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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)

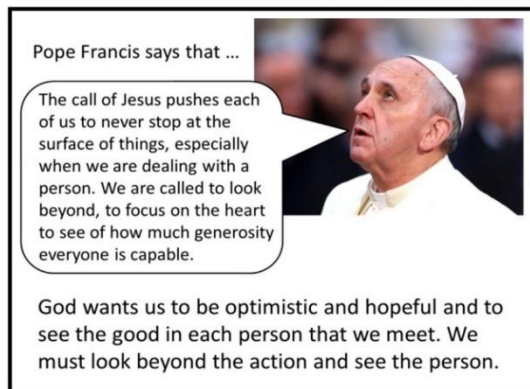
THE LEAST – A REFLECTION

It was a cold Sunday in Winter. The church's parking lot was filling up quickly. I noticed as I got out of my car that several people were pointing and whispering among themselves as they walked towards the church.

As I got closer, I saw a man sitting up against the church wall. He had on a long trench coat that was almost in shreds, dirty pants and a woollen scarf. His toes stuck out the holes in his old worn shoes. He wore a felt hat that was pulled down so that his face could not be seen. I assumed this man was homeless and asleep, so I walked on by and in through the front doors of the church.

Those of us seated in the pews were enjoying a quiet chat when someone brought up the man who was resting outside. Some people snickered and gossiped and wondered about who he was and where he had come from, but no one had bothered to ask him to come in, including me.

A few moments later, the organ started playing and we all joined in the opening hymn. We were waiting for the preacher to take his place when the doors to the church opened. In came the homeless man, walking slowly down the aisle with his head lowered.



People gasped and whispered and made faces. He made his way down the aisle and up into the pulpit. When he took off his hat and coat, my heart sank. There stood our preacher. He was the "homeless man". No one said a word. The room was silent and still.

The preacher took his Bible and laid it on the stand.

"Folks, I don't think I have to tell you what I'm preaching about today."

(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.

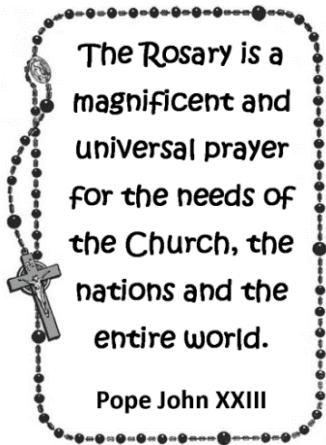


With a focus on Thailand, 'We are Still Here' is the theme of Catholic Mission's appeal this year. Soccertober badges are on sale in the library and selling fast. Badges are \$1.00 each and all money raised will be forwarded to the Missions.

On World Mission Day, which we celebrate each year on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. (Pope Francis 2021)

Please join with Catholics around the world this Sunday to pray for those in need and those who generously support them in word and action. Remember to pray for yourself and the people you love and the members of our school, parish and local communities who live the mission of the Church every day.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY



During October we are encouraged to pray The Rosary and to reflect on the mysteries of our faith which it memorialises. Please join us in praying this beautiful prayer for peace in our homes, school, community and world.

“The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.”
(Saint Francis de Sales)

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Next month students enrolled in the new Sacramental Program will participate in the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Please continue to pray for these students and their families.

The ***Reconciliation Family Workshop*** will take place at St Joseph’s Church in the coming weeks. Choose from Sunday 31 October at 10:15am or Wednesday 3 November at 6:30pm.



MICHAEL MANGAN WORKSHOPS



Australian composer, teacher, performer and liturgist, **Michael Mangan**, will be visiting our school to work with students in all year levels. Michael has recorded over 250 songs and published numerous music collections and plays, Scriptural dramas and meditations, which are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA. We are all looking forward to his workshops next Wednesday.

DAY FOR DANIEL - WEAR RED

On Friday 29 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 (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/>



We are getting
Red, Red, Ready for Day for Daniel!

Exciting News: Next month, Bruce and Denise Morcombe will visit Emmanuel to share Daniel’s story and to promote the key messages of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum.

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 Friday 10 December, just in time for Christmas. You've got to be in it to win it!

Tickets are available [online](#), outside the churches before and after weekend Masses and from St Joseph's Parish Office (Monday - Friday 9am to 2:30pm phone 49574855).

Catholic Parishes of North Mackay and Farleigh
MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
1st Prize - \$10,000
2nd Prize - \$5,000
3rd Prize - \$2,500
4th Prize - \$2,500
5th - 9th Prizes - \$1,000
Tickets \$5:00



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord declares himself a father to Israel.

Hebrews 5:1-6

The Lord himself calls those who are to serve.

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus gives sight to Bartimaeus.

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.




VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – INTEGRITY

"Today I shall behave, as if this is the day I will be remembered." (Dr Seuss)





Integrity is standing up for what you believe is right. It is being honest and sincere with others and yourself. You have integrity when your words and actions match. You fill your life and mind with love, kindness, reliability and service. Integrity is living by your highest values.

"The things you do when no one's looking are the things that define you." (Unknown)

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

Noeleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Emmanuel Catholic Primary Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

Catholic Identity and Ethos 	Effective Teaching and Learning (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8) 
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. Goal <i>Implementing Catholic Social teaching and service learning within the Curriculum.</i>	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. 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> 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. Goal <i>All teachers will collaboratively plan and focus on embedding the Inquiry approach to Spelling across all year levels.</i>
Pastoral Support and Wellbeing (NSIT Domain 3) 	Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing (NSIT Domains 1,4,9) 
Strategic Priority 3.1 To enhance student learning and well-being outcomes through the development of a school well-being framework. Goal <i>For all teachers across Years 4-6 to build their knowledge of the "Be You – Mentally Healthy Communities" survey.</i>	Strategic Priority 4.1 That deliberate and strategic school community partnerships are developed to enhance teacher understanding of flexible learning and collaborative teaching environments. 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>

OPTI=MINDS SUCCESS

Congratulations to our three Opti-MINDS teams who all worked very hard last term participating in a somewhat different Opti-Minds Challenge due to COVID restrictions. This year's theme was "Belonging". Students enjoyed exploring this theme as they navigated their way through teamwork; problem solving and creativity, all required to successfully fulfill the requirements of this year's challenge.

Despite not being able to join other Regional teams at a culminating event, all teams enjoyed supporting each other on a weekly basis at school, all students were a delight to work with and it was a pleasure to spend my Sunday mornings watching them collaborate; co construct, support and encourage each other to use their gifts and strengths to develop the best possible solution to the group's chosen challenge. Each team invested their personal time during the week and on Sunday mornings to prepare themselves for this outstanding result. Well done to all teams below!

Congratulations to Team 2 who were awarded HONOURS.

Members of all teams will be presented with their certificates at tomorrow's Assembly.



TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3
Squadron of Five	Water Rebels	Smartie Squad
Jack Shepherd Bryson Doherty Tobias Roche Brendan Scriha	Bindert Hovinga Zali Herring Piper Armstrong Elena Webber Edie Smith Artaya Ridley	Leni Bryan Abigail Johnson Paige Illguth Tahlia Harris-Swift Janice Joseph Calvin Chan

Thank You

Of course, none of these successes happen without many other helpers. Thank you to all the parents who transported students to practice sessions last term and helped with encouragement at home. Thank you also to the following teachers: Mr Steel; Miss Kirwan; Mrs Falzon, Mrs Donnelly, Miss Thomas and Miss Casey who facilitated these groups and had to apply the most difficult skill that a teacher is ever asked to do - resist solving any of the problems for them so they can grow as creative learners themselves!

BOOKLISTS / BOOKPACKS

Last week, booklists were emailed to parents. Book packs may also be ordered online through Mackay School Supplies (<https://mackayschoolsupplies.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 27 OCTOBER**, either online or handed into the school office.



PLEASE NOTE: CASH CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE OFFICE.

Paper copies of the booklists will not be sent home, however, copies are available from the office.

ALL Book pack orders placed by Wednesday 27 October, will be available for collection from the school on **Monday 29 November** and **Tuesday 30 November**. Collection times will be Monday 29 November 2:30pm – 3:30pm and Tuesday 30 November 8:00am – 9:00am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

This week (unless notified otherwise by your child's teacher) all unused and reusable stationery 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 2022 to lower costs for families and to accommodate the new flexible learning environments. Stationery items (including pencil cases – Yr. 3) and some text requirements will be ordered in bulk via the school and charged to parent accounts in 2022. Prep to Year 3 families are not required to purchase any stationary items, they will all be provided by the school at the commencement of 2022 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 2021:

- 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)

Please only provide the items requested on the Booklist, please note the items listed under "Extras" are not required they are listed in case you require some of these materials to cover books etc.

Thank you for your support.

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum

CLASSES 2022

This term will see staff arrange classes for the 2022 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 588 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 29 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

PUMPED UP SPORTS



Our Year Five and Year Six students are looking forward to Pumped Up Sports Leadership activities on Wednesday 27 October. Notes were sent home at the start of the term to students in these year levels. The cost of participation has been included in Term Four School Fees. Students are asked to wear sports uniform and ensure they have a water bottle next Wednesday.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

Week 3 Problem: What is the value of $8 \times 7 + 8 \times 2 - 9 \times 5 - 9 \times 3$?

See next week's Newsletter for the answer.

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

Around the School

YEAR 4 HASS EXCURSION

Students in Year 4 have been studying a HASS unit entitled **Wipe Out Waste**. This unit centres around the key concept of sustainability and guides students through developing the understandings of:

- how the environment supports the lives of people and other living things
- the impact that humans and their actions have upon the environment
- how people now and in the future use environments more sustainably

As part of this unit, we went on an excursion to the Mackay Regional Council's Material Recovery Facility. Our Year 4 classes participated in two educational programs whilst we were there. The Waste Education Program raised our students' awareness of waste issues and they developed a clear understanding of the components of waste minimisation, focusing on the 3R's: Reducing, Reusing and Recycling. The Water Session provided students with information about our local water story, the water cycle and how our water is treated. It also provided students with valuable information on water conservation practices around the home and at school.

We hope that our budding environmentalists came home with top tips that we learnt. Here are some tips to help you make a difference at home.

Recycling
it's not rubbish

RECYCLE THESE ITEMS:

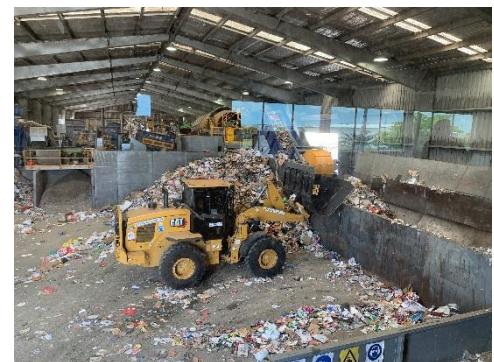
Recycling tip:
Remove lids, rinse containers and place items loosely in the yellow-lidded bin.

- Plastic bottles and containers with numbers 1-6
- Aluminium cans, steel cans and aerosols
- Glass bottles and jars
- Paper, cardboard and magazines
- Milk and juice cartons

DO NOT RECYCLE THESE ITEMS:

Garden waste	Light bulbs, mirrors and window glass	Ceramics and ovenware
Disposable nappies	Pots, pans and large steel items	Garden hoses
Plastic bags	Foam polystyrene	Clothing
Food scraps		

For more information visit mackay.qld.gov.au/recycleright Mackay REGIONAL COUNCIL



Also, it is National Water Week and as such we would encourage you to take part in Water Night tonight, Thursday 21 October. You can sign-up and take part in Water Night to see if you can avoid using your taps for 12 hours. By taking part it will help you and your family be more mindful of turning on the tap, and you will also go into the draw to win some great water efficient prizes. Visit www.waternight.com.au to sign up. For more information please visit https://www.mackay.qld.gov.au/residents/services/water/water_night. On this page you can also download a colouring in competition where each winner will receive a water saving pack for each of their classmates, containing a tap timer, shower timer, water bottle, pencil, activity sheets, and stickers in a reusable calico bag.

This excursion was an invaluable experience for our students and took their learning into the real world. We are lucky to have such opportunities available to us. Thank you to everyone involved in making it happen.

Year 4 Teachers

YEAR 6 WRITING

To get the students thinking, we wrote the following words on the whiteboard... **The Night Sky**and this is what they wrote:

The night sky was like an ongoing tunnel no one has ever encountered. (Ava)

The night sky sparkles as the moon lightens the sky like a light bulb. (Ella)

The night sky was like fireflies glistening in a deep, dark, black hole. (Audrey)

The night sky, a dark canvas for the stars and galaxy. (Ashley)

The night sky was dark, pitch black. The only light shining was from the moon glaring straight at you. (Raice)

The night sky twinkles gracefully above us every night keeping us safe from what lies beyond. (Artaya)

The night sky, as undiscovered as the ocean but as discovered as the human race. (Matilda)

The night sky, a black blanket hovering over the earth. (Phoebe)

The night sky, a black abyss with sparkling diamonds hovering within. (Oliver)

Visual Arts

CELEBRATING YEAR TWO



Last term our Year 2 students learnt about the term *frottage*, which is the technique of taking rubbings of uneven surfaces. They used this style to colour in their *Where the Wild Things Are* inspired creatures.

Earlier this year students studied the artist Charley Harper and recreated some birds in his style. This term they will use this knowledge to create an abstract picture of unique birds using different mediums to add colour.

Amy Jeffcoat
Visual Arts Teacher

Music News

MUSIC EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES



Congratulations to these students who were presented with Music Excellence Awards at Assembly last Friday.

Year 4 – Harley Diepeveen, Cru Dennis, Elizabeth Swan

Year 5 – Payton Crotty, Evie Le Garde, Dainyn Misztela

Linda Miller
Music Teacher

Sporting News

We have had an exciting day at our school swimming carnival today, look out in next week's Newsletter for a full wrap up.

Luke Dodson
HPE Teacher

Virtue Vouchers

Term Four Week Two

		4S	Blake Cayden Millie	2C	Harrison Jaxon
6K	Downer Curtis	4E	Elise Zara	1T	Jack Pallas
6S	Riley Blake	3W	Gabrielle	1M	Kyan
5W	Nate Harrison	3H/B	Brooklyn Xolani	1J	Spencer
5S	Charlee Haylee	3B	Liliana Evie	PS	Lucy Elle
5C	Ashlynn Sophia	2M	Max William	PJ	Cadence
4W	Ruby Hayley Alexis	2R	Grace	PG	Ruby Isabella




School Fees

TERM FOUR SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS



Term 4 School Fee Statements were emailed to all families on Wednesday 13 October, with payment due on Thursday 28 October. Statements can also be viewed via parent lounge using the 'make a payment' tab from the menu bar and clicking on the paperclip. If you did not receive your statement, please advise the office.

Travel Subsidy



Student Travel Rebates

Semester 2



Bus Fare Assistance	Students With Disability
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?Does your family spend more than \$40/week* on fares to and from school (* \$30/week if you hold a concession card)?Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or associated with the school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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](https://schooltransport.com.au) during October.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st October.

Student travel rebate applications are only open in May for Semester 1 and October for Semester 2.

Please visit <https://schooltransport.com.au/> to check if you are eligible.

Tuckshop News

VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 4 WEEK 3

Monday 25 October:	Lauren Gossweiler
Tuesday 26 October:	Shirley Bloom
Wednesday 27 October:	Lerryn Tickle
Thursday 28 October:	Michelle Buckeridge
Friday 29 October:	Diana Camilleri
	Asinate Waqa
	Angela Fussell



PLEASE NOTE: Due to lack of demand, we have deleted two items from our menu. Macaroni Cheese and the Thursday Special of Honey Soy Chicken with Rice/Noodles will not longer be available however, there are many more menu items to choose from.



CAN YOU HELP US?

We are in URGENT need of tuckshop volunteers. Without this help we are unable to provide lunches to our students on time.

Please contact our office on 4942 5999 if you can help.

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

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Saturday 18th 12pm - 4pm*

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