



newsletter

15 October 2020

Term Four

Prep Vision Screening
20 & 21 October

Year 4 – 6 Swimming
Carnival
22 October

Booklist Orders Close
28 October

Prep – Year 3
Swimming Lessons
Weeks 6-8

Year 5 & 6
Pumped Up Sports
12 November

Year 5 - Kinchant Dam
16 & 17 November

Year 6 Excursions
24 – 27 November

Last day of Term Four
4 December

Our School Mission Statement



Dear Parents,

Does anyone still watch the news on television? You would probably be better off if you didn't; then you would be free from the daily recounting of catastrophe, from the cruelty and barbarism of war, from the bashings and robberies, from the impression that, individually, people don't matter.

The following thoughts may cheer you up.

"You are a work of magnificence. You are a treasure. And you are called to do the work of God. Make the most of your go at life, because you are very rare."

"You are a single sunset; God dancing in the world. You are a poem, a sheer delight. You are a song; God is singing—now; not getting ready. All the way to heaven is heaven; not for later, but now."

"My life is God's gift to me; God's work. What I do with my life is my work, my gift to God. It can be a beautiful gift, a beautiful life. Whatever it is like, whatever I am called to be."

"Courage. You are called to be as game as Ned Kelly. As game as Caroline Chisholm. Follow the leader. God. Thy Kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven. Sometimes dreary but always, always alive." (From "Someone Keeps Sending Me Flowers")

Graham English, the author of those words, should be the newsreader each night! He could show video clips of how important people are, and, how they can reflect God to one another by the good choices that are available for them to make. Unless you believe in reincarnation, you do have only one go at life. So what you do now had better be good. It's the only chance you get.

George Bernard Shaw made this eloquent statement:

"I want to be thoroughly used up by the time I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

So, how are you going with your life and how optimistic are your children about theirs?

"God you are here, part of my one go at life. You are calling me. Most of all you listen to me. Help me to listen. Teach me to hear. And give me courage. Amen."

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal

Religious Education

THE LUCKY ONES – A REFLECTION

If you have food in your fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent of the world. If you have money in your bank, your wallet, and some spare change, you are among 8 percent of the world's wealthy. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million people who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the agony of imprisonment or torture or the horrible pangs of starvation, you are luckier than 500 million people alive and suffering. If you are free to attend any meeting or gathering you want (political, religious, social) then you are luckier than 3 billion people in the world. If you can read this message, you are more fortunate than 3 billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

(Unknown)

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.

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Please join with Catholics around the world to support and pray for those in need.

MAKING JESUS REAL – THANKFUL THURSDAYS



"I complained I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet." (Unknown)

It is easy to take for granted all that we have. On Thankful Thursdays students are encouraged to give thanks for their many blessings and to appreciate how lucky they are. Together we are fostering an attitude of gratitude that is evident in word and action, in the way we treat each other and care for the beautiful world we share.

What have you got to be thankful for today?



BEACH DAY – WALKATHON

A sunny day, gentle breeze, long sandy beach, low tide, amazing sandcastles, lots of fun and games, walk-a-thon, **CRAZY SOCKS**, hats and sunscreen, shady trees, grassy playground, delicious sausage sizzle, willing P&F helpers, cooperative students, happy staff, Friendly Friday all adds up to another fabulous Beach Day at Bucasia.

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make our day at the beach a wonderful experience. We may not have been able to celebrate on our Feast Day in August, but it was definitely worth the wait.



Our walk-a-thon collected enough money to buy another 692 chicks for families in Cambodia or two wheelchairs for school age children injured by landmines. Thank you for your support and generosity.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary. (Pope Saint Pius X)

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.

During October we are encouraged to pray this beautiful prayer and to reflect on the mysteries of our faith which it memorialises. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday this month, students and staff will gather in the chapel at lunchtime to say The Rosary. We will pray for peace in our families, our school and in our world. A big thank you to the students who having been helping to lead this time of prayer.

To find out more about The Rosary and how to pray it, go to Catholic Online:

<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/rosary.php>



TEN YEARS OUR SAINT

Mary MacKillop was canonised, becoming Australia's first saint, on 17 October 2010 at Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome. She was an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life. Against all odds, she overcame adversities and showed her love for God in the way she cared for and treated other people.



"We must teach more by example than by word."

"Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God."

Find out more about Mary Mackillop @ <http://www.marymackillop.org.au/>



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

I am the Lord, there is no other.

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Paul greets the Thessalonians.

Matthew 22:15-21

Render to Caesar what is Caesar's.

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

MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

There may not be NORFAIR this year, but our parish is selling tickets in an amazing raffle. With a **First Prize of \$10 000**, tickets are great value at \$5.00 each. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 12 December, just in time for Christmas. Tickets are available from St Joseph's Parish Office (Monday - Friday 9am to 2:30pm - phone 49574855) or from Maria at Farleigh (phone - 0423 513 288). **You've got to be in it to win it!**



DAY FOR DANIEL - WEAR RED

On Friday 30 October we will join with the rest of Australia in acknowledging 'Day for Daniel'. It is a child safety and protection initiative that aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. 'Wear Red and Educate' is the theme of 'Day for Daniel'.

All students are invited to wear something red (t-shirt, socks, shoelaces, ribbons) with their school uniform on this day. It is not a free dress day. No donation is required for participation.

For more information about the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and 'Day for Daniel' go to:

<http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/>

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – GENEROSITY

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.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." (Winston Churchill)



Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education



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

YEAR 5 & 6 CYBER-SAFETY TALK

Yesterday we were privileged to have Sergeant Nigel Dalton and Senior Constable Steve Smith of Mackay Police Service address our Year Five and Six students on the important topic of Cyber-Safety. We listened to some very important information, and students were asked to take home 5 "tips" for their parents and to discuss them around the dinner table. Hopefully they all managed to impart the following wisdom, which I'd like to share with our whole school community:



1. The importance of using "pass-phrases" rather than passwords on all accounts. Hackers have developed a program whereby they can make more 100 000 million attempts to identify a password in less than a minute! To create a "pass-phrase," students were asked to think of the answers to three random questions: What is your least favourite vegetable? What would you buy at Bunnings? What

would you name a budgerigar? One of the teacher's pass-phrases was: brusselsproutratchetwrenchfred! A very clever way to develop a strong and unidentifiable pass-phrase.

2. Sgt Dalton then spoke about On-line Gaming. Most students admitted to playing on-line games, many of which have up to 99 outside, unknown participants playing online at the same time. When asked about the average age of online gamers in Australia, the students provided the following answers: 10 yrs old; 13 yrs old; 15 yrs old. The general consensus was that they were teenagers. Most students were then very surprised (and shocked!) to learn that the average age of an online gamer is a 34 year old male! Students were then reminded to NEVER move outside the game into a private messaging forum with a participant you do not know (eg: Messenger; Snapchat; Tik-tok; Kik; Whats-app, etc), as this is extremely dangerous.



3. Students were also reminded (and were asked to remind parents) to be very careful about taking and posting photos which contained personal information. Some photos posted on social media sites reveal children's names, schools, car registration plates and sporting schedules. This is often in the background of the photo, and hackers have developed sophisticated technology enabling them to "zoom" into photos to steal information. Please be mindful of what you are posting online, so that we can keep our children safe at all times.
4. Both Sgt Dalton and Sgt Smith spoke to the students about Cyber-Bullying and the critical part they play in this. Their main message was simple: DON'T START OR BE A PART OF IT!" Sgt Dalton has made up a simple message to help students be proactive in shutting down Cyber-Bullying: his message was to **DIG!** If students witness bullying in any way, shape or form, they are to **D** Distract; **I** Intervene; **G** Get Help – **DIG!**



More Information

For information about how to be safe online, contact the eSafety Commissioner
www.esafety.gov.au

Information for parents:
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

You can also access more information at:
<https://kidshelpline.com.au>
1800 55 1800



kidshelpline
Anytime Any Reason

5. Finally, students were given some tips and advice on what to do if they needed help in regard to any issues which they were facing. Some useful websites and phone numbers were shared with the students and these are listed below.

We sincerely thank Sgt Dalton and Sgt Smith for their ongoing support and guidance in keeping our Emmanuel students safe online.

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

BOOKLISTS/BOOKPACKS

Today, booklists were emailed to parents as well as being attached to this week's Newsletter. Book packs may also be ordered online through Mackay School Supplies (mackayschoolsupplies.booklist.com.au).

If you wish to utilise this year's book pack service, you may either order online or open and print the word document for the relevant year level. All orders **must** be placed by: **WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER**, either online or handed into the school office.



PLEASE NOTE: CASH CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE OFFICE. Paper copies will not be sent home, however, copies are available from the office.

ALL Book pack orders placed by Wednesday 28 October, will be available for collection from the school **Thursday 26** and **Friday 27 November**. Collection times will be Thursday 26 November 2:30pm – 3:30pm and Friday 27 November 8:00am – 9:00am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

Early next week (unless notified otherwise by your child's teacher) all unused and reusable stationary items will be sent home so as they can be recycled for next year if you choose to do so.

Changes to Booklists



Please note there have been some changes made to P– 3 Booklists for 2021 to lower costs for families and to accommodate the new flexible learning environments. Stationery items and some text requirements will be ordered in bulk via the school and charged to parent accounts in 2021. Prep to Year 2 families are not required to purchase any stationary items, they will all be provided by the school at the commencement of 2021 and billed to parent accounts.

This year there is no Prep Booklist as the school will purchase all of the required stationary and text requirements.

Prep students are required to bring the following items from home or Emmanuel Kindergarten used during 2020:

- Homebrand Wet Ones (large packet)
- Emmanuel blue homework folder (Available from Uniform Solutions)
- Emmanuel Library Bag (Available from Uniform Solutions)
- Quality over ear headphones; No microphone or volume control (Will take to Year 1)

Thank you for your support.

Book Week Dress Up Day

Tuesday, 20 October, 2020



Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

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.

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum

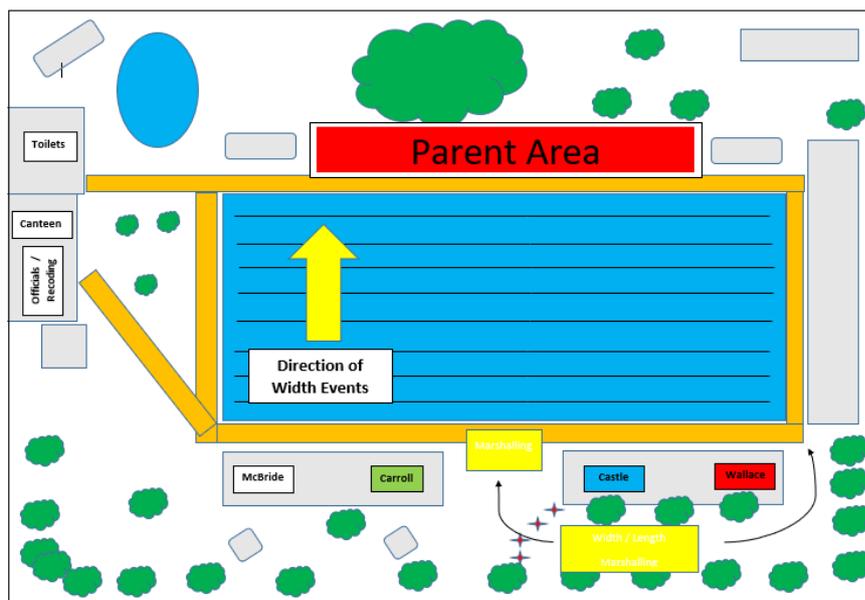
Sporting News

EMMANUEL YEAR 4 – 6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020



Our Year 4 – 6 Swimming Carnival will take place, *in a modified format*, next **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.
- 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.
- No electronic items / phones, etc are to be brought to the pool.
- Students will require a packed morning tea, lunch and water bottle. Please note, there is NO CANTEEN operating at the Pioneer Swim Centre. Tuckshop will only operate **at school** for Prep – Year 3.
- 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.** Please refer to the map below for parent seating arrangements.



- 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 is attached to this Newsletter email.

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

Luke Dodson

HPE Teacher



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



Year 4 – Archie Shepherdson

Year 5 – Izzabella Seccombe, Max Muzic, Riley Warren, Hailee Slater, Indie Turner, Harry Murphy

Linda Miller

Music Teacher

Finance News

SCHOOL FEES

Term 4 School Fee Statement was emailed home to all families on Tuesday, 13 October. The Statement is also available via Parent Lounge.



As the economic impacts of the COVID-19 is 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, 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. Please contact the finance office to discuss any of the above matters further, or if you have any other queries.

SWIMMING

A letter went home at the end of last term advising of dates and costs for Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3 students to attend swimming later in Term 4. We have since been successful in obtaining a Sporting Schools Grant which covers the cost of Year 2 swimming lessons. Families of Prep & Year 1 students will see a description of: Swimming Prep & Year 1 (\$56); and the Year 3 students will see: Swimming Fees Yr 3 (\$32) on their statements. No charge is applicable to the Year 2 students.



Therese Mattes
Finance Secretary

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

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP CHANGES

Thursday 22 October

Prep - Year 3
orders as normal

Year 4 - 6
NO TUCKSHOP
due to
Swimming Carnival

TUCKSHOP – THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

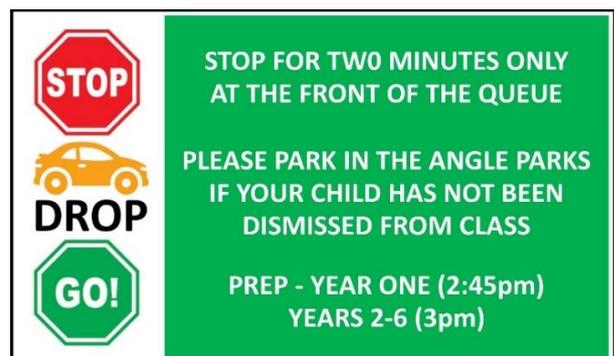
Due to the Emmanuel Swimming carnival, Tuckshop will only be available for Prep – Year 3 on Thursday 22 October. All students in Years 4 – 6 will need to provide a packed morning tea and lunch (and water bottle) on the day. A reminder that there will be NO CANTEEN operating at the Pioneer Pool.

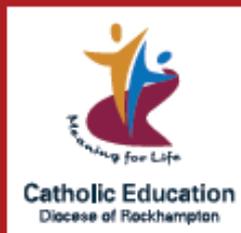
VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 4 WEEK 3

Mon 19 October:	Fabia Pace
Tues 20 October:	Helen Duane
Wed 21 October:	Stephen Northam
Thur 22 October:	Jason Miller
Fri 23 October:	Meggs Weissman Mark Ayles Teresa Crow



Angie McGowan/Carly Nicholas
Tuckshop





Recurrent Funding for Catholic schools

Recurrent funding means Catholic schools can continue to support Queensland families by providing quality education and learning opportunities to more than 150,000 students across the State, including in regional and remote areas. This allows parents to choose a school they believe is best for their child and consistent with their personal values or faith.



Through the Education Bilateral Agreement with the Federal Government, the State Government has committed to transition funding for non-government schools to 20 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) by 2024. In real terms this results in a reduction in State funding to Catholic schools.

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed unprecedented economic pressures on Queensland families and Catholic school communities. Catholic schools are calling on the next State Government to maintain recurrent funding at the current level of 22.45 per cent of the SRS for the next four years, in recognition of these unprecedented challenges.

Schools that are not resourced properly cannot operate effectively which will put more financial pressure on Queensland families and disadvantage one in five students in Queensland. By maintaining the level of recurrent funding at the levels proposed, the next State Government will be supporting Queensland families who choose a Catholic school.



196 Catholic schools with state recurrent funding at <20% SRS



State recurrent funding growth <1% p.a. to 2024

Catholic schools

Call on the next State Government to maintain recurrent funding at 22.45% of SRS over the next four years to support all schools through unprecedented challenges.

Ensuring recurrent funding is maintained at 22.45 per cent of the SRS for the next four years for Queensland Catholic schools will ensure they can offer a quality education to students without the need to increase pressure on Queensland families by increasing school fees. This will provide greater equity across all schools.





Join the fun!
All Blast Participants receive a Players Pack!

2020 CRICKET BLAST PROGRAMS - MACKAY

YOUR FIRST STEPS IN THE JUNIOR CRICKET PATHWAY

JUNIOR BLASTERS

INTRODUCTION TO CRICKET
FUN, GAME BASED ACTIVITIES

AGE 5-8

PLAYED DURING THE WEEK FOR AN HOUR

BROTHERS CC: Wed 14th Oct • South Mackay
MAGPIES CC: Program Running in T1, 2021 • Glenella
NORTHS CC: Program Running in T1, 2021 • Northern Beaches
PIONEER VALLEY CC: Tue 13th Oct • Mirani
SARINA CC: Wed 14th Oct • Sarina
SOUTHS CC: Thurs 22nd Oct • South Mackay
WALKERSTON CC: Thurs 22nd Oct • Walkerston

MASTER BLASTERS

LEARN THE GAME
MODIFIED CRICKET GAMES (SOFT BALL)

AGE 8-11

PLAYED AT HARRUP PARK ON FRIDAY EVENINGS

BROTHERS CC: Fri 9th Oct • Harrup Park
MAGPIES CC: Fri 9th Oct • Harrup Park
NORTHS CC: Fri 9th Oct • Harrup Park
PIONEER VALLEY CC: Fri 9th Oct • Harrup Park
SARINA CC: Fri 9th Oct • Harrup Park
SOUTHS CC: Fri 9th Oct • Harrup Park
WALKERSTON CC: Fri 9th Oct • Harrup Park

VISIT PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU TO FIND YOUR CLOSEST CLUB!





Join the fun!

2020 GIRLS ONLY PROGRAMS - MACKAY

MCA JUNIOR GIRLS ONLY CRICKET PATHWAY

POP UP BLAST

INTRODUCTION TO CRICKET

LEARNING THE SKILLS

AGE 5-12

DURATION 1 HOUR

GAME DAY FRIDAY

FUN, GAME-BASED ACTIVITIES

VISIT PLAYCRICKET TO FIND CLOSEST PROGRAM

MASTER BLASTERS

GIRLS ONLY DIVISION
(SOFT BALL, NO PROTECTIVE GEAR)

LEARN THE GAME

AGE 8-12

DURATION 2 HOURS

GAME DAY FRIDAY

QUALIFYING SKILL
BOWL WITH A STRAIGHT ARM OVER THE WICKET

VISIT PLAYCRICKET TO FIND CLOSEST CLUB

HEAT GIRLS LEAGUE

ALL GIRLS COMPETITION
(HARD BALL, PROTECTIVE GEAR)

AGE 11-17

DURATION 2 HOURS

GAME DAY FRIDAY

QUALIFYING SKILL
BOWL WITH A STRAIGHT ARM OVER THE WICKET

VISIT PLAYCRICKET TO FIND CLOSEST CLUB

For more information about the MCA Junior Girls Only Pathway please contact info@kumby@playcricket.com.au

VISIT PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU TO FIND YOUR CLOSEST CLUB!

All MCA Junior Girls Only Pathway Programs are played on Friday evenings at Harrup Park



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.