

# newsletter



## Term Three

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- 14 August
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- Feast Day Mass
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- 4 September
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- 10 September

## Our School Mission Statement



13 August 2020

Dear Parents,

Our first priority at Emmanuel are our children. We aim to develop each child according to their ability. We strive to develop the whole child, that is to develop each child spiritually, emotionally, physically and academically. For our school to do its job effectively, the ongoing interest and involvement of parents is vital. Teachers and parents working as partners means common goals can be established and developed more effectively and efficiently. It is important that the children see teachers and parents supporting each other. Working together assists the children's development and learning in so many ways.

A happy, supportive and harmonious link between teachers and parents with realistic common goals creates a unified approach. When a child perceives a breakdown in communication of this vital link a child experiences conflict and may play one off against the other. We are very fortunate at Emmanuel to have supportive and caring parents, not only supportive in developing great community spirit, raising funds, but more importantly loyal and supportive in helping and assisting their children's learning.

Sometimes with today's busy and hectic lifestyles it is easy to leave school to the teachers, but when we reflect on the points below it is well worth remembering that the link between teachers and parents is paramount in our children's education.

- A child's performance is strongly influenced by his or her parents' attitude to the school.
- Achievement levels tend to rise when parents are seen to be interested and involved in their child's schooling.
- Parents have many ideas and skills that can be very useful to their school community.

In the last few weeks I have been interviewing many families who are seeking enrolment for Prep in 2021 at our school. Many of these families have spoken about the fine reputation our school holds in the community as well as the

recommendations that our current and past families have given them about Emmanuel being a nurturing community. It is wonderful to hear how some of these families have ‘family friends’ at the school and they are impressed by what they have been told about Emmanuel.

Whenever our students are on excursions or represent our school out in the community, we receive wonderful feedback about our children’s behaviour and manners. They really do stand out as articulate and polite children. It is always heartening to receive so many generous affirmations from our families, be it in relation to the safety of the children or the dedication of the teachers to providing engaging learning opportunities. The staff are very appreciative of the support that you give to them and the partnership that they have in working with you to build this wonderful Emmanuel community. I hope that you are as proud to be a part of this community as we are.

My appreciation and thanks to you as parents, for your valuable role as the primary educators of your child and to the staff, a dedicated team of professionals who give so generously of their self, their skills and their time.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla  
*(Principal)*



**“Let the little children come to me.”**

(Mark 10:13-16)

# Religious Education

## THE CRACKED POT – A REFLECTION

A water bearer had two large pots which hung on the ends of a pole that he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. It meant that the bearer delivered only one and a half pots full of water to his house each day.

The perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. It achieved what it was made to do. The cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, the cracked pot spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "*I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologise to you. I have been able to deliver only half my load, as this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts,*" the pot said.

The bearer said to the pot, "*Did you notice that there were flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path. Every day as we walk back, you have watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace my home.*"



(Author 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 today a small group of students and teachers gathered in the chapel at lunchtime to say *The Rosary*.

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



### **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Isaiah 56:1-6-7

The Lord's justice is about to be revealed

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

God's gifts are irrevocable.

Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite woman asks Jesus to heal her daughter.

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)

### **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 @  
<https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculums/school-curriculum/Pages/danielMorcombe.aspx>.

### **VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – EXCELLENCE**

***“Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude.”*** (Ralph Marston)

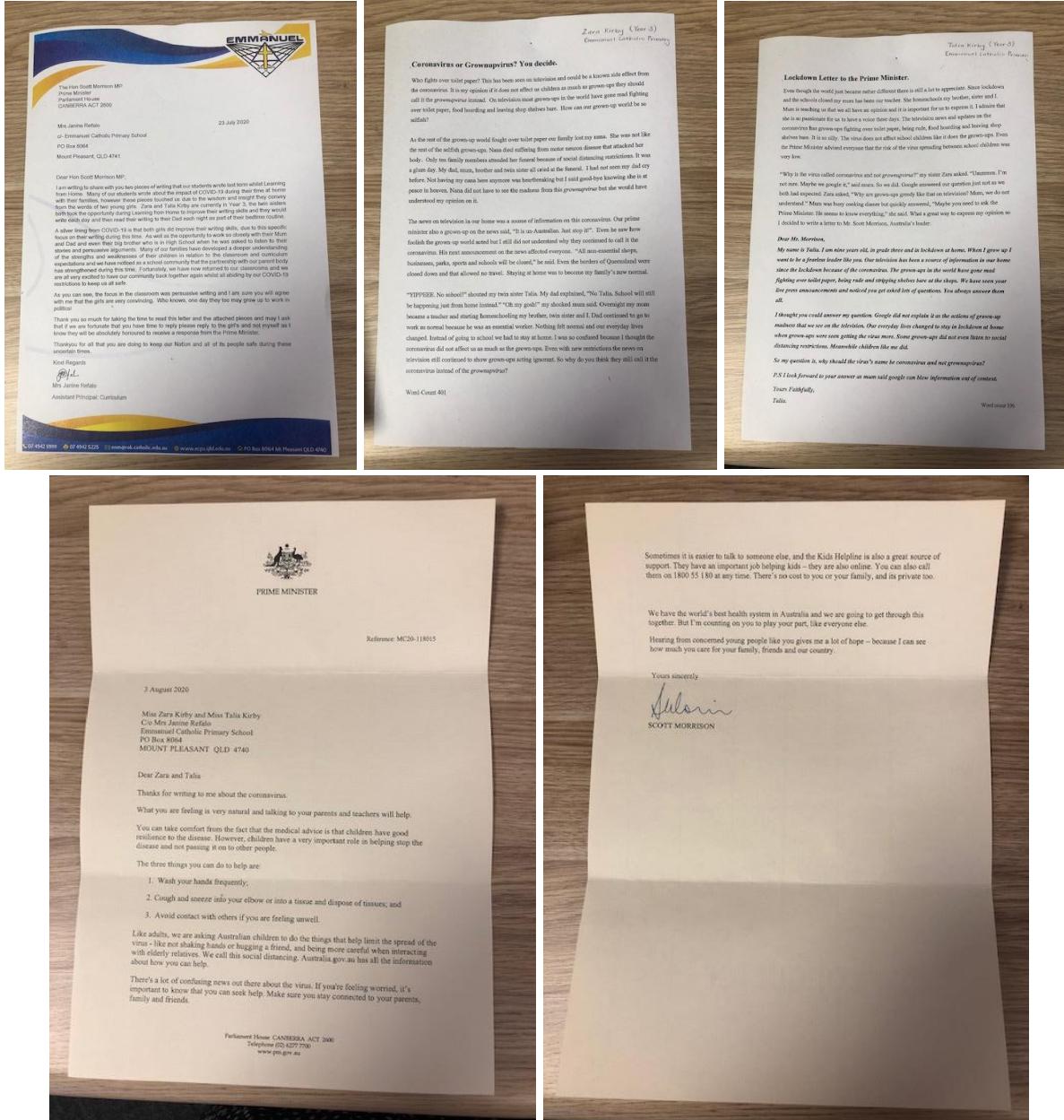
Excellence is doing your best. It is giving your very best to any task you do or any relationship you have. Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is a desire for perfection. It is giving careful attention to every job, and to the people you care for.

***“Excellence isn’t being the best; it’s doing your best.”*** (Unknown)

# Curriculum Corner

## A LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER!

Yesterday I arrived at school to receive some very exciting news. A letter from the Prime Minister, Mr Scott Morrison had arrived! Unbeknownst to two of our Year Three students I had written to our Prime Minister and shared their writing with him. Please see below my letter and the Hon Scott Morrison MP reply:



You may remember Miss Rostirolla sharing Tahlia's writing with you via a Newsletter last term, however we felt that such insight from two young girls needed to be shared further. Zara and Tahlia and their Year Three peers were so surprised and delighted to think that the Prime Minister had taken the time to read and respond to their writing. As he writes "**young people like you gives me a lot of hope – because I can see how much you care for your family, friends and country.**" Well Done Girls – you need to be very proud of yourselves!

Janine Refalo  
Assistant Principal Curriculum

# APA News

## CLASSROOM VISITS

This week I have had the pleasure of visiting lots of classrooms. Year One have been busy learning about 3-D shapes. They have been identifying, classifying and constructing a variety of shapes out of plasticine. It was wonderful to share the hands-on learning with Year 1T for a session this week!

### FUN WITH 3D SHAPES



Our Prep classes have also been busy, this time with Rotational Activities. Prep S were participating in Memory Games, Threading and Story-writing. Once again it was wonderful to share this learning time with our Preps.



## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photos have been delivered to the school and have been distributed to students. Please contact your classroom teacher if you did not receive your order. For any other issues, please contact **advancedlife photographers** directly.

**Some parents opted to collect photos directly from the school office and these are now available for parents to collect from the School Office.**

Please find below a message from **advancedlife photographers** in relation to group photographs:

*School co-curricular group photographs were taken recently. These groups include sports/school captains. These group images are now available for purchase at **advancedlife***

### **EMMANUEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Community Portal.**

*Simply follow the link above or click order now to go directly to your community portal.*

*Important Information:*

- *Group photos can only be purchased online: DO NOT return payment to school*
- *Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are ordered*
- *Past years' photographs are also available at your school's **advancedlife** and your **advanced you** photo sites (follow the link above)*

**Advancedlife** would like to express our appreciation to EMMANUEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your **advancedlife** experience please contact us at [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact) .

Amanda McDonald  
Assistant Principal Administration

## **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



# Virtue Vouchers

Term Three Week Four

6W	Laila W Hayley G	4S	Tahlia F Joshua G	2B	Kayden R Miguel S Braxton I
6S	Blake G Claire W	4E	Libby-Rose G Evie L	1T	William P
6K	Sienna H Madelyn S	3M	Maya W	1M	Oliver R
5K	Vincent Z Michael P-T	3W/D	Maddison A Madeleine G	1C	Jonah L Declan W
5F	Edie S Indie T	2R	Rhythm J Jimmy M	PG	Jaxon H Caleb J
5C	Molly S Lara P	2M	Zali M Aiden S	PJ	Chad H Avish P
4W	Jake R Amy L			PS	Adele S Jack M

# Congratulations!

## SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees are due by Tuesday 18 August. Please contact the office if you have not received your statement. You can also access your statement via the *Parent Lounge* Portal.



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.

## Tuckshop News

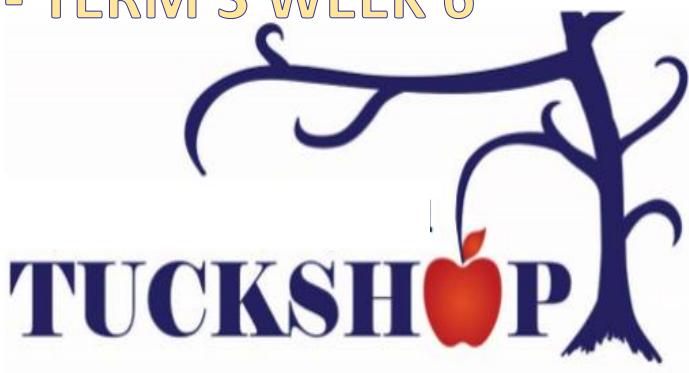
TUCKSHOP  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

Please Note: It is imperative that volunteers **DO NOT** attend tuckshop if they are unwell, have anyone at home who is unwell, have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 (awaiting test results), or recently returned from overseas. Thank you.

Angie McGowan/Carly Nicholas

## VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 3 WEEK 6

**Mon 17 August:** Katie Murphy  
**Tues 18 August:** Monica Slater  
**Wed 19 August:** **HELP WANTED**  
**Thurs 20 August:** Paul Johnson  
**Fri 21 August:** Meggs Weissman  
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**HELP WANTED**





## SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office is now located in the new Administration Building.

Please use the central walkway from STOP DROP GO and access the building via the front door located near the Year Six classrooms.

## REMEMBER TO USE



**FOR DROP OFF  
AND PICK-UP**

**WHERE THE DIFFERENCE  
IS YOU**

**Deputy Principal  
Marist College, Emerald**

Applications are invited for the position of Deputy Principal, to commence 18 January 2021.

Visit our website and apply today  
[www.rok.catholic.edu.au](http://www.rok.catholic.edu.au)

**Applications close 24 August 2020**

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures.



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