



newsletter

12 August 2021

Term Three

Dance Fever
Mondays (Week 2-9)

Book Fair
10-13 August

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

National Science Week
(14-22 August)

Year Five Camp
(18-20 August)

Children's Mass
Sunday 22 August

Book Week
(21 - 27 August)

Shared Reading
Experience
Monday 23 August

Year Six Camp
(24-27 August)

OPTIMINDS Challenge
1 & 2 September

Mission Fair
2 September

PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 3 September

GOD IS WITH US
AS WE
LIVE LOVE LEARN
IN A COMMUNITY
OF FAITH

Dear Parents,

Earlier this week I received some correspondence from residents of Crispin Drive expressing concerns around afternoon pick-up of Emmanuel and Holy Spirit students. I understand that some parents have advised their children to walk across the school oval and through the easement that exits into Crispin Drive, however this is not the preferred collection point as there is no supervision provided for students and poses a potential safety concern. In light of the following information, I urge you to consider utilizing the STOP, DROP & GO as a safer means of collection or park within the designated parking areas including the short term carpark outside the Administration building of Holy Spirit College for collection purposes.

Dear Sir/Madam,

My wife and I are the property owners of a residence within Crispin Drive, Mount Pleasant.

I am writing to advise that two weeks ago our Water Metre was damaged & a leak was caused. As the property owners it was our responsibility to have the water metre fixed by a Licensed Plumber. We have now been invoiced \$110 for the repairs.

We believe that the damage was done as a result of traffic that comes through an easement between our properties made up of your students. In the past we have seen children climbing our fence where the water metre is situated & even leaving litter behind. We know that this access point is a great way for parents to pick their children up from school & appreciate that it is here to stay. However we don't appreciate damage to our property.

Collection from this point is also a matter of safety due to the fact that residents are coming out of their driveways whilst children are heading towards their cars. I ask that you address this concern so as to ensure safety and protection for all concerned.

Thank you for your attention,

Concerned Residents.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
(Principal)

RE Matters

THE REAL GIFT – A REFLECTION

A young man while roaming the desert came across a spring of delicious crystal-clear water. The water was so sweet he filled his leather canteen so he could bring some back to a tribal elder who had been his teacher.

After a four-day journey he presented the water to the old man who took a deep drink, smiled warmly and thanked his student lavishly for the sweet water. The young man returned to his village with a happy heart.

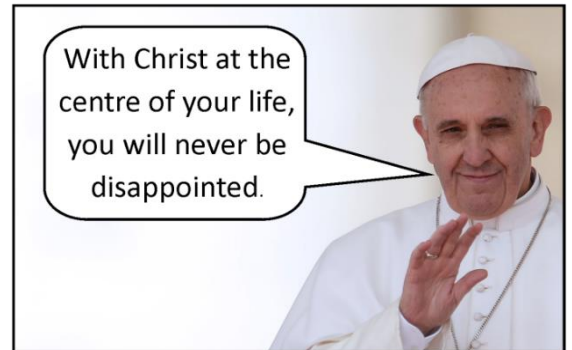
Later, the teacher let another student taste the water. He spat it out, saying it was awful.

The water had become stale because of the old leather container.

The student challenged his teacher: "*Master, the water was foul. Why did you pretend to like it?*"

The teacher replied, "*You only tasted the water. I tasted the gift. The water was simply the container for an act of loving-kindness and nothing could be sweeter!*"

(Unknown)



THE ASSUMPTION



On 15 August each year the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast reminds us that having completed her earthly life, Mary was 'assumed,' body and soul, into heavenly glory. In this way, Mary was honoured as the mother of Jesus and of the Church.

This week all classes have added a Marian prayer (*Hail Mary, The Angelus*) to their daily devotions and tomorrow the chapel will be open for classes to visit and at lunchtime for *The Rosary*.

Next week we will celebrate the *Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

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)	St Brigid's Church
	Saturday 4th September (6:00pm Mass)	St Joseph's Church
	Sunday 5th September (9:00am Mass)	St Joseph's Church
	Sunday 5th September (7:30am Mass)	St Brendan's Church

CHILDREN'S MASS

A children's Mass, led by Emmanuel students, will be held at 9am on Sunday 22 August at St Joseph's Church. Students wishing to participate in this ministry should contact Mrs Kliese in the office.

FEAST DAY

We celebrated our school feast day, The Transfiguration of the Lord, with a special prayer celebration and picnic at Bucasia Beach. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a wonderful day. The sun was shining, the beach was long, the sausage sizzle was delicious and a great time was had by all.





THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10
Vision of the coming of salvation.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Christ is the first-fruits.

Luke 1:39-56
The Magnificat.

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

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.



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**.

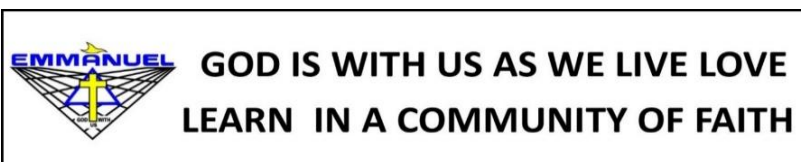
It is important that these key safety messages are reinforced, both at school and home. I encourage you, wherever possible, to talk with your child about safety to help them stay safe now and in the future.

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

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – ENTHUSIASM

Enthusiasm is being cheerful, happy and full of spirit. It is doing something wholeheartedly, with zeal and eagerness – giving 100% to what you do. Being enthusiastic is being excited about something, looking forward to something. When you are enthusiastic, you have a positive attitude and people like to be around you. Enthusiasm makes life more enjoyable.

“Enthusiasm is the match that lights the candle of achievement.” (William Arthur Boyd)



Noleen 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 the past months. With the rapidly escalating situation in Qld, 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

BOOK WEEK



All students are encouraged to Dress Up for Book Week on Monday 23 August, as their Favourite Book Character. Parents are welcome to join us at 8:30am in children's classrooms to participate in a shared reading experience with your child.

As you are all aware, every child at Emmanuel begins everyday with reading, during the first fifteen minutes all children are provided with the opportunity to read to self or read to others. Since the implementation of this daily routine in 2018, our children have rekindled their love of reading whilst at the same time developing fundamental reading and writing skills. On the surface, it seems basic, simple and rather self-explanatory, however we have found that when Read to Self is set up with specific and focused instruction it is a truly powerful tool for enhancing all literacy skills.

As part of this process, children are taught how to choose a “Good Fit” Book, a book in which they can read with 99 percent accuracy independently. This is not a time for reading instruction in which teachers provide level readers for students to be explicitly taught and guided to improve specific reading skills.

We teach children that one of the most important things to do to become better readers is to read good fit books, and the I-PICK acronym is just a tool to help them make great selections.

I PICK Good-Fit Books

I select a book and look it over, inside and out.

Purpose: Why might I want to read it?

Interest: Does it interest me?

Comprehend: Do I understand what I am reading?

Know: Do I know most of the words? *(Boushey and Moser 2014)*

I encourage all of you over the next couple of weeks as we celebrate reading with Bookfair this week and Book Week celebrations in Week 7, to sit with your children and ask them about the books they are reading and enjoying.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in our classrooms at 8:30am Monday 23 August, to share your interest in reading and stories of your favourite books as well as picking up a book and reading to or listening to your child read.



OPTIMINDS - UPDATES AND CHANGES

A message from Fiona Meyer – Director OptiMINDS

Unfortunately – with the Delta strain of covid as dangerous as it is – the responsible thing to do from an Opti-MINDS perspective is to ask all teams to present via video...so we run virtual events in regions – and reduce any risk of spreading covid among our Opti-family.



As per the correspondence above there will not be an Optiminds Regional Challenge Day, Sunday 29 August. Instead, all teams will be required to record their Long Term challenge and Spontaneous response at school on the following dates:

- Long Term Wednesday 1st September
- Spontaneous Challenge Thursday 2nd September

Please note, students will be required to participate in a **full dress rehearsal as part of their Sunday team meeting, this will take place on Sunday 29 August at the normal time of 10:00am – 12:30pm.** Please ensure all children arrive on this day with their full black clothing including socks and shoes (black school shoes are appropriate). Students are encouraged to wear a black t-shirt and pants.

Date changes due to Camp

Due to Year 5 Camp next week, there will be no team meeting on Friday 20 August. This team is required to meet on Monday afternoon 16 August.

Due to Year 6 Camp in Week 7, there will be no team meeting on Thursday 26 August. This team is required to meet on Monday afternoon 23 August.



Emmanuel Catholic Primary Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

Catholic Identity and Ethos	Effective Teaching and Learning <small>(NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8)</small>
<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.</p> <p>Goal <i>Implementing Catholic Social teaching and service learning within the Curriculum.</i></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.</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>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.</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 <small>(NSIT Domain 3)</small>	Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing <small>(NSIT Domains 1,4,9)</small>
<p>Strategic Priority 3.1 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>Strategic Priority 4.1 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

PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Year Five Camp

Our Year 5 Students are heading off to Kinchant Dam on Wednesday 18 August. We hope they have a wonderful time together and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return

A reminder that students need to meet at the bus area on Baxter Drive area at 7:20am as the bus leaves at 7:45am SHARP.



MOLLY'S TED TALK

I thought I would share this lovely Ted Talk video by 7 year old Molly Wright. It looks at "How every child can thrive by five" and highlights ways parents and caregivers can support a child's healthy brain development. It focuses on key learnings from neuroscience, including the benefits play and 'serve and return' interactions have on lifelong learning, behaviour and wellbeing. The talk is based on a speech written by the [Minderoo Foundation](https://www.minderoo.org/) that drives the [thrive by five](https://www.minderoo.org/mollys-ted-talk/) initiative focusing on helping parents and carers understand the importance of early childhood development. It is really worth taking the time to view this wonderful clip:

<https://www.minderoo.org/mollys-ted-talk/>

BASKETBALL GALA DAY

Congratulations to our four Emmanuel teams who competed in the Basketball Gala Day last Monday 9 August. It was a great day, with Rookies and Experienced players joining in the fun at the Mackay Multi-Sport Stadium. Our Rookies girls successfully won their division and our Mixed Experienced team came a very close runner-up in their division. Everyone enjoyed the competition and all students are commended on their exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. A big thank you to Mrs Buckeridge, Mrs McGovern and Mr Bell for helping out with the teams on the day. Well done Emmanuel!



MACKTOWN SHOWDOWN!



Winners are grinners! Congratulations to our Emmanuel Basketball stars who yesterday played against the McDonalds Mackay Meteors & Meteorettes in an entertaining and action-packed event, the Macktown Showdown. The enthusiastic crowd was thoroughly entertained by the action on the court, and we are super proud of our talented Emmanuel team! Thanks to Mackay Basketball for allowing us to host such a great event – we are looking forward to the next time the two teams meet!



ARE YOUR RECORDS UP-TO-DATE?

Do we have up-to-date records for you?

Do we have the most up-to-date contact details on our files for you? Please log on to your Parent Lounge account to check, and notify us if we need to update our records.

Your assistance in keeping the lines of communication open is greatly appreciated.

A hand holding a pencil writing on a piece of paper.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: \$27

THIS WEEK'S MATHS OLYMPIAD:

A9543B represents a six-digit number in which A and B are digits different from each other. The number is divisible by 11 and also by 8. What digit does A represent?

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

MUSIC NEWS

MACKAY EISTEDDFOD 2021

We have had a wonderful time at the Eisteddfod so far this week. A full wrap up with our exciting news will feature in next week's Newsletter. We wish our Choir's performing on Friday all the best:

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding tuckshop on Friday during the Eisteddfod for students attending this event;

SCHOOL CHOIR:

Friday 13 August – Students are asked to bring a **packed morning tea on this day to take to the MECC** – please pack in a snaplock bag that is clearly labelled and only food that does not require refrigeration. Please don't order tuckshop for morning tea tomorrow, as students won't return to school until after 11am.

YEAR THREE CHOIR STUDENTS:

Students are asked not to order tuckshop for second lunch tomorrow, Friday 13 August as they will be at the MECC. Students will be released from class at 12pm so they can eat their lunch before travelling on the bus at 12.30pm. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch for this day and a snack for when they return (if time permits).



There will be no School Choir rehearsals next Wednesday, 18 August, 2021

Linda Miller
Music Teacher

Term 3 School Fee Statements



Term 3 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 3 WEEK 6

Monday 16 August:	Lauren Gossweiler
Tuesday 17 August:	Shirley Bloom
Wednesday 18 August:	HELP WANTED
Thursday 19 August:	Paul Johnson
Friday 20 August:	Kara Shepherd Katie 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.

Can you help?

WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF
TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS, WITHOUT
THIS HELP WE ARE UNABLE TO
PROVIDE LUNCHES TO OUR
STUDENTS ON TIME.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ON
4942 5999 IF YOU CAN HELP US.

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

YOU'RE INVITED



PARENT & FRIENDS MEETING

Tuesday 17 August 2021 at 5pm
to be held in the School Library

CHILDREN'S MASS

9:00am

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH



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