



newsletter

8 October 2020

Term Four

Beach Day & Walkathon
9 October

Prep Vision Screening
20 & 21 October

Year 4 – 6 Swimming
Carnival
22 October

Prep – Year 3
Swimming Lessons
Week 6-8

Year 5 & 6
Pumped Up Sports
12 November

Year 5 - Kinchant Dam
16 & 17 November

Last day of Term Four
4 December

Our School Mission Statement



Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that the past two weeks has been both enjoyable and relaxing for all families and that you were able to spend some quality time with your children. The start of a new term is always an extremely exciting time for both students and staff, particularly the final term of the school year. I just love seeing all the children come back to school and to hear the buzz of excitement in the buildings and around the grounds. When the students aren't in school the buildings and grounds become quiet, almost to the point of being eerie. But as the children enter the buildings you can feel the life coming back into the school. All children are different and as such some seem to settle straight back into the routines while others may take a little longer to settle. Keeping this in mind, let's remember that God created each one of us differently and that we may all take a different amount of time to get back into 'the swing of things'. How dull it would be if we were all the same!!

With only nine weeks to go before another school year ends, there is so much happening between now and 04 December. The end of year is always a very hectic time filled with orientation days, farewells, graduations, report cards and so forth.

In the next few weeks we will be sending home order forms for School Packs – next year's booklist, stationery and text books, already prepacked and delivered to school. Any orders you place will be delivered to school before the end of the year for you to collect, and our school will receive a percentage of the value of the orders. This is a great service to parents sponsored by our Parents and Friends Association. Thank you to those wonderful people who work so tirelessly for our school community. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

At this time of the year, plans are also being made for 2021 and the key factor upon which planning is based is enrolment facts and figures. Whether it's class composition, number of classes, number of staff members or budget planning, it is essential to be as accurate as possible in predicting the number of students at Emmanuel come January next year. Can I ask then that you keep us informed about potential moves between now and the beginning of the year? Thank you for helping us to be well-prepared for the year ahead.

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. October is the special month devoted to praying the Rosary. Over the next few weeks let us ask Mary to pray for us through the prayer that we all know. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal

Religious Education

BEACH DAY – WALKATHON

Our annual beach day and walkathon will be held at Bucasia Beach **tomorrow**.

All students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for the Missions and are invited to wear **CRAZY SOCKS** with their uniform.

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 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.

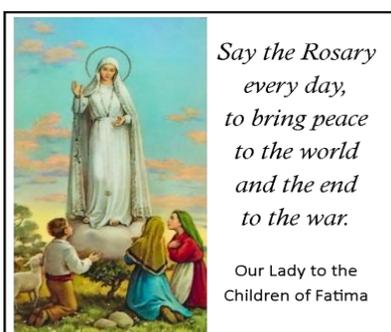
If your child carries medication (such as an asthma puffer) this must accompany them to the beach.



OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During October we are encouraged to pray this beautiful prayer and to reflect on the mysteries of our faith which it memorialises.

The Rosary is the story of the New Testament. Through the beads we recall the joyful, sorrowful and glorious times in the life of Mary and Jesus. We follow Mary from the Annunciation, when the archangel Gabriel came to ask her to become the Mother of Christ, to the day she was crowned Queen of Heaven. We follow Jesus from the moment the Holy Spirit came upon Mary, through his childhood, his cruel death on the cross, the joy of Easter when he rose from the dead, to the day he ascended to Heaven in glory. We reflect on the teachings and miracles of Jesus.

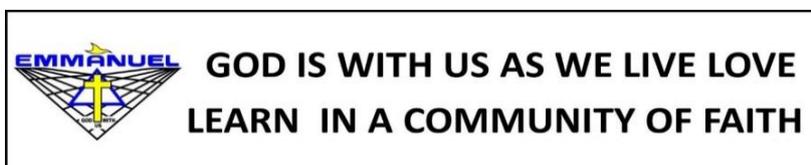


We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on 7 October each year. Yesterday many classes visited the chapel to pray the Hail Mary, meditate on the Mysteries of The Rosary and listen to some beautiful 'Mary' songs.

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday this month, students and staff are invited to gather in the chapel to say The Rosary at lunchtime. We will pray for peace in our families, our school and in our world. It was lovely to see quite a large crowd participating on our first day.

To find out more about The Rosary and how to pray it, go to: <http://www.catholic.org/prayers/rosary.php>

"The Rosary has a peaceful effect on those who pray it, leading them to see the face of Christ in others, to recognise other's grief and to yearn to make the world more beautiful, more just, more closely conformed to God's plan." (Pope John Paul II, 2002)



OCTOBER - WORLD MISSION MONTH

This month we will be celebrating SOCCERTOBER.

It is an opportunity for us to focus our attention on those less fortunate than ourselves and to be grateful for all that we have. Students in all classes will explore Catholic Social Teachings and participate in activities that promote justice, prayer and action. Together we can make a difference and help others.



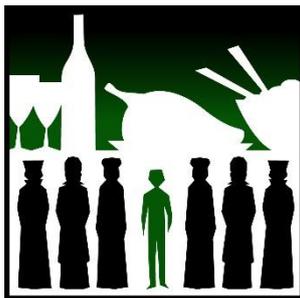
With a focus on Cambodia, 'We are Still Here' is the theme of Catholic Mission's appeal this year.

MAKING JESUS REAL



MJR emphasises the spirituality of the everyday, so lots of the things we do each day and week are Making Jesus Real in the world today. Every time we greet, speak and treat others with respect and kindness; use good manners; welcome, encourage and include others; say 'Sorry' and 'Thank you'; take responsibility for our words and actions; and treat those around us how we would like to be treated, we share the love of Jesus and live as He taught us to.

What will you do this week to Make Jesus Real in your home, workplace and community?



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain the Lord will provide a feast

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

With God, Paul has strength for everything.

Matthew 22:1-14

Parable of the Wedding Banquet.

For weekly Gospel readings, reflections and meditations go to <http://www.prayasoucan.com.au/>

[Download this week's parish bulletin @ https://rok.catholic.net.au/parish/mackay-st-josephs/#](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

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – GENEROSITY

“Generosity isn't an act. It's a way of life.” (Chip Ingram)

Generosity is one of the best ways to show love and friendship. You share freely, not with the idea of receiving something in return. Someone showing *generosity* is happy to give time, money, food, or kindness to people in need. When you are generous, you put others before yourself. When you're forgiving, kind and gentle to people, you show generosity of spirit.

“For it is in giving that we receive.” (St Francis of Assisi)

CLASSES 2021

This term will see staff arrange classes for the 2021 school year. This process is very deliberate and time consuming, but also very important to creating balanced classes throughout the school. I'd like to provide parents with some of the underlying principles that drive our decision making:

1. We always aim to create classes that are balanced in need. We consider the academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs of the children when placing them in a class. This is never straight forward and often needs considerable thought. A past practice has been that students nominate a friend, but as you can appreciate this is very difficult to accommodate in a school with 570 students. This practice will no longer be a deciding factor in class placements.
2. We consider the gender balance within the group, the body of knowledge that we have gathered on each child and any parent input that may assist.
3. We always endeavour to be just, fair and compassionate to the needs of each child.

I invite parents to write to me if you have information about your child that may assist the staff in placing your child. While I always stipulate that parents are not able to request certain teachers and groups of friends, there is often information that, as a school, we are unaware of and would benefit from knowing. **Please put your consideration in writing and send to the office addressed to Miss Rostirolla by the end of Week Four, Friday 30 October.**

I would also like to stress that our staff know their students very well and will do their very best throughout this process. I urge parents to trust us in making informed decisions that we consider will be the best for each child.

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their peers as Student Representatives for Term Four.

6K - Brady Mitzsela and Ava Busby

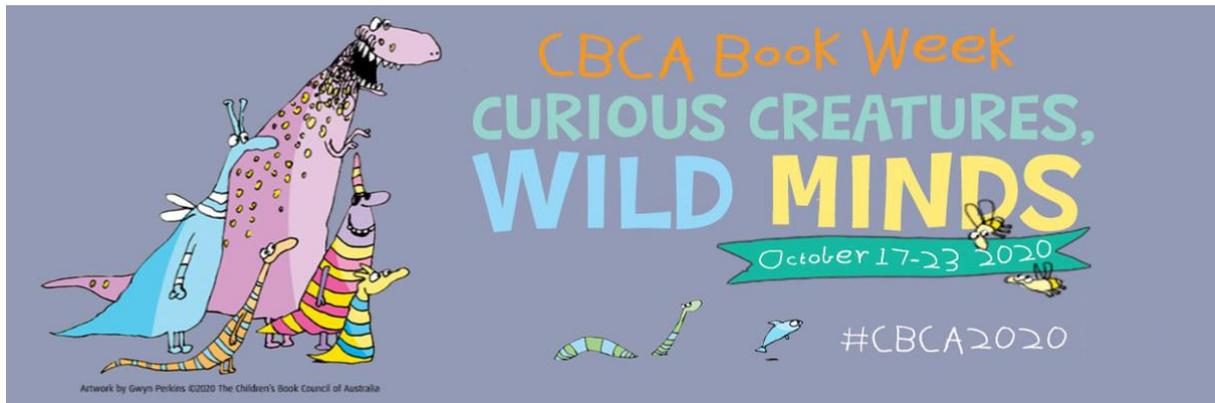
6S – Henry Lawrence and Alysse Atherton

6W - Thomas Shepherdson and Laila Worth

Badges will be distributed at our Week Two Assembly.

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

Curriculum Corner



BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Emmanuel will be celebrating Book Week during Week 3, Monday 19 October to Friday 23 October; this year's theme is **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds**. We will be celebrating our Book Week with a dress up day on **TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER**. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. This year, all classrooms will create a display based on a 2020 shortlisted book. Classes will visit other classrooms to view their displays and experience the shortlisted titles. During our dress up day we will all participate in a simultaneous shared reading time in addition to our daily quiet reading time that we experience at the beginning of every school day.

We are looking forward to everyone celebrating their love of reading during this week and dressing as a character that either fits this year's theme or is from a book your son/daughter loves. If your child has a copy of the book that their character is in, please send it along on the dress up day so as they can show and share the story with members of their class.

Please be mindful that the purpose of Dress Up day is to celebrate the love and joy of reading, please remember to wear sunsmart clothing and closed in shoes.

Perhaps during Book Week you would like to set a family challenge to encourage all family members to read more; to read together; discuss your favourite books and authors.



Sporting News



Our Mini Athletics Carnival was a wonderful celebration of sport, competition, co-operation and team spirit. It was great to see students participating in running races and ball games, encouraging each other, and enjoying the day together. Our House Captains and Year Six students displayed fantastic leadership in the way they organised the cheering, assisted younger students and worked with staff. A big thank you to Mr Dodson and all who contributed to making the day such a fabulous success.

Three trophies were presented on the day.

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| Faix Family Trophy (Relays) | Castles House |
| Sue Stock Memorial Trophy (Spirit) | Wallace House |
| Marist Sisters Trophy (Champion House) | Carroll House |

Be sure to check out our [Facebook](#) page for a full round up of the Carnival.



EMMANUEL YEAR 4 – 6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020



As outlined in last term's newsletter, our Year 4 – 6 Swimming Carnival will take place, *in a modified format*, on **Thursday 22 October 2020**. Details are as follows:

- All students in Years 4 – 6 will be bused to Pioneer Swimming Pool at 9.00am. It is anticipated the day will conclude at approximately 1.30pm, whereby students will once again return to school by bus.
- The day will be run in a modified format. As students will not be progressing to the Catholic School's Carnival as in previous years, this will be a low-key, relaxed competition. There will be no Age-Champions, but students will still compete for points for their Sports House. Trophies will be awarded for participation, house spirit and overall champion house.
- Students may wear sports uniform or house-coloured shirt. They will be required to bring togs, towel, sunscreen, and the school hat is essential. PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE NAMED.
- Students will require a packed morning tea, lunch and water bottle. Please note, there is NO CANTEEN operating at the Pioneer Swim Centre.
- We are pleased to advise that since Covid-19 restrictions have recently been relaxed, parents will now be able to attend the carnival. There will be a dedicated area for parents to sit, and we ask that parents ensure they stay in the area provided. Further details will be provided in next week's newsletter. The Pioneer Swim Centre has asked us to pass on the following conditions relating to parental attendance at this event:
 - **If you have COVID-19 symptoms, even if mild, get tested and do not attend the swimming carnival**
 - **Wash/sanitise your hands regularly. Use the Sanitisation Stations in our facility.**
 - **Keep 1.5 metres distance from others wherever and whenever you can.**
 - **Contactless payment is required for vending machine (no canteen is in operation)**

A program outlining the order of events will be attached to next week's newsletter.

A reminder that Prep to Year 3 students will not participate in this year's swimming carnival, but will participate in swimming lessons at Marlins Swim School later this term. Details of these lessons will be published in a letter in the coming weeks. As such, Thursday 22 October will be a normal school day for all students in Prep – Year 3.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the upcoming swimming carnival.

Luke Dodson

HPE Teacher

Music News

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a Certificate of Excellence in Music this week:

Year 4 – Ashlynn McEvoy, Payton Crotty, Samuel Riley, Breanna Dolfin

Year 5 – Curtis Brooks, Landon Hammer, Lucas Haack, Indi Peterstorfer, Layla-May Kehoe, Ella Richards, Keeley Crowe

Year 6 – Skye Vaughan



Black Belt Recorder – students in Years 4, 5 and 6 who play recorder, work hard to achieve recorder belts of various colours by performing in Music lessons.



This term, two Year 6 students have achieved their **BLACK BELT** in recorder. Congratulations to Grand Masters Bianca Janus and Shane McIntyre who have achieved their Black Belt ribbon and Certificate.



Linda Miller
Music Teacher

Tuckshop News

Please remember that this Friday is the Emmanuel Beach Day.
There will be **NO TUCKSHOP**.



WE NEED YOU!



Please consider volunteering in the tuckshop, even for just a few hours just one day a month. All helpers are very much appreciated.

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.

VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 4 WEEK 2

Mon 12 October:	Katie Murphy
Tues 13 October:	Mel Hudson
Wed 14 October:	Help Wanted
Thur 15 October:	Paul Johnson
Fri 16 October:	Meggs Weissman Asinate Waqa Help Wanted



Angie McGowan/Carly Nicholas
Tuckshop



Student Travel Rebates



Semester 2



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$30/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

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 during October.**

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st October.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL HOTLINE



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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



TERM 4 2020

PLAYGROUPS & PARENT INFO SESSIONS FOR 0-5 YEARS

43 SHAKESPEARE ST, EAST MACKAY
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB



THANKS TO DALY BAY FOR SPONSORING
THESE PROGRAMS



WEDNESDAY

Multicultural Activity + Smartys Fit Food Fun

We'll move our broccoli muscles and discover a new country each week through craft

9.30 - 11.30am \$3 per family

FRIDAY

NEW Friday Playgroup

A new activity each week + coffee alternate weeks for the Mum's

9.30 - 11.00am \$3 per family

Follow 'The Neighbourhood Hub' on Facebook
& Instagram for full details



THURSDAY

Spanish Playgroup by 'Hola Amigos'

Children learn basic Spanish with fun interactive activities + a craft activity
9.30 - 11.30am

Healthy Kids are Happy Kids with
Jody Walker Naturopathy FREE online seminars - 15 - 22 - 29 October

HELP US REMAIN COVID-SAFE

Registrations required email:
clairec@tnhub.org.au

- Stay at home if you feel unwell
- Sign in for contact tracing
- Hand sanitize upon entry & exit
- Thermometer checks upon entry



JODY WALKER NATUROPATHY 2020

Healthy Kids are Happy Kids

-FREE Webinars-

- TERM 4 -

Webinar 1: Thursday 15 Oct 9.30-11

Webinar 2: Thursday 22 Oct 9.30-11

Webinar 3: Thursday 29 Oct 9.30-11

Register: link on The Neighbourhood Hub Facebook event



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