



newsletter

25 November 2021

Term Four

1M & 1T Swimming
26 November

**Year Six to HSC
Orientation Day**
29 November

Christmas Carols
30 November

Thanksgiving Mass
2 December

School Disco
2 December

**Last Day of
School Year**
3 December

Final Assembly
3 December

2022 Term One

First Day of Term
24 January



Dear Parents,

The Church year is drawing to a close. It will soon be Advent, then Christmas ... At this time of year the Church's readings remind us that the earth as we know it is passing away and that Christ will come again at the end of time. What does this mean for our lives? It means we are to live each day with a sense of hope, expectation, vigilance and ready to meet the Lord at all times. Pope Francis says, *"It means not allowing ourselves to be overwhelmed by distraction or by superficiality, but living in a full and aware way, with concern first of all for others"*.

At this time of the year, you will notice that the agapanthus plants are just getting ready to flower. Indeed this purple flower (sometimes called "The Star of Bethlehem") is a special reminder to keep our 'eyes ahead', to 'get ready' and to live primarily with a 'concern for others'.

I think Advent is a beautiful and reflective season – focussed on waiting for the child Jesus and celebrating the Incarnation of God-with-us in human form. The scripture readings during Advent encourage us to "stay awake", "watch" and "prepare". There is a sense of great anticipation and hope.



As the school year draws to an end I look back on the many things that I am grateful for; these include.....

1. The many students, parents and staff members with whom it has been a privilege to walk this year, especially those who have faced hard times or the hard questions that life asks of each of us;
2. The waves, smiles and greetings shared, without which everyday contact becomes dry and lifeless;

3. The unforgettable sharing at staff prayer each Friday morning which tells me, more reliably than any survey, that relational trust is alive and very well in this workplace;
4. A growing spirit of Unity and Service;
5. The incredible facilities and resources that support our teaching and learning;
6. Fr James for his pastoral support of our community. An active partnership with Parish means so much to students, staff and parents.
7. A peaceful mind, free from the stories that the mind likes to create and the unnecessary suffering that results;
8. A community that pulls together when the going gets tough.

With the close of 2021, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Emmanuel staff for making it a pleasure to come to work each day. Their professionalism, generosity of spirit, care for students and their learning is second to none. To staff leaving Emmanuel – **Amanda McDonald** - I say thank you for the privilege of sharing your personal and professional journey. Go with our best wishes and heart-felt thanks and prayers for a safe, happy and fulfilling future.

To students and families who are leaving us, especially the Year 6's, may your journey be blessed with true friends, great learning, accepted opportunities and a giving heart. Most of all, may you personally know the great love that God has for each of you.

To you, our parents and caregivers, thank you for being valued partners in the education of your children and for your co-operation and support in building Christian community at Emmanuel.

And, finally, to staff, parents and students whose charitable and unselfish deeds, large and small, may have gone unseen and unheralded, the One who sees everything knows what you do, and I say thank you on behalf of us all. Truly, may the enduring peace, the unselfish love and the simple joy of Christ be yours this Christmas and always. Be safe everyone. I look forward to seeing you again next year.

As has been the custom over the past few years, our Final School Assembly will take place on Friday 03 December in the Marist Centre commencing at 12.00pm. Unfortunately, due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions we are limited as to the number of parents who can attend this event. Therefore we are inviting ONLY parents from Year 6 to be in attendance. Bookings need to be made through Try Booking. <https://www.trybooking.com/BVYNO> We thank you for your understanding of our end of year school procedures for 2021.



Wishing you God's blessings for the final week of school,

Geraldine Rostirolla
(Principal)

STAFF LIST 2022

The following is a list of Staff for the 2022 school year. I know that there will be some who cannot resist the unfortunate temptation to compare one teacher to another in a school where there are two or three teachers in a year level. The teachers at Emmanuel all teach with love – love for their class and love for their work. I become quite worried that each year some are tempted to compare and disparage one teacher against another. I find this to be anti to the values of our community. Our teachers teach with love and integrity; please switch off anyone who would say otherwise. Having said this, no one is perfect, and primary teaching relies on a variety – a variety that’s much like life. Some are better Maths teachers, others better at literacy. Some are strict, others less so. Some are sporty, others love to sing and bring a love of music. Some extend, others cater for those with needs. The brilliant thing about all our teachers is that they have a variety of skills, but they teach with love. Across seven years our children experience this necessary variety, it helps bring out the best in everyone.

STAFF LIST – EMMANUEL 2022

LEADERSHIP TEAM			
Principal:	Geraldine Rostirolla	Year 5G:	Dayna Giarrusso
Acting APA:	Karla Falzon	Year 5S:	Jade Scott/ TBA
APRE:	Noeleen Kliese	Year 5W:	Amanda Wilkes/Sharon Donnelly
APC:	Janine Refalo		
		Year 6K:	Larissa Kirwan
TEACHING STAFF		Year 6S:	Dylan Steel
Prep C:	Thea Crathorne	Year 6T:	Brooke Tomkinson
Prep G:	Linda Grima		
Prep S:	Aleisha Smith	SPECIALIST TEACHERS	
		Drama:	Amy Clark
Year 1C:	Allison Casey	HPE:	Luke Dodson
Year 1J:	Jordan McNeil	Music:	Linda Miller
Year 1M:	Amanda McKinnon	Visual Arts:	Amy Jeffcoat
Year 2?:	TBA	Diocesan Role:	Michele Jensen
Year 2M:	Susannah Menzies		
Year 2R:	Taylor Rimmington	SCHOOL COUNSELLOR	
		Kristy Flor	
Year 3B:	Sonia Brandon		
Year 3H/B:	Laurette Harmer/Aileen Balding	ADMINISTRATION STAFF	
Year 3?:	TBA	Finance Secretary:	Therese Mattes/Robyn Rovelli
		Administration Secretary:	Megan Pearce/Kayci Herring
Year 4S:	Larissa Simonsen/Katherine Cridland		Jill Maunder
Year 4T:	Maddison Thomas		
Year 4W:	Pam White	LEARNING SUPPORT STAFF	
		Teachers:	Melinda Wheeler/Kristie Cordingley
GROUNDSMAN		Assistant:	Erin Johns Jacki Gall
William Nicholas/George Deguara		Assistant:	Clare Dries Renee Bryan
		Assistant:	Therese Johnson Alysha Knight
LIBRARY ASSISTANT		Assistant:	Sally Stevenson Martine Miller
Julianne Turner		Assistant:	Elaine Ivory Chantelle Richard
		Assistant:	Fran Borg Bianca Quetti
TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANT		Assistant:	Lauren Gossweiler Donna Shepherd
Dominic Venables		Assistant:	Megan Woodall Claudia Thom
		Assistant:	Michelle Buckeridge Sandali deSoysa
TUCKSHOP		Assistant:	Kristen Warren Kendall Smith
Angie McGowan/Carly Nicholas		Assistant:	Natasha Mallise Shannon Carter
		Assistant:	Alex Martin Renee Meares

With the school year coming to an end and Christmas fast approaching, I thought I would share the 'gift' of the story below. Enjoy!

THE GIFT OF GIVING

There was a family, just an ordinary family, preparing for Christmas. They had put up and decorated their tree, bought and wrapped some presents and started preparing for the celebrations.

One evening, as they were sitting down to dinner, they heard a knock at their door. When the door was opened there was no one to be seen, just a box wrapped in brown paper sitting on the mat. Inside was a small ceramic lamb.

The next evening about the same time, there was another knock on their door and another box wrapped in brown paper. The family was surprised to see a ceramic shepherd, until they realised that it matched the lamb they had received the previous day.

Each evening another brown paper wrapped gift was left at their door, and by Christmas Eve they had all, but one piece of a beautiful Nativity set. Even though they had been trying to catch the 'gift giver' they still had no idea who was leaving the boxes. It was all very exciting!

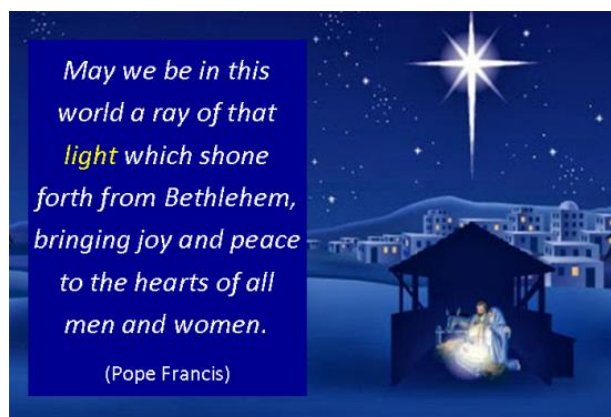
As they went to bed that night, they prayed that the final gift, the gift of baby Jesus, would appear on their doorstep. Next morning each family member checked in the hope of finding the 'Reason for the Season' but no box, no brown paper, no Baby Jesus was left on their mat.

Somewhat disappointed, the family opened their presents, shared a delicious breakfast and got ready for Mass. As they walked up to the door of the church an elderly woman, whom they often visited and ran errands for, approached and greeted them. She was a nice person, but she was sickly, poor and very lonely. She had no family of her own and few friends to help her or spend time with her. With a hug and a teary 'Thank You' she placed a small box wrapped in brown paper in the mother's hand.

Inside was Baby Jesus. He had come - a long awaited and hoped for gift, wrapped simply and given for all.

Jesus comes into our lives in ways we do not always expect. He comes when we serve and love others as he did. He comes in kindness and forgiveness, friendship and gratitude. Let us open our hearts and welcome God into our lives through the people we meet and the love we share.

Wishing you abundant blessings and all the joy of the Christmas season.



May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.

(Pope Francis)

ADVENT

Advent begins this Sunday 28 November. It is the liturgical season of anticipation and hope that begins the Liturgical Year and prepares us for the celebration of Christmas. Sadly, Advent is often forgotten in all the excitement of Christmas. Please find below some fabulous resources that explain the season and support its celebration.



Find out more about Advent @
<http://www.catholic.org/advent/advent.php?id=5>

Advent Videos, Prayers and Reflections
<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/>

Watch the short animation "What is Advent Again?" @
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6y4NCCH40PA>

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.



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

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.

PLAN B FOR CAROLS

In the case of inclement weather / saturated grounds on Tuesday night, we will hold the Christmas Carols on Wednesday 1 December in the Marist Centre during the school day. Parents will be welcome to attend, however due to Covid restrictions Carols will be shared in two separate concerts at a time to be advised. A decision will be made early next week and all parents will be advised via text message / email.

Obviously Plan B is not ideal so please join us in praying for fine weather on Tuesday night.

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 take place 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. All classes are making up hampers of non-perishable food items that will be presented to the parish St Vincent de Paul Society in the last week of school.

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

A big THANK YOU to all families who have already contributed Christmas goodies to these hampers and to those who will send them along in the coming days.

Hampers will be collected from school on Tuesday 30 November.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION

Last night our Year Six students and their families gathered in the Marist Centre to reflect on and to give thanks for their time at Emmanuel. Miss Rostirolla reminded the students that God had given them many gifts and that they are called to use them, to 'be a light for the world'. Miss Rostirolla also acknowledged and thanked those parents whose association with Emmanuel will end next week.

Other highlights of the evening included the '*Ceremony of Light*' and the presentation of certificates. Mrs Whelan and Mrs Rooney provided the fabulous music and Mrs Hyde and our choir sang beautifully. It was a wonderful celebration!

A special thank you to the staff who prepared the sacred space and Marist Centre, our amazing musicians and the small group of Year Five parents who kindly set up and served the supper that followed the prayer celebration. We appreciate your time, talents and support.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The day is coming when the Lord will fulfil his promises.

Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Conduct yourself in a way pleasing to God.

Luke 21:25-28. 3-36

Be ready for the second coming.

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.



**CHRISTMAS
CAROLS**
TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER



THANKSGIVING MASS

Thursday 2 December
9:15am

Fr Bucas Centre (HSC)

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.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE – Friday 24 December

St Helen's Church – Calen	4:30pm
St Brigid's Church – Farleigh	6:00pm
St Joseph's Church – North Mackay	6:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – Saturday 25 December

Star of the Sea Church – Seaforth	7:00am
St Brendan's Church – Bucasia	7.30am
St Joseph's Church – North Mackay	9:00am
St Peter's Church – Midge Point	9.15am

WEEKEND MASSES

FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY

Saturday 25 December

St Brigid's Church – Farleigh	6:00pm
St Joseph's Church – North Mackay	6:00pm

SUNDAY 26 December

Star of the Sea Church – Seaforth	7:00am
St Brendan's Church – Bucasia	7.30am
St Joseph's Church – North Mackay	9:00am
St Helen's Church – Calen	9.00am

MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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Tickets are available [online](#), before and after weekend Masses and from St Joseph's Parish Office.

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VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT - LOVE

Love is at the centre of our being. It is the vital force that gives us energy and direction. It connects one heart with another. Love is cherishing others. Love thrives on acceptance and appreciation. It has the power to heal. You show love in a smile, a kind word, a thoughtful act or a hug. 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**

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) 
<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>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>
Pastoral Support and Wellbeing (NSIT Domain 3) 	Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing (NSIT Domains 1,4,9) 
<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>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



ICAS Achievements

Congratulations to all of the Year 5 and 6 students who participated in the ICAS Literacy and Numeracy Competitions last term. All of these students are to be commended on their commitment and dedication to their learning and their willingness to challenge themselves, with several students achieving participation, credit, and merit awards all of which they can be very proud. *ICAS Certificates will be presented at tomorrow's assembly, parents welcome.* A special mention must also go to Lily Buckeridge for achieving a High Distinction in the Mathematics putting her in the top 1% of all participants Nationwide. Congratulations Lily, your efforts are outstanding!

Janine Refalo
Assistant Principal Curriculum

APA News

EARLY PICK-UP PROCEDURES – FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER



As per earlier correspondence, Year Six parents only are able to attend the End of Year Assembly on Friday 3 December at 12.00pm.

Parents of students in all year levels are welcome to collect their child on conclusion of the final Assembly (approximately 12.30pm).

Students leaving at this time must be signed out at their classroom. Should any parent be collecting a child/children from another family we ask that this information is communicated to classroom teachers via email.

If you are collecting your child during the lunch hour or the afternoon session, please sign out at the office as per normal procedures.

Supervision will be provided for those children whose parents are unable to collect them prior to 3pm due to work commitments.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

As has been the custom over the past few years, our Final School Assembly will take place on Friday 03 December in the Marist Centre commencing at 12.00pm. Unfortunately, due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions we are limited as to the number of parents who can attend this event.

ONLY Year 6 Parents are invited to attend this Assembly to be held on Friday 3 December 2021 at 12pm. Please register your attendance via this TryBooking link. <https://www.trybooking.com/BVYNO>

END OF YEAR ENVELOPES

Should you require your end of year envelope to be posted, please leave a large stamped self-addressed envelope with your child's Classroom Teacher. If no envelope is provided, unposted envelopes will be placed in your child's file.

NO envelopes will be given out prior to 3:00pm on Thursday, 2 December.

SCHOOL DISCO RESCHEDULED

As previously communicated, the school disco has been rescheduled to **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>



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

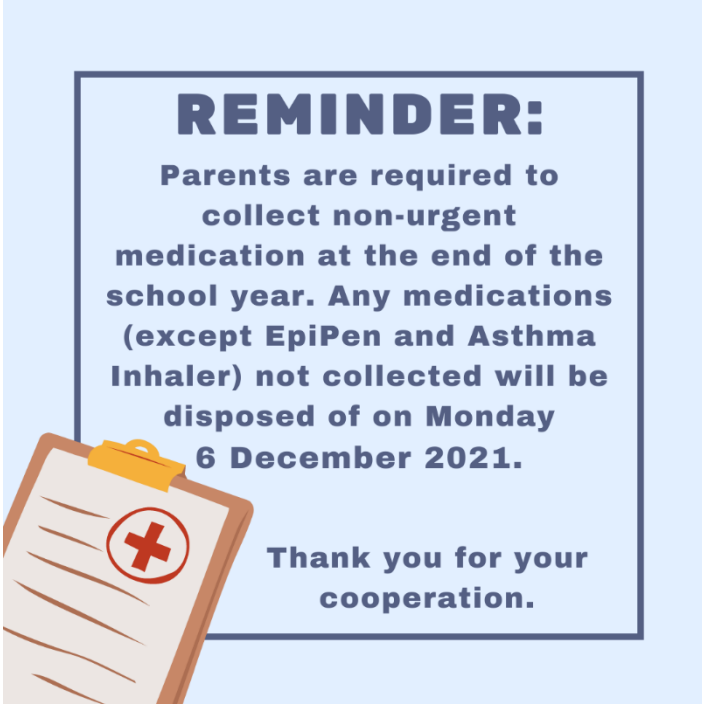
THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER

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>

MEDICATIONS KEPT AT SCHOOL



REMINDER:

Parents are required to collect non-urgent medication at the end of the school year. Any medications (except EpiPen and Asthma Inhaler) not collected will be disposed of on Monday 6 December 2021.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Amanda McDonald
Assistant Principal Administration

Music News

MUSIC EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES

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

Year 4 – Evan Dolphin, Penny Byron, Dorothy Pearce

Year 5 – Jack Shepherd, Eilish Tierney,

Year 6 – Molly Byron, Lara Pritchard

GOLD MUSIC EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES

Year 4 – Jada Scott



Linda Miller
Music Teacher



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

TERM FOUR - WEEK SEVEN

Class	Student	Reason for Award
6TR	Oliver K	For the energy and enthusiasm you display towards your learning. Oliver, we love that you bring a smile into the classroom each day. The work that you have produced this term has been fantastic. Keep on achieving wonderful things Oliver.
6TR	Maxwell P	Maxwell, we have been so impressed with your attitude and energy towards your learning this term. You have made improvements in your focus and have achieved great things. Keep up the fantastic effort.
6S	Caitlyn F	For continually striving to improve your knowledge and understanding this term. Your hard work and focus have provided some positive results for you. Well done.
6S	Daniel J	For the continued effort you have been putting in to your assessments this term. You have been working well which has been great to see.
6K	Riley W	For the amazing effort you put into all aspects of your schooling. Your perseverance and love of learning is infectious in our classrooms. Thank you for being such a valued member of Year 6, Riley.
5W	Ashton T	For always helping other students when they are in need. You always treat people with kindness and care. Well done Ashton!

5W	Cooper W	For all your hard work towards improving your literacy skills. You are always willing to give it your best even when it becomes challenging. Keep it up Cooper.
5S	Jasmyn C	For the amazing effort you have put into your school work this year. Jasmyn you are determined, persistent and hard working at all times. You never cease to amaze me with your commitment to producing the highest quality work. Well done on such a fantastic year!
5C	Paige I	For your kind and thoughtful ways. You make our class a better place to be. Keep up the great work Paige!
4W	Aurelio B	Aurelio has made a concerted effort to be focused and apply himself to tasks. Your positive attitude has been acknowledged and Miss White is very proud of you.
4W	Scarlett T	For the great improvement that you have put into applying yourself more consistently to your work and the positive attitude that you have displayed over the last few weeks. Miss White is very proud of you.
4S	Jack W	For the improvement you have made in your reading this year. Your hard work and commitment has paid off. We hope you keep up reading throughout the Christmas holidays. Well done Jack!
4S	Eva C	For displaying a quiet, diligent attitude towards your work. Eva strives to present work of a high standard and shows great commitment to doing her best. Well done Eva!
4E	Chevy T	For the positive attitude and the consistent effort that you have put into all of your assessment tasks throughout the week. You have been trying your best and working hard, Chevy. Fabulous work!
4E	Ava B	For consistently displaying an excellent and responsible attitude to all your learning and always being a helpful student in and outside of the classroom. You are a great role model, Ava!
3W	Archie S	Congratulations Archie on being such a kind and considerate class member. 3W loves the way you always lend a helping hand when someone needs assistance. Thank you for being a positive role model for your class members.
3W	Ruby J	Congratulation Ruby on the positive mind set you bring into our classroom everyday. We love the way you always, 'have-a-go' at any challenge that is set in front of you and you always complete your tasks with determination and a smile on your face. Well done!
3W	Max L	For the enthusiastic attitude you bring into our classroom everyday. You have entertained us with your stories from your trip around Australia and we appreciate your general knowledge and the positivity you display towards your learning. Keep it up!
3HB	Randall O	For your great effort in completing your celebration talk for HASS. Well done, Randal!
3HB	Fynn A	For your great effort in completing your Homework this term. Well done!
3HB	Charlotte P	For your reliable and responsible approach to all learning tasks. Thank you for being a great role model to our class.
3B	Hayley M	For your continued improvement this term. Hayley, you have completed all tasks beautifully and are always looking for ways to improve. Your dedication is paying off and Mrs. Brandon is so proud of you. Well done!
3B	Sophie M	For applying herself so well in all subject areas. Sophie's hard work does not go unnoticed and she is commended for always striving to improve in her learning. Well done Sophie!
2R	Osmond C	For always striving to achieve your best in all areas of school. Osmond, you always bring so much energy and enthusiasm to our classroom activities and consistently work hard to achieve your goals. Well done, Osmond!
2R	Charlotte C	For the positive attitude you bring to school each and every day. You always have a smile on your face, help your peers and have an excellent work ethic. Well done, Charlotte!

2M	Parker B	For your continued dedication towards improving your reading at school. Your hard work is paying off, Parker! Keep reading and keep shining!
2M	Khloe G	For the happy way you greet your friends and teachers each day. Your joyfulness brightens up our classroom and we are so lucky to have you in our class. Never lose that smile, Khloe!
2C	Xander H	For the huge improvement in your ability to work sensibly and independently in class. Miss Cordingley is so proud of you and can see that you are ready for Year Three! Well done, Xander!
2C	Isabella C	For always contributing great ideas to our class discussions and your excellent attitude to all learning tasks. Keep shining, Isabella! You have so much to offer.
2C	Harley S	For being a friendly, helpful classmate who always uses his manners. Harley, you are a wonderful addition to our class and we are so glad you've joined us this term.
1T	Braxtyn M	For being an independent and industrious worker who always strives to do his absolute best. Braxtyn, you inspire your peers with your quiet love of learning and humble nature. You have been an absolute joy to have in our Year One classroom. Keep up the fantastic work!
1T	Hunter C	For being thoughtful, considerate and encouraging to others. Hunter, you are always looking for ways to brighten others' days and take care of your friends. Miss Thomas and your classmates appreciate your gentle nature and kindness. Keep it up!
1M	Leo S	for showing significant growth in your reading this term. You read with so much expression and it is a joy to hear you read with such confidence. Keep up this amazing effort Leo!
1M	Hunter C	for the excellent effort you have displayed during our InitialLit lessons this term. You are keen to share your knowledge and have a go at some of our challenging words. Well done, Hunter, I am so proud of you!
1J	Olivia D	Olivia, for your improved attitude towards your school work and for the beautiful way that you are always willing to help your peers. Keep up the wonderful work Olivia!
Prep S	Aiden P	For the positive way you approach all learning tasks. You are so persistent with challenges and always seek assistance when you need it. Miss Smith has been so lucky to have such a diligent worker in you Aiden!
Prep S	Sophie W	For being a confident and capable student in all learning tasks. You are always willing to take on the role of a leader in activities to best support your peers. Thank you for showering us all with your positive comments and infectious smile Sophie.
Prep J	Blaze D	For always starting each day with a friendly and welcoming smile. Thank you for spreading the spirit of Jesus in our school.
Prep J	Mikayla M	For working hard to meet your writing goals. Well done in striving for excellence!
Prep G	Isabella C	For all your fabulous reading and writing in Prep. I am so proud of the effort you have put into all your activities. You are a superstar !
Prep G	Ruby C	For the fabulous effort you have put into reading and sounding out your words. It has been wonderful to see how much you love to read and write. You are amazing!



Around the School

Exceptional Performance

Over the year, Isla Cullen has dedicated herself to becoming the finest gymnast she can be. Countless hours (at least 14 hours per week) have been spent in the gym practising techniques and routines. And her hard work has not gone unrewarded! Isla has received six first places, two fourths and two first overalls for her age group. Her excellent results took the notices of QLD's top coaches with Isla being selected in Team Future. Team Future is part of the Qld State Squad program which plays a developmental role in the advancement of gymnastics throughout Queensland. Isla trains at the Gymnastics Queensland High-Performance Centre at the Sleeman Complex Brisbane each school holiday.

With her skill and dedication, Isla Cullen will be a name heard, cheered by crowds, at the Olympics in the near future. Congratulations Isla, you are a star!



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.

Message from Uniform Solutions

SCHOOL UNIFORMS CUSTOMERS

Thank you for understanding the world-wide shipping crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our school uniform orders were placed with our suppliers in MAY & JUNE this year, with requested delivery dates of OCTOBER & NOVEMBER. These dates are not being met, and suppliers are still unable to provide firm delivery dates.

We ask you to be considerate and understand that we are in constant contact with suppliers so we can provide you with the latest updates. These updates will be posted on our Facebook page.

Everyone is in the "same boat" so with your cooperation, we'll ride it out together. We are confident we'll have all uniforms available for the new school year.

Brenda McLean (Heitman)

Director - Uniform Solutions

LOST PROPERTY

Reminder to check the lost property box for any lost items.

Any items not collected by Thursday 2 December will be donated.

Please encourage your child to check for any items they may be missing.

Tuckshop News

VOLUNTEER ROSTER TERM 4 WEEK 9

Monday 29 November:	Maryanne Pace
Tuesday 30 November:	Shirley Bloom
Wednesday 1 December:	Lerryn Tickle
Thursday 2 December:	CLOSED
Friday 3 December:	CLOSED



With the end of year fast approaching it is time for us to deplete stocks in the tuckshop. This means over the last week 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

IMPORTANT DATES

2021

MONDAY 29 DECEMBER
TUESDAY 30 DECEMBER

BOOKPACK COLLECTION
MON 2:30PM - 3:30PM
TUE 8:00AM - 9:00AM & 2:30PM - 3:30PM

WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER

OFFICE CLOSURES 12PM

2022

MONDAY 17 JANUARY

OFFICE REOPENS

TO BE CONFIRMED

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
Limited Supplies - CASH ONLY

TO BE CONFIRMED

BOOKPACK DROPOFF TO CLASS

MONDAY 24 JANUARY

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
TUCKSHOP REOPENS

WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY

PUBLIC HOLIDAY





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

www.rok.catholic.edu.au

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

Visit our website and apply today!

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TO HAVE A BLAST!**



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*Magpies Junior Cricket
JUNIOR BLASTER PROGRAM 2022*

START: Monday 7th February to Monday 14th March (6 week program)

WHERE: Magpies Sporting Club, Cricket Oval

TIME: 4.30pm to 5.30pm

AGE:
Junior Blasters 5-7 years

COST: \$85

*Participants receive a program pack

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For more information, please contact magpiescricketmackay@gmail.com



 **CATHERINE
MCAULEY
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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

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2 Days FOR \$80 per MGI Member

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Early Bird ends 10th December 2021 5pm

PREP - 13 YEARS

MGI Members \$50/Day

NON Members \$70/Day

Payment required at time of booking

9AM - 3PM

December 2021 - Mon 13th, Wed 15th & Fri 17th

January 2022 - Mon 10th, Wed 12th, Fri 14th,

Mon 17th, Wed 19th & Fri 21st

5 Snow Wright Crt Beaconsfield

To book call 49420032 or email

admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au