



newsletter

19 August 2021

Term Three

Dance Fever
Mondays (Week 2-9)

National Science Week
(14-22 August)

Children's Mass
Sunday 22 August

Book Week
(21 - 27 August)

**Dress-up and Shared
Reading Experience**
23 August

**Cultural Performance
Morning**
23 August

Year Six Camp
(24-27 August)

OPTIMINDS Challenge
1 & 2 September

Mission Fair
2 September

PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 3 September

First Communion
4/5 September

Father's Day Picnic
6 September

**Australia's Biggest
Child Safety Lessons**
7 September

**NEW Sacramental
Program Information
Session**
8 September

Dear Parents,

How important is it to read to your children? The answer is simple – it's more than important, it's vital. Research has shown that the single most important thing that a parent can do to help their child acquire language, prepare their child for school, and instill a love of learning in their child, is to read to them.

Famous children's author, Mem Fox writes,

"I beg you all to read superb books aloud to your children! Begin on the day they are born. I am very serious about this: at least three stories and five nursery rhymes a day, if not more, and not only at bedtime, either."

She states that parents need to have read at least 1000 books to their child before they enter school. The message has always been very clear – reading to your children will greatly enhance their love of literature and set them up for literacy success.

Reading to children at night creates an atmosphere of warmth and safety with a big, loving, protective parent beside the bed reading them stories night after night. Reading to children in the daytime allows them to squeeze on to a comforting lap in the security of a parent's loving warmth and listening to all manner of horrors and joys coming out of books. The relationship between parent and child during the reading of stories is one of warmth and love which makes the child associate books with warmth and love and pleasure and security.

Listed below are ten reasons why reading is so important for children and adults.

1. Kids who read often and widely get better at it.
2. Reading exercises our brain.
3. Reading improves concentration.
4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.
5. Reading improves a child's vocabulary, leads to more highly-developed language skills and improves the child's ability to write well.
6. Reading develops a child's imagination.
7. Reading helps kids develop empathy.
8. Children who read do better at school.
9. Reading is a great form of entertainment.
10. Reading relaxes the body and calms the mind.

Encouraging our children to read at home by setting aside a specific time each day, reading to our children daily, letting children see the value we ourselves place on reading and by displaying good children's literature around the house, all contribute to creating a 'print rich' home environment that supports the formation of our children's attitudes, interests and habits of reading. Invest in your child's future by reading to them daily.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
(Principal)

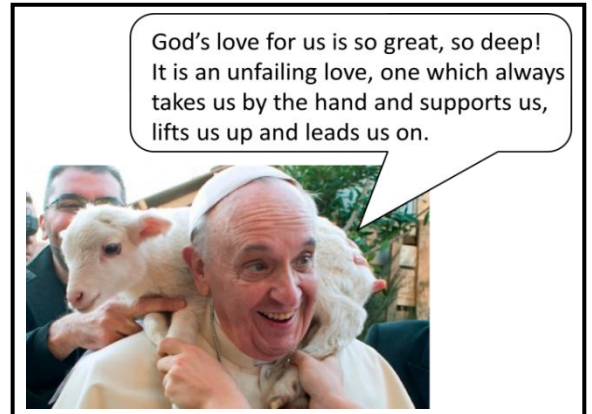
ENOUGH – A REFLECTION

May you have enough

Enough happiness to keep you sweet.
Enough trials to keep you strong.
Enough sorrow to keep you human.
Enough failure to keep you humble.
Enough success to keep you eager.
Enough friends to give you comfort.
Enough wealth to meet your needs.
Enough enthusiasm to look forward.
Enough faith to trust yourself.
Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

May you have enough.

(Author Unknown)



MISSION FAIR

Our annual Mission Fair will be held on Thursday 2 September. The staff has been busy organising stalls and we are all looking forward to another fabulous fair. A list of stalls and activities will be included in next week's newsletter.

Please encourage your child to do some jobs at home to earn their spending money for this exciting event.

Tickets in the multi-draw raffle will be on sale tomorrow. They are great value at a cost of 50 cents each or three for \$1.00. Our Year Six Leaders will be selling the tickets before school and at lunchtime each day. The raffle will be drawn after the Mission Fair.

TRASH AND TREASURE

The Year Six students will be running a *Trash and Treasure* stall at the Mission Fair and are looking for donations of pre-loved books, puzzles, toys, games, collectables and knickknacks to sell. They can be sent to school from tomorrow. The Year Six students will collect them from classrooms daily. Thank you for your support.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

One man's trash is another man's treasure!

CHILDREN'S MASS

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

CHILDREN'S MASS
9:00am
SUNDAY 22 AUGUST
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH



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



SAVE THE DATE – NEXT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A meeting for the parents of Year Three students wanting to prepare for the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist will be held at St Joseph's Church on **Wednesday 8 September**. A letter detailing the parish program and registration requirements will be sent home this week.

CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY

Each year our school community comes together at a special prayer celebration to thank God for the gift of fathers. Unfortunately due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to welcome more than 70 adults to activities in the Marist Centre and this prayer celebration cannot take place this year. We will however pray for our dads at Assembly and in all classrooms.

We will also be having a picnic and all dads and grandads are invited. It will take place in the playground between the library and Year Two/Prep building at 10:30am on Monday 6 September. Please bring a chair or rug and morning tea to share with your children. We look forward to sharing this time with as many fathers and grandfathers as possible.

FATHER'S DAY
PICNIC

MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER - 10:30am



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

The tribes of Israel choose the Lord above all other gods.

Ephesians 5:21-32

Family members in Christ must defer to one another.

John 6:60-69

Many disciples desert Jesus.

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 is 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.

“Nothing great was ever achieved without ENTHUSIASM.” (Anonymous)



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

Emmanuel Catholic Primary Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

<p style="text-align: center;">Catholic Identity and Ethos </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Teaching and Learning  (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8)</p>
<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>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pastoral Support and Wellbeing  (NSIT Domain 3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing  (NSIT Domains 1,4,9)</p>
<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>

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 Book Week celebrations, 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.

OPTI-MINDS - UPDATES AND CHANGES

A message from Fiona Meyer – Director Opti-MINDS

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 Opti-minds 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

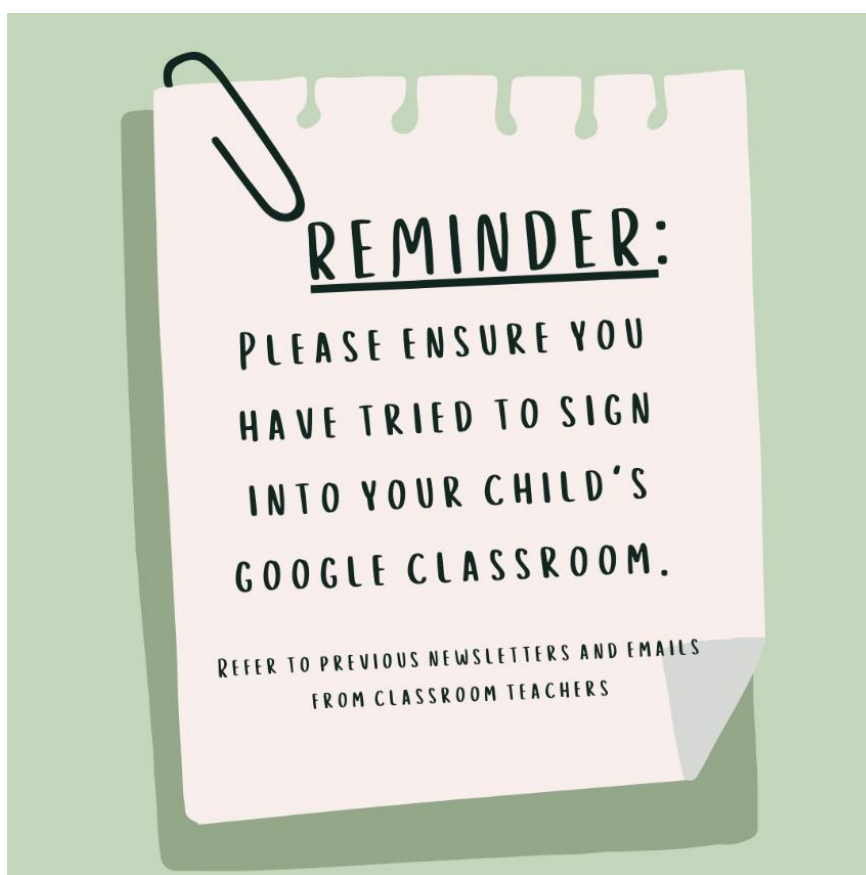
Please note, students will be required to participate in a **full dress rehearsal as part of their Sunday team meeting, this will take place on Sunday 29 August at the normal time of 10:00am – 12:30pm.** Please ensure all children arrive on this day with their full black clothing including socks and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

Learning from Home Preparedness



Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum

CULTURAL MORNING:



Presentation of School Choirs
& Rock, Pop, Mime Performance

9:15am Monday 23 August

Marist Centre

Parents if attending, you are reminded to please ensure you sign in via the Covid App and hand-sanitise before taking a seat in the Marist Centre.

School Camp

Year Five are having a wonderful time at Kinchant Dam and will return tomorrow afternoon at 2:30pm.

Our Year Six students head off to Capricornia Caves for Camp this Tuesday. We are looking forward to hearing their stories about their activities and adventures.

Reminder that students need to meet at the Emmanuel bus stop, no later than **6:10am** for a prompt departure on Tuesday morning.



Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

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Stay connected with us by following our Facebook page for regular updates, photos and stories

MUSIC NEWS

MACKAY EISTEDDFOD 2021

A VERY BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Miller, Mrs Whelan and all of our students who participated in choirs at this year's Mackay Eisteddfod. Their hard work and dedication has resulted in wonderful performances and results. They received Gold Awards and the Adjudicator's trophy in every section entered - Year One, Year Two, Year Three, Year Four, Year Six and under, Hymn and Folk Song, Small Folk Group – and were awarded the Choral Championship Trophy for Primary Schools.

The adjudicator awarded the Carmel Daveson Award for the most accomplished Primary Choral Conductor to Mrs Miller.

A very big THANK YOU to our amazing accompanist, Mrs Whelan, for her ongoing support of our choirs and school. You are a treasure!

WELL DONE EVERYONE! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!



Music Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a Certificate of Excellence in music this term:

Year 4: Jada Scott and Molly Haack

Year 6: Sullivan Goldsworthy



Linda Miller
Music Teacher

Parent & Friends Association

SAVE THE DATE

Father's Day Stall

Tuesday 31 August 2021

Gifts available for purchase for \$2-\$8. A limit of one gift per child and no Grandfather gifts available this year.

Coins are preferred for purchases as there will be very limited change available



Virtue Vouchers

Term Three Week Five

6T/R	Billy	4S	William Harper	2C	Harrison Jaxon
		4E	Piper Ava	1T	Hudson Nylah
		3W	Ruby	1M	Hunter
5W	Laila Lillian	3H/B	Levi Lilly Tyler	1J	Zachary
5S	Elliot	3B	Beau Lincoln	PS	Max Conrad
5C	Jarred Evie	2M	Amelia Ivy	PJ	Gracie
4W	Talia Scarlett Maya	2R	Zara Jonty	PG	Nate Aisha



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 7

Monday 23 August:	Shirley Bloom
Tuesday 24 August:	Hannah Deguara
Wednesday 25 August:	Stephen Northam
Thursday 26 August:	Tahnee Nock
Friday 27 August:	Kate Pace Rebecca Warrell Meggs Weissman



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.

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

Summer Netball Program Term 4 - 2021

6 WEEK PROGRAM

Intro to netball | Skills | Fitness | Games | Matches

SESSION ONE : 5 to 10 YEARS

TIME: 3.30PM - 4.15PM

SESSION TWO : 11 YEARS & OVER

TIME: 4.30PM - 5.30PM

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Starts: Thursday, 14th October 2021

Ends: Thursday, 18th November 2021

Where: Netball Courts (Top Oval)
Emmanuel Catholic Primary School
Baxter St, Mt Pleasant

Cost: \$65 - New To Netball (inc. Saints Pack)
\$45 - 2021 Saints Players

Bring: Hat, water bottle and wear sports shoes

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