our school proudly in a number of representative sports. She was also a member of the Emmanuel Saints netball team. It just goes to show you that little champions can come from regional towns!



#### **Lost Property**



Reading glasses were found between HSC and Emmanuel



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## No Scaredy Cats Webinar for Parents

Hosted by Michael Hawton, psychologist this child development course will teach parents the skills to identify, manage and challenge anxious behaviours and build resilience in 2-12 year olds.

Held over 3 evening sessions - \$59 11th, 18th & 25th August - 6.30pm - 8.30pm AEST www.parentshop.com.au/no-scaredy-cats-for-parents/

#### **Community News**







#### **GLENELLA-RICHMOND ROAD CLOSURE**

Mackay Regional Council wishes to advise works will be undertaken on Glenella-Richmond Road between Mackay-Habana Road and Holts Road.

The works include pavement rehabilitation, the road being widened and the length of culverts increased.

The work is scheduled to begin in early August, 2021, weather permitting. These works are expected to be completed by the end of December, 2021.

A road closure will be in place for the duration of the project. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and appreciates your patience during these essential works.

# MULTICULTURAL CONNECT PROGRAM

Are you a parent from a multicultural background looking for friendly employment support?

### The Neighbourhood Hub can help!

We can provide support with:
Resume and Cover Letters
Interview practice
Career Planning
Industry Connections
Training and Workshop Opportunities

Contact Helen (07) 49572626 helend@tnhub.org.au



