



newsletter

18 November 2021

Term Four

Prep G / 1J
Swimming
19 November

Prep J & Prep S
Swimming
22-23 November

2M & 3HB
Swimming
24 November

1M & 1T Swimming
25 – 26 November

Year Six
Graduation
24 November

Year Six Fun Day
25 November

Year Six to HSC
Orientation Day
29 November

Christmas Carols
30 November

Thanksgiving Mass
2 December

School Disco
2 December

Last Day of Term
3 December



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the year the minds of parents, teachers and students turn to reviewing this year and wondering what next year will bring. Schools face a number of challenges in meeting the needs of their students, not the least of which is the decreasing number of male role models for students in a time when more and more youngsters do not have access to mum and dad in the family home each day. The fact is that there are less young men entering the teaching profession and we are set to wondering how this affects children in school performance.

While researching the educational needs of boys, Professor Bob Lingard, former Director of the Queensland Studies Authority found teacher/student relationships were an important and recurring theme. One of the questions put to students was whether the gender of their teacher was important to them. "Most students thought it was a silly question because to them it didn't matter if their teacher was male or female. What mattered was the relationship they had with them," reported Professor Lingard.

The key things for students were that:

- the teacher cared for them
- they showed a sense of responsibility for their well-being
- they expected and demanded a lot of them in academic and intellectual terms, and
- they were able to establish a good relationship.

Outstanding teachers also believed that they had the ability to effect change in their students, they believed in the value of what they did and they felt a sense of responsibility for bringing about changes in the students they taught.

Excellent feedback for all of us!

SOMETHING TO REFLECT ON

A Future Not Our Own

This is what we are about.

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.

This enables us to do something and do it very well.

*It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and to do the rest.*

We may never see the end results,

but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are the workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

Geraldine Rostirolla
(Principal)

WHO WOULD YOU INVITE? – A REFLECTION

A woman came out one day and saw three old men with long white beards sitting in front of her house. She did not recognize them, but she felt sorry for them and said *"I don't think I know you, but you look hungry.*

Please come in and have something to eat."

"Is the man of the house home?" they asked.

"No," she said. *"He's out."*

"Then we cannot come in," they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened earlier in the day. He said,

"Go out and tell them I am home and invite them in."

The woman went out and asked the men to come into the house.

"We rarely go into a house together," they replied.

"Why is that?" she wanted to know.

One of the old men explained: *"His name is Wealth, he is Success and I am Love."* Then he added, *"Please go back inside and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."*

The woman went in and told her husband what the old men had said. Her husband was overjoyed. *"How wonderful"* he exclaimed. *"Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth... Let him come in and fill our home with treasure."*

His wife disagreed. *"My dear, why don't we invite Success?"*

Their daughter was listening from the other side of the room. She jumped in with her own suggestion:

"Wouldn't it be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love."

"Our daughter is right," said the husband to his wife, *"a home can always do with more love. Go out and invite Love to be our guest."*

The woman went out and asked, *"Love, would you please come in and be our guest?"*

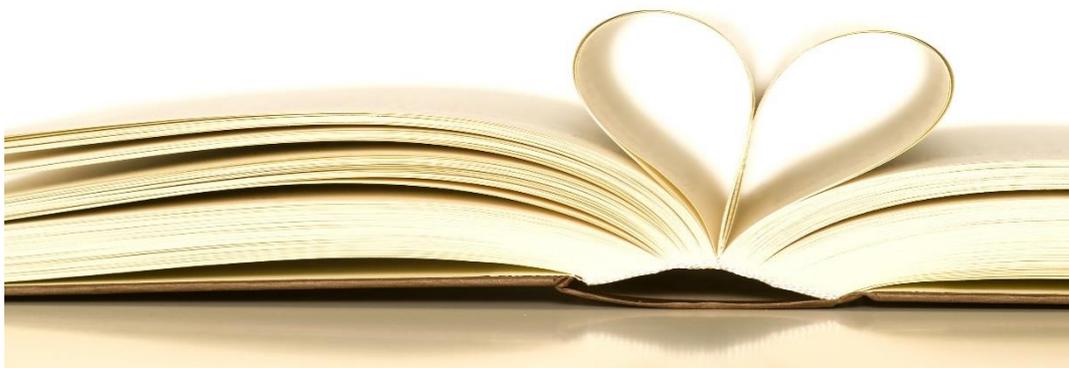
Love stood up and started walking toward the house. The other two also got up and followed him.

Surprised, the lady questioned Wealth and Success: *"I only invited Love, why are you coming in too?"*

The old men replied together: *"If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would have stayed outside, but since you invited Love, wherever He goes, we go with him."*

Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!

(Unknown)



YEAR SIX GRADUATION

Our Year Six Graduation which will take place in the Marist Centre on Wednesday 24 November at 6:00pm. Parents are asked to bring a plate of food for a light supper which will be shared on conclusion of our time of prayer and thanks. A celebratory cake will also be cut by our School Captains. Please deliver your supper plates to the tuckshop prior to the commencement of our celebration.

All Year Six students are expected to attend this celebration. Students are to wear blue day uniform.



We have been informed by our Diocesan Office that within any indoor school building, such as the Marist Centre, the occupant density for any school event still needs to meet government guidelines for COVID19. These regulations allow only 1 person per 2 square metres to be housed within this space, which thereby limits the number of people attending our Year Six Graduation Celebration to 2 adults per family.

Thank you for your understanding and support of these guidelines.

YEAR FIVE PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is traditional for the parents of students in Year Five to set up and prepare for the supper that follows the Graduation. The Year Six parents supply the food. This year's celebration will take place in the Marist Centre on Wednesday 24 November at 6:00pm. If you are able to assist or would be willing to co-ordinate the supper could you please contact Mrs Kliese or the school office.

A big thank you to the Year Five parents who have volunteered to help on the night. More help needed please.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Our annual Carols Evening will be held on Tuesday 30 November. All classes from Prep to Year Six will be involved. Following the student's performances, there will be some community singing where all present are invited to sing along. Please join us on the grassed area in front of the Music Room for a 6pm start. All students are asked to meet their teachers by 5:50pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather in the last week of school to share in the spirit of Christmas.



We will be selling tickets in the parish's Monster Christmas Raffle on the night. 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!

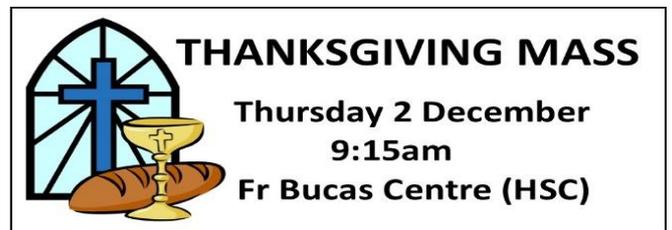
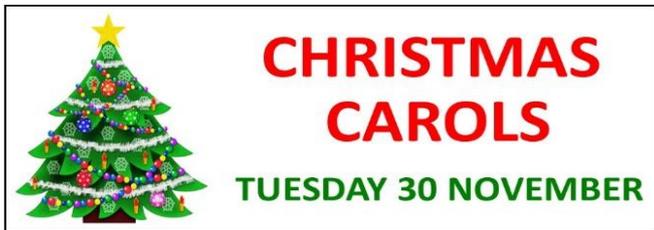
Hope to see you there. Don't forget your Christmas t-shirt and Santa hat.

THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL MASS

Our tradition of celebrating the end of the school year with a Thanksgiving Mass will continue this year. Although we will not be travelling to St Joseph's Church and are unable to invite all members of school community to share in the Mass, Fr James will join with staff and students in Years 2-6 to reflect on and remember our year together. This Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 2 December** at 9:15am in the Fr Bucas Centre at Holy Spirit College.

Parents wanting to join the celebration are asked to register via this TryBooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVTNW>





CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Each year our school supports The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal in assisting needy families in the Mackay region. In our current climate, it is more important than ever that we recognise the needs of those families in our community who are under financial and emotional stress. Our support allows them a little relief during this joyous time of the year.

Each class will make up a hamper of non-perishable food items that will be presented to the parish St Vincent de Paul Conference at our Thanksgiving Mass. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Suitable hamper items include:

Tinned ham
Shortbread
Tinned fruit
Assorted biscuits
Bottles of softdrink
Cordial
Nuts and crisps



Boxed Christmas cake
Christmas fruit mince pies
Tinned vegetables
Packets of jelly crystals
Large fruit juice poppers
Large packets of lollies
Christmas decorations

SAFETY CIRCUS

Last Thursday our Year Three classes participated in the dynamic theatre production that is the "Safety Circus". A big THANK YOU to the Bachelor of Theatre students from the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music and Sergeant Nigel Dalton of Mackay Police who shared important safety advice and reinforced the key messages of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum with our students.

This is what some of the Year Three students had to say about the experience:

The Safety Circus was a wonderful show. We learnt lots of important messages: Don't wander off without your parents and always wear a helmet. My favourite character was Bozo. (Fletcher)

I liked how the Ring Master was very fit and active. I loved the different characters and laughed at Buddy on the unicycle. I learnt about bullying and how to stop it. I enjoyed the show very much. (Archer)

I think the Safety Circus was great! It was a life lesson to learn - especially rules to make sure there's a friend or relative who knows where you are, so you are safe. (Chloe)



The Safety Circus reminded us about: Recognizing, Reacting and Reporting unsafe situations to an adult we trust. (Gabrielle)

Jessie did the right thing and told people about her problems and feelings. (Pyper)

My favourite part about the Safety Circus was when Jessie stopped time to work out the funny feelings or the butterflies in her tummy. (Braxton)



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Daniel 7:13-14

Vision of the son receiving kingship, dominion and glory.

Revelation 1:5-8

The Lord is the Alpha and the Omega.

John 18:33-37

Pilate questions Jesus about his identity.

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.

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.



MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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](#), 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

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT - LOVE

"I give you a new commandment: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another." (John 13:34)

Love is a special feeling that fills your heart. You show love in a smile, a kind word, a thoughtful act or a hug. Love is treating people and things with care and kindness because they mean so much to you. Love is contagious. Pass it on.

"Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail."

(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

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

Noleen Kliese
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Emmanuel Catholic Primary Strategic Priorities 2020 – 2022

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

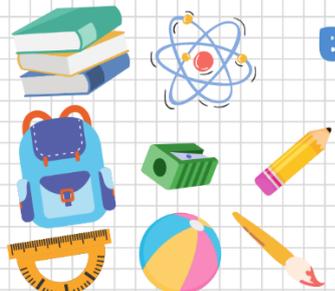
REPORT CARDS FOR SEMESTER 2

A reminder to parents to please check that you can **sign in to Parent Lounge prior** to reports being released. If you have any queries, please contact our school office.

Report cards will once again be available through Parent Lounge from 5:00pm on Thursday, 2 December.

1. To access Parent Lounge, open your internet browser and type in the URL for Emmanuel Catholic Primary School website: www.ecps.qld.edu.au
2. Click on Parent Lounge under Quick Links.
3. Click on the Parent Lounge icon.
4. Login with your unique ID number and the password remains the same as previously used.

Bookpack Collection



BOOKPACK COLLECTION TIMES

MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER

2:30pm - 3:30pm

TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER

8:00am - 9:00am
2:30pm - 3:30pm



Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum

SCHOOL DISCO RESCHEDULED

Unfortunately our school disco, which was to be held last Friday evening, had to be postponed due to the stormy weather. As we don't want our students to miss out on all the disco fun, we have rescheduled it for **Thursday 2 December**. The disco and sausage sizzle will take place during the school day. Students are invited to come dressed in their best Christmas outfits (SunSmart please).

If your child would like to participate in the sausage sizzle, please order your child/ren's sausage/s via the TryBooking link below. Please note: Payment is due on the day.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVRXK>



School Disco
CHRISTMAS THEME

Come dressed in your best Christmas outfit (SunSmart please).

THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER

To be held during the school day

Please preorder for catering purposes only via the TryBooking link below. CASH payment is to be made on the day.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVRXK>

STUDENT MEDICATIONS

Student Medications are to be collected by parents by the end of the school year.

Any of the following medications, which have been held in our school office this year, will need to be collected by parents **by Friday 3 December**.

This note does not refer to Epipens or Asthma medications, as these come with an Action Plan. They will remain on site until a new Action Plan is needed, the student no longer requires the medication or the medication is out of date.

The following medications will need to be collected by parents before the end of the school year:

- Panadol
- Nurofen
- Claratyne

Please note these medications must be collected by a parent as we are not legally allowed to give these to a student to take home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

COLLECTING STUDENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please email their classroom teacher to inform them about the appointment and expected collection time. When collecting your child, please allow enough time to sign them out and for them to arrive at the office. It is important to keep in mind that students are not always in their classroom and may take longer to make their way to the office if their teacher is unaware of the arrangements. Whenever possible, ensure your child knows the time of their appointment. To minimise disruption to classrooms and maximise student learning, administration staff will only phone classrooms for collection of your child upon your arrival at the office to sign your child out. Please do not phone ahead asking administration staff to have your child waiting at the office for collection.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

Last Week's Answer: \$48

Week 7 Problem: A given cube has a volume of 125 cm^3 . A rectangular prism is constructed such that, when compared to the original cube, the height is doubled, the width is reduced by 3 cm, and the depth is increased by 1 cm. Determine the number of cubic centimetres in the volume of the newly constructed prism.

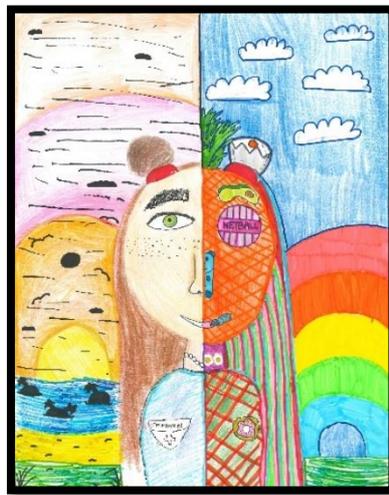
Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

Visual Arts

YEAR SIX ARTISTS

In Year Six AMAZING artists have been developing their skills with portraits. Starting the year off with self-portraits and mirror images before moving onto viewing and recreating Ned Kelly portraits. Ned Kelly portraits used charcoal, while their Villain vs Hero artwork used colours to showcase the two sides of a modern interpretation of the bushranger. During this time, students also learnt brush stroke techniques and attempted Chinese calligraphy.

This term they have been reflecting on what makes them who they are and have created a Self-Expression portrait with one side representing what inspires them.



Amy Jeffcoat
Visual Arts Teacher

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

Virtue Vouchers

Term Four Week Six

6S	Sonny McGovern Jayvier English	4E	Emily Byron Ryker Dolfin	1T	Pascalle Elliott Patrick Perks
5W	Chloe Connolly Xander Ness Alex Perks	3W	Miguel Saylor	1M	Eli Bittler
5S	Amy Logan	3H/B	James Fraser Roman Illguth	1J	Harrison Drury
5C	Millie Morris Jaben Kelly	3B	Jensen Walker Zoe Jansen	PS	Riley Allen Jahan Singh
4W	Charlee Byrne Jaxon Mills	2M	Allira Bonato Cruz Thomson	PJ	Lily Klug
4S	Millie Hammond Jada Scott Brody Walmsley	2R	Vincent Desbois Errin Mhlyes Cuasay	PG	Isaac Grigg Lyla Brown Mitchell Woods
		2C	Luka Herring Tylah Klug		



School Fees

Term 4 School Fees

Term 4 School Fees are now overdue. We would like to thank those families who have paid their account. However, if you have not paid your account, it would be appreciated if you could do so immediately. (This does not apply to those families who have a Direct Debit authority/payment plan in place).

If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact the Finance Office.

2022 Confirmation of Enrolment Forms

The **2022 Confirmation of Enrolment 2022 form** went home last week with the eldest student in each family. (These forms were on light green paper).

This document is required to be completed in order for families to receive their Family Discount in 2022. ***Please ensure you complete the form based on students year level and school attending in 2022.*** The form needs to be returned to the classroom teacher by tomorrow, **Friday, 19th November**. It is a requirement that even **single student's family** complete and return the form. If you have any queries, or have not received your form, please contact Therese or Robyn in the Finance Office.

Tuckshop News

VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 4 WEEK 8

Monday 22 November:	Lauren Gossweiler
Tuesday 23 November:	Shirley Bloom
Wednesday 24 November:	Lerryn Tickle
Thursday 25 November:	HELP WANTED
Friday 26 November:	Diana Camilleri Angela Fussell Rebecca Warrell



A reminder to parents that spoons and sporks come complementary with all meals, fruit cups, yoghurt, custard cups etc. However, there is a cost of 10c per item if supplied for use with food brought from home. We have now replaced our plastic cutlery with the more eco friendly bamboo option which is slightly more expensive, so please ensure you include your own cutlery when sending meals from home.

With the end of year fast approaching it is time for us to deplete stocks in the tuckshop. This means over the last few weeks some menu items will no longer be available. I will remove these from the online menu as this occurs however it helps if your child has a second option in mind in case we run out of an item on the day.



We wish to thank all of our volunteers who have helped us throughout the year. You are all very special and we would not be able to operate without you. I hope to see you again next year and to those who haven't volunteered before, please consider helping just one day a month. We appreciate any time you have to spare.

Thankyou,

Angie and Carly
Tuckshop

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WHERE THE DIFFERENCE is **YOU**

Administration Secretary
Emmanuel Catholic Primary School, Mackay

Applications are now invited for this rewarding term time contract commencing 31 January 2022 until 2 December 2022 (22.5hpw)

Visit our website and apply today

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Applications close 26 November 2021

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



**WHERE THE DIFFERENCE
IS YOU**

Outside School Hours Care Co-ordinator

Emmanuel Catholic Primary School, Mackay

Applications are invited for this rewarding full time contract position (30hpw) commencing 10 January 2022 until 11 February 2023

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CATHERINE
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Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Extending a warm invitation to
all past employees of the
Mackay Sugar Research Institute
(now Catherine McAuley College)
to a tour of the new college
followed by light refreshments

Tuesday 14 December 2021 6.30pm to 8.00pm

RSVP to Rachel

✉ claire_coppin@rok.catholic.edu.au
☎ Catholic Education Office 4994 8010
By Friday 3 December 2021