



# newsletter

19 November 2020

## Term Four

Prep – Year 3  
Swimming Lessons  
Weeks 6-8

Year 6 Excursions  
24 – 27 November

Bookpack Collection  
26 & 27 November

2021 Prep Orientation  
30 November

End of Year  
and Farewell to  
Year Six Mass  
3 December

Last day of Term Four  
4 December

## Our School Mission Statement



Dear Parents,

Another year is drawing to a grand finale. The complexity of life can either be seen as an opportunity or a problem. There are many opportunities for human beings to extend to each other, the basic civil rights and Christian values which we all want to receive but are sometimes reluctant to give. It certainly is not easy to “turn the other cheek” or “forgive seventy times seventy” as the Bible encourages us to; it is often easier to just react and seek revenge or pay back. But I don’t want to be treated that way so it is up to me not to treat anyone else that way. After all the only person I can really change is me.

This is the second last Newsletter for the Year which is both frightening and amazing. I used to think it was my age, but much younger people than I, including the kids, think that time passes quickly – except if you are waiting at the Dentist! Apologies to all dentists!

As we get closer to the end of the year, the last thing on your mind as a parent is uniforms. You are probably hoping that your children’s current uniforms will last until the end of the year and that you’ll have a break from washing them over the holidays. It really is the little things like clean uniforms and cut lunches that make holiday time so good. You don’t have to do them for a while. However, many families will have to buy new uniforms for the start of the new school year, so I would like to remind parents that we have uniform guidelines and rules. You are strongly encouraged to follow the uniform guidelines set out in the Parent Handbook and not the suggestion of your children if they are contrary to the school uniform guidelines.

Our school supplier, Uniform Solutions sells correct uniform items and we also have second hand items of school clothing for sale at our Second Hand Uniform shop. It would be greatly appreciated if students and families did not make up their own uniform rules. If you are not sure of an item, please contact me or ask a teacher about correct uniform. The staff at Uniform Solutions will certainly help you with the correct selection.

The end of year brings with it some special rituals. On Thursday 3 December, our school community will celebrate our Year 6 students in prayer, recognising their time at Emmanuel Catholic Primary School and asking God’s blessings for each of them for the future. This celebration will take place within the context of our end of year Thanksgiving Mass. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to accommodate (Prep – Year 5) parents at this celebration.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

**Geraldine Rostirolla**  
Principal

# Religious Education

## WHO WOULD YOU INVITE? – A REFLECTION

A woman came out one day and saw three old men sitting in front of her house. Although she did not recognise them, she felt sorry for them and said *"I don't think I know you, but you look hungry and thirsty. Please come in and have something to eat and drink."*

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

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

*"Then we cannot come in until he is,"* they replied.

They waited outside all day.

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 suggested, *"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 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)



## **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 Society in the last week of school. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Suitable hamper items include:

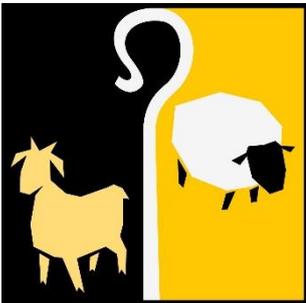
Tinned ham  
Shortbread  
Tinned fruit  
Assorted biscuits  
Bottles of softdrink  
Cordial  
Nuts and crisps



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

## **LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

This Sunday, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



### **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord will rescue his sheep.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

When all has been subjected to Christ, all will be one in Him.

Matthew 25:31-46

Whenever you serve the least of people, you serve Christ.

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQeYD6B2cSvFb4zqStn_Brg)

## **STATE OF ORIGIN - FOOTY FUN AND GAMES**

Yesterday lots of our students came to school dressed in their team colours. There were lots of maroon t-shirts, a few blue t-shirts and various other sports tops. All footy codes were represented, soccer, AFL, rugby league rugby union, as were hockey, netball and basketball. The raffle was drawn and four lucky winners shared in the prizes, which included two signed Queensland State of Origin footballs, bucket hats, water bottles and bags. All money raised will go to the Missions. Thank you everyone for your ongoing support.



## VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – LOVE

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.

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



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

**Noleen Kliese**  
*Assistant Principal Religious Education*

**Curriculum Corner**

# **School Backpack Collection Times**

Booklist packs that were ordered for collection at school will be available from Room P1 at the following times:

## **Thursday 26 November 2020**

- 2:30pm - 3:30pm

## **Friday 27 November 2020**

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



**Janine Refalo**  
*Assistant Principal Curriculum*

## FORMAL UNIFORM

BOYS	GIRLS
Saxe blue shirt with pocket emblem Navy Wash and Wear shorts with longer leg (Stubbies or Ruggers)	Optional Skort and Blouse / Blue striped dress with back pleat and band, set in sleeve, zippered front, with school emblem. <b>ALL GIRLS MUST HAVE 1 DRESS FOR OFFICIAL SCHOOL OCCASIONS.</b>
Grey ankle socks Traditional lace-up black leather shoes (or low cut back leather LYNX are suitable) <b>LEATHER "STREET" STYLE SHOES SUCH AS KUSTOM BRAND ARE <u>NOT ACCEPTABLE.</u></b>	White ankle socks Traditional black leather lace-up school shoes (or low cut leather LYNX are suitable)  <b>LEATHER "STREET" STYLE SHOES SUCH AS KUSTOM BRAND AND MARY JANE STYLE ARE <u>NOT ACCEPTABLE</u></b>



## SPORTS UNIFORM

BOYS	GIRLS
Sports shirt with emblem Royal blue sports shorts with "EMMANUEL" on leg edge	Sports shirt with emblem Sports shorts
Leather or leather look with fabric – sports shoes need to be predominantly WHITE – NO fluro colours. <b>CANVAS SHOES EG. DUNLOP VOLLEYS, HIGH CUT BASKETBALL SHOES AND WHITE "STREET" SHOES WITH COLOURED LACES ARE <u>NOT ACCEPTABLE.</u></b>	
Sports socks – white with royal blue and gold stripe.	Sports socks – white with royal blue and gold stripe.

### ALL STUDENTS

Navy Emmanuel school hat  
School pullover or zippered jacket with school emblem





FOR THE SAFETY  
OF EVERYONE,  
PLEASE DO NOT  
VACATE YOUR CAR  
FOR ANY REASON.

Please pass this important message on to grandparents and other caregivers who use our STOP DROP GO to collect and drop off students. This is a safety issue and matter of consideration.

Please note: STOP DROP GO is not the place to dress your child, sign homework or pack school bags. Please ensure that these jobs are done before entering the STOP DROP GO line.

A big thank you to the vast majority of our parent body who are considerate of others at this busy time of the school day.

**Amanda McDonald**  
*Assistant Principal Administration*

# YEAR FIVE & SIX – PUMPED UP SPORTS



I think that pumped up sports day was one of the best days ever. Also one of the best parts was getting to work as a team to complete games, and thank you so much!  
~ Molly B



I think the pumped up sports day was good because you can work as a team. Pumped up sports day was out of this world because you got to go on the course.  
~ Jhett



I think that the pumped up sports program was an extraordinary experience. The teachers were incredible with handling all of us, I loved today and lots of others would agree that today was EXOTIC.  
~ Harrison B

I believed the pumped up sports day was amazing because you could work with so many people in so many ways I hope we do it again soon  
~ Lillyann.



I thought that Pumped sports today was an amazing and exciting experience for everyone there.  
~ Michael P



The pumped sports was really amazing experience. I really enjoyed the relay race and the inflatables. The sling shot was one of my favorites. I loved everything it was an amazing day for me.  
~ Hollie



Today was very exciting because we got to work as a team and because ninja warrior looks fun on TV and today I got to experience it. I also loved the catapulting that was very fun. I loved interacting with other kids that I have never talked to before  
~ Leila



I think the pumped up sports day was really good. I'm so happy that we did that. I really liked how we had to wait until our team mate got back and then we race with the other teams  
~ Mitchell O



I think that the pumped up sport day was really exotic and was a enjoyable way to practice team work and leadership. My favorite activity would have to be gutterball or cannon bolt because they were the most exciting  
~ Artaya

The Pumped Up Sports day was a day of teamwork. Everyone was amazing at teamwork and I think everyone had a blast especially ME. Thank You so much  
~ Millie B



The pumped up sport was a adventurous journey.  
~ Lucas



I think this day was the best day we could of ever had. today was amazing, it was all about teamwork  
~ Billy B



# Virtue Vouchers

## Term Four - Week Six

6W	Lacie C Thomas S	3W/D	Griffin S Zoey M Dorothy P	1M	Siale H
5K	Lucas Scully Audrey V	3M	Ruby G	1C	Taya B Reid B
5F	Ashley G Holly H Caitlyn F	3P	Jaxon M Taylor B	PS	Preston K Archer W
5C	Daniel J Brody M	2R	Levi L Hayley M	PJ	Alexander B
4W	Abbey S Ella F Jarred B	2M	Taya O Beau W	PG	Bodie B Rhys H
4S	Henry W Lachlan F Payton C	2B	Linkin G Abigail R		
4E	Tahlia H Abigail J Paolo L	1T	Sophia W Parker B		



## Music News

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a Certificate of Excellence in Music for receiving 50 reward stamps during music lessons this year:



**Year 3** – Hayley Chan

**Year 4** – Sophie Lawrence, Gabi Stehbens, Abbey Sorensen

**Year 5** – Sienna McEvoy, Claire Marshall, Catherine Liju Vathikulam, Cadence Rooney

**Year 6** – Lucy Baker

Several students have managed to receive 100 rewards stamps during their music lessons this year. Congratulations to the following students who have received Gold Class Certificates of Excellence:

**Year 4** – Tahlia Harris-Swift

**Year 5** – Harry Hayes

**Year 6** – Hayley Goldberg



**Linda Miller**  
*Music Teacher*

## Finance News

# School FEES

### 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.

**Therese Mattes**  
*Finance Secretary*



## Tuckshop News

### VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 4 WEEK 8

Mon 23 November: Michelle Buckeridge  
Tues 24 November: Sandy Brown  
Wed 25 November: **HELP WANTED**  
Thur 26 November: Nicci Lewis  
Fri 27 November: Kara Shepherd  
Angela Fussell  
**HELP WANTED**  
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With the end of year fast approaching, we will start to deplete stock ready for the holiday period. Some menu items will become unavailable over the next two weeks. Please have a second choice noted in the comments in the case that this should occur.



### CAN YOU HELP US TOMORROW Friday 20 November 2020?

We are in urgent need of a volunteer  
to assist in our Tuckshop tomorrow,  
Friday 20 November 2020

Please call us on 4942 5999



Angie McGowan/Carly Nicholas  
*Tuckshop*

## ABSENT FROM SCHOOL HOTLINE



**49948256**



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

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## 2021 PREP STUDENTS ORIENTATION

**MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2020**

An orientation session for students commencing Prep in 2021 at Emmanuel Catholic Primary School will be held from 9am - 10:30am.

Please note, due to Covid restrictions the Parent Information Evening scheduled for Wednesday 11 November will no longer occur. An information session for parents will be conducted at the same time as the student orientation on the morning of Monday 30 November from 9:00 - 10:30am.

We request that only one parent attends this session to assist us in maintaining our Covid Safe plan.



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

**Lots of items available!**

LOCATED NEAR THE TUCKSHOP  
OPEN TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
2:30 - 3:00PM