



# newsletter

29 October 2020

## Term Four

Day for Daniel  
30 October

Prep – Year 3  
Swimming Lessons  
Weeks 6-8

Year 5 & 6  
Pumped Up Sports  
12 November

Year 5 - Kinchant Dam  
16 & 17 November

Year 6 Excursions  
24 – 27 November

2021 Prep Orientation  
30 November

Year Six  
Thanksgiving Mass  
3 December

Last day of Term Four  
4 December

## Our School Mission Statement



Dear Parents,

There is an old saying that states  
*"If the mountain was smooth you couldn't climb it"*.

What a powerful statement! Our lives are sure to be full of trials and tribulation, this is inevitable, but it is our perspective on things that will shape how we see these trials and how we will resolve the tribulation. With prayer, reflective thought, fortitude of character, wisdom and the knowledge that we are people of God, we can turn hard times into the stepping stones to our maturity and growth.

We are all here on the journey of "life" to learn, grow and become better. We are here to experience this earth, this life, to come to know God and all the emotions that we are blessed with. Hope, Joy, Love and Peace are a few of the top emotions that we are constantly thirsting to get more of but the other not-so-comforting emotions that we try to avoid are important too. For they help us truly appreciate the world and all its joys and heartaches, and in the final analysis, it's the only world we have; so inspired by the words of Mother Teresa let us never forget....

*Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.*

*Life is beauty, admire it.*

*Life is bliss, taste it.*

*Life is a dream, realise it.*

*Life is a challenge, meet it.*

*Life is a duty, complete it.*

*Life is a game, play it.*

*Life is a promise, fulfil it.*

*Life is sorrow, overcome it.*

*Life is a song, sing it.*

*Life is a struggle, accept it.*

*Life is a tragedy, confront it.*

*Life is an adventure, dare it.*

*Life is luck, make it.*

*Life is too precious, do not destroy it.*

*Life is life, fight for it.*

~ Mother Teresa ~

Best wishes to all of our staff as we celebrate World Teacher's Day tomorrow. Despite all that technology can offer, the personal relationship between the teacher and student is vital to learning. I would like to encourage you to discuss with your child how they might be able to say thanks to their teacher/s. A kind word, a short poem or story would add to every teacher's day this Friday.

Thank you to ALL STAFF of Emmanuel for all that you do to ensure the best possible learning for the children in your care. Happy Teacher's Day!

Wishing you every blessing for the coming week,

**Geraldine Rostirolla**  
Principal

# Religious Education

## ONE FOR THE TEACHERS – A PRAYER

*We pray for all teachers.....*

*that their hearts may be full of love and compassion.*

*that their hearts may be full of welcome and understanding.*

*that their hearts may be full of passion and enthusiasm for their calling.*

*We pray for all teachers.....*

*that they teach with generosity, kindness and respect.*

*that they teach with patience, confidence and faith.*

*that they feel valued and appreciated as they strive to make a difference in our world.*

*Bless them with your love and peace*

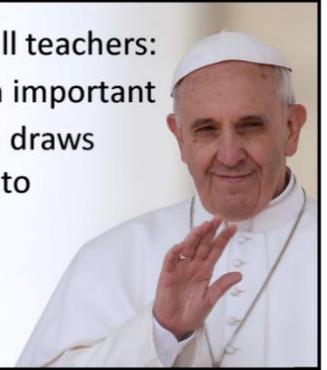
*and grant them wisdom and understanding,*

*strength and courage,*

*joy and happiness*

*today and always.*

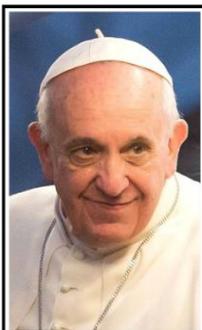
Thank you to all teachers:  
educating is an important  
mission, which draws  
young people to  
what is good,  
beautiful  
and true.



Tomorrow is World Teacher's Day and we wish all of our teachers a very happy day.

## CALLED TO BE

When I say SUPERHERO many of you will think of Batman, Flash or The Phantom. If you are a Marvel fan you might think of Iron Man, Captain America or the big green guy..... but what about the superheroes of the church? I am of course talking about the saints. They might not be members of the Justice League, have super powers, be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, fly an invisible jet or even have a golden lasso, but they are heroes - heroes of kindness, mercy, compassion and love.



**DO NOT BE CONTENT  
TO LIVE A MADIOCRE  
CHRISTIAN LIFE**

**WALK WITH  
DETERMINATION  
ALONG THE PATH  
OF HOLINESS**

In November we celebrate **All Saints Day** and **All Souls Day**. We remember those who have gone before us, those who have answered God's call and those who have taken up the challenge and become the very best version of themselves. It is our challenge too!

We ask God to help us to live the life that He has called us to live.

*Father, may the inspiration and example of the saints help and challenge us as we go about our lives now and always. Amen.*

We trust in God's mercifulness and ask Him to welcome our loved ones home.

*Merciful God hear our prayer and console us. Strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in Christ's resurrection and attain the joy of eternal happiness in your kingdom. Amen.*

## DAY FOR DANIEL - WEAR RED

Tomorrow we will join with the rest of Australia in acknowledging 'Day for Daniel'.

It is a child safety and protection initiative that aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. 'Wear Red and Educate' is the theme of 'Day for Daniel'.

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

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

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

## FOOTY FUN

The grand finals have been played and won, but footy fever is just hotting up. State of Origin is almost upon us. We are having a special raffle to celebrate sport and our wonderful state. Tickets will go on sale on the day of the first game (Wednesday 4 November) and the raffle will be drawn on the day of the third game (Wednesday 18 November). Prizes include two signed Queensland State of Origin footballs, kindly donated by the Parkinson family. All money raised will go to the Missions.



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

Vision of those who survive the trial.

1 John 3:1-3

We are already children of God.

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

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)

## MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

There will be no NORFAIR this year, but our parish is selling tickets in an amazing raffle. With a **First Prize of \$10 000**, tickets are great value at \$5.00 each. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 12 December, just in time for Christmas. Tickets are available from St Joseph's Parish Office (Monday - Friday 9am to 2:30pm - phone 49574855) or from Maria at Farleigh (phone - 0423 513 288).



## VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT – INTEGRITY

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 your mind with things that help you live an honourable life. Integrity is living by your highest values.

**“Wisdom is knowing the right path to take.... Integrity is taking it.”** (Unknown)



**Noeleen Kliese**  
*Assistant Principal Religious Education*

## APA News

### CLASSES 2021

This term will see staff arrange classes for the 2021 school year. This process is very deliberate and time consuming, but also very important to creating balanced classes throughout the school. I'd like to provide parents with some of the underlying principles that drive our decision making:

1. We always aim to create classes that are balanced in need. We consider the academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs of the children when placing them in a class. This is never straight forward and often needs considerable thought. A past practice has been that students nominate a friend, but as you can appreciate this is very difficult to accommodate in a school with 570 students. This practice will no longer be a deciding factor in class placements.
2. We consider the gender balance within the group, the body of knowledge that we have gathered on each child and any parent input that may assist.
3. We always endeavour to be just, fair and compassionate to the needs of each child.

I invite parents to write to me if you have information about your child that may assist the staff in placing your child. While I always stipulate that parents are not able to request certain teachers and groups of friends,

there is often information that, as a school, we are unaware of and would benefit from knowing. **Please put your consideration in writing and send to the office addressed to Miss Rostirolla by tomorrow, Friday 30 October.**

I would also like to stress that our staff know their students very well and will do their very best throughout this process. I urge parents to trust us in making informed decisions that we consider will be the best for each child.



**Geraldine Rostirolla**  
*Principal*

## STOP, DROP & GO



**DROP**



**GO**

A few reminders to parents with regards to Stop, Drop and Go

- Ensure your family name tag is attached to your sun visor for quick clear identification for teachers to alert your child.
- Please DO NOT vacate your vehicle. If you need to buckle your child into a car seat or remove items from the boot of your car, you are asked to park in the parallel parks provided.
- When dropping children off to school in the morning, parents are reminded that the entire footpath is a drop-off zone, not just the area at the top of the Stop, Drop, Go. By this stage of the year, all students, including Prep are more than capable of walking along the path behind the safety fence into the school grounds. Also, students should be independent enough to vacate their car without the help of a teacher, as staff will not always be available in the Stop, Drop, Go area. By not using the entire pathway to drop children to school, traffic is significantly delayed and causes a bank-up of traffic in the line and on the roadway.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**YEAR 5**

**excursion  
forms are  
now due!**

Please return by  
Friday morning,  
30 October 2020

**Amanda McDonald**

*Assistant Principal Administration*

**facebook**

Stay connected with us by following our **Facebook** page for regular updates, photos and stories.

# Virtue Vouchers

## Term Four - Week Three

6W	Ryan H Maddison M	4E	Tahlia H Henry P	1T	Xander H Zara B
5K	Lilly-Ann H Sebastian C Blake T	3M	Millie H	1M	Alexandra C
5F	Ella C Ryan D Harrison H	3P	Rhys H Paige C	1C	Cruz T
5C	Phoebe W Zahli H	2R	Connor G Zoe J	PS	Leo S Dylan B
4W	Charli G Jacob D	2M	Charli V Jensen S	PG	Emily V Chayse C
4S	Brendan M Tanner A	2B	Danio L Delta B		

### Sporting News

Last Thursday saw Emmanuel's Year 4 to 6 students battling it out at the annual interhouse swimming carnival. Competitors arrived at the Pioneer Pool at 9:15 am for the first event of the day, the War Cry. Each house cheered with such passion. William Wallace would have been shaking in his kilt!! A change to the program this year saw the length events contested first. The following students, ranging from year levels 4 to 6, swam extremely well on the day:

- 10 Years and Under – Demika Mezzen and Kayden Neilsen
- 11 Years – Mackenzie Neilsen and Lucas Haack
- 12 Years – Tess Armstrong and Lachlan Ipson

With all good competition there must be a winner and this year the trophies were won by:

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|---|----------------|
| <b>1. Rasmussen Family Trophy for House Spirit</b>      | <b>Carroll</b> |
| <b>2. Prime Rentals Trophy for Relays</b>               | <b>Castles</b> |
| <b>3. Sister Joan McBride Trophy for Champion House</b> | <b>Carroll</b> |

Congratulations must go to each and every student for their ability to embrace the changes that Covid-19 has brought upon all of us. Once again, our students have done the staff and themselves proud. Also, a thank you to our parent body for your understanding and acceptance of the restrictions at the pool due to the pandemic.

Attention now turns to next year with the hope of life returning to a happier and healthier 2021.



**Luke Dodson**  
*HPE Teacher*

## Music News

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



**Year 3** – Maya Webb, Piper Chammen, Prince Biokoro

**Year 4** – Chloe Connelly, Piper Armstrong

**Year 5** – Lucas Scully, Molly Byron, Harrison Bell

**Year 6** – Madelyn Shepherd, Claire Wortley, Eden Apps, Sienna Brooke

**Linda Miller**  
*Music Teacher*

## Finance News

### SCHOOL FEES

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



As the economic impacts of the COVID-19 is being increasingly felt by our school communities, Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton is offering a range of concessions to our families. If you have an eligible government health concession card, Job Seeker (JS) or Farm Household Allowance (FH), you are eligible for a 100% discount on the tuition levy component of the School Fees.

Families without a concession card, but who are experiencing financial stress are encouraged to contact the Principal, Geraldine Rostirolla as fee concessions are available. Please contact the finance office to discuss any of the above matters further, or if you have any other queries.

**Therese Mattes**  
*Finance Secretary*

## Tuckshop News

### VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 4 WEEK 5

Mon 2 November:	<b>HELP WANTED</b>
Tues 3 November:	Rachel Worth
Wed 4 November:	Renae Borg
Thur 5 November:	Vicki Brooke
Fri 6 November:	Diana Camilleri Courtney Barrett



**Angie McGowan/Carly Nicholas**  
*Tuckshop*



# 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.

## 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



## Student Travel Rebates



Semester 2



### Bus Fare Assistance

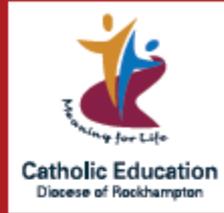
- Does your child attend a school **outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$30/week\*** on fares to and from school (\* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or associated with the school?

### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) during October.**

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> October.



## Building for the Future

Without increased investment in infrastructure, Queensland Catholic schools will be unable to support Queensland families by meeting demand for new schools in high growth areas.



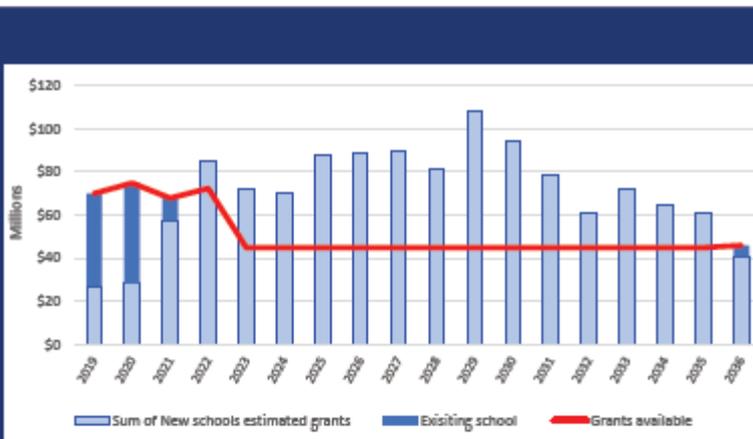
**By 2036**  
Enrolment = Current enrolment + 32,420



**36 new schools**  
**833 extra classrooms** for existing schools



Capital investment of **\$1.7 billion** by 2036



Capital investment is required to continue to give families the choice to educate their children in Catholic schools.

Current funding levels under the Capital Assistance Scheme and the External Infrastructure Subsidy scheme will not be sufficient to meet the increased demand for infrastructure. (See graph)

Demand for additional teaching spaces can only be met through the continuation and expansion of the Capital Assistance Supplementary Scheme (CASS).

A total funding commitment through the expansion of CASS to non-government schools of **\$60M million each year for the next four years** (in addition to maintaining funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme and External Infrastructure Subsidy) will allow Catholic education to meet demand for new schools in key high growth areas throughout Queensland.

### Catholic schools

Seek a commitment to the expansion of the Capital Assistance Supplementary Scheme to \$60 million per year for the non-government sector for the next four years.

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