



# EMMAUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Emmaus Catholic Primary School has a commitment to the care, safety and wellbeing of children.



Thursday 12th December, 2019



FROM THE  
PRINCIPAL

I can't believe we are approaching the end of another school year. It seems an eternity ago that I was teaching at Bethany. Although I still miss my previous community, I really do feel at home in this wonderful Emmaus community. Thank you to the many parents, carers, grandparents, children and teachers who have welcomed me so warmly.

It was wonderful to watch the children begin to build relationships with their new teachers on Tuesday during their transition morning. The children moved to their new classrooms, met their teachers and their 2020 classmates. There were so many happy faces – both children and teachers.

It is great to have our staffing finalised for 2020. It is with sadness we say goodbye to Bradley Williams. Brad is a passionate educator who really works hard to build meaningful relationships with the students in his care. He is also an exceptional colleague and mentor. Brad is heading off overseas to travel. We wish him the best of luck. We are also very grateful to Rita Agius, a learning support officer who has been supporting the children and teachers at Emmaus over the last term. Rita has accepted another position so we also wish her luck on her teaching journey. We have included the teachers and their teaching levels in this newsletter.

I am really looking forward to the 2020 Christmas concert tonight at 7pm in the CRC Sydenham hall. I have had a sneak peek at some of the performances and I can promise you, you are in for a treat.

A special thank you to the parents who helped out at the working bee on Saturday. We understand it is a very busy time of the year but 5 families managed to give up their morning to help us tidy up some of the gardens. We thank - Jennifer Renda and Antonio, Kent Giblin, Linda Karlic, Sienna and Willow, Bethel David and Reeves John.

Wishing all of the Emmaus community a very merry Christmas with your loved ones and a relaxing and rejuvenating new year. I pray this prayer for you all –

Loving God,  
During this Holy season of Christmas I ask for your blessing on all families. Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.  
Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.  
May the grace that circled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.  
For this I pray,  
Amen

# 2020 Emmaus Teaching Staff

**Principal - Jackie Byrne**  
**Deputy Principal – Lorraine Morrison**

**Office Staff**

Sandra Evans  
 Jenny Van Den Boogert  
 Suzie Power  
 Jenny Jimenez  
 Maria Stefancic

**Junior School Team**

**Leader – Chiara Genevose**  
 Junior School Support – Louise Chrystie  
 Tania Filletti  
 Shelley Shein  
 Prep Z – Jessica Zammit  
 Prep C – Eliza Carew

Year 1 D – Adena Del Vescovo  
 Year 1 G – Christopher Galea  
 Year 1 M – Frances Monaghan

Year 2 B – Brianna Bortolotto  
 Year 2 J – Jamie Joson  
 Year 2 M – Marian Kechenovich

**Junior Learning Support**

Mary Dennis  
 Susan Campelj  
 Cheryl Rosario

**Middle School Team**

**Leader – Carmela Marinaro**  
 Middle School Support – Lara Ioannou  
 Year 3 A – Amalia Stefancic  
 Year 3 S – Taylor Skelton

Year 4 H – Jade Hazlett  
 Year 4 S – Debbie Sharples  
 Year 4 T – Katie Tomic

**Middle Learning Support**

Jenny Jimenez  
 Maria Stefancic  
 Esther Curmi

**Senior School Team**

**Leader – Laura Chamberlain**

Year 5 B – Bianca Babic  
 Year 5 G – Jade Ginnane  
 Year 5 M – Andrea Mansour

Year 6 B – Sarah Bruzzese  
 Year 6 H - Persis Hickey  
 Year 6 P – Adrian Purgaric

**Senior Learning Support**

Leeann Ciantar  
 Marianne Oliva

**Allied Health Support**

Margaret Sacco – Speech Pathologist  
 Justine Knott – Psychologist  
 Katie O’Brien – Occupational Therapist

**Physical Education Specialists**

Andrea Greaney  
 Lara Ioannou  
 Natalie Nisi

**Fine Arts/Performing Arts Specialists**

Mary Bailey  
 Tania Filletti  
 Julie Rafter

**Italian Teacher**

Margaret Todarello

**DECEMBER 2019**

12	School Concert 7.00 pm CRC Sydenham Hall
13	Year 6 Students finish 3.00 pm
17	Prep - Year 5 Students finish Term 4 at 1.00pm
18	Prep 2020 Orientation 9.30 am - 10.30am

**JANUARY 2020**

28	Staff start Term 1
31	Term 1 Begins Year 1 - Year 6



**FEBRUARY 2020**

3	Preps Students begin, 9.30 am Finish normal time of 3.15 pm
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**TERM DATES**

Term 2  
 Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm  
 Term 3  
 Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
 Term 4  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.  
 There will be some professional development days for staff over the year but we will let you know in advance .

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- 1 Visit [www.bluefitkids.com.au](http://www.bluefitkids.com.au)
- 2 Under Before & After School Care, select Emmaus Catholic Primary School
- 3 Select the **ENROL NOW** button
- 4 After selecting **APPLY**, please sign up for a new account
- 5 Please fill out the enrolment and booking form
- 6 Submit your application for review
- 7 Once approved you will receive a confirmation email
- 8 You will receive a notification to update your debit details
- 9 You will receive a notification to connect your **MyGov** account

**You are all done!**

Once you complete your online registration and bookings you will then submit for review. You will then receive an email confirming your application and bookings.

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### **Ask yourself:**

Because of someone else's drinking . . .

- Am I afraid?
- Am I worried or losing sleep?
- Do I feel sorry for myself, inadequate, or guilty?
- Am I ashamed of my situation?
- Do I ever feel embarrassed by the drinker's behaviour?
- Do I make excuses for the drinker or take on his/her responsibilities?
- Am I tired, nervous, or depressed?
- Am I angry or frustrated at times?
- Do I often feel desperate and alone?

If the answer to any of the questions is "Yes," Al-Anon/Alateen may be of help to you. Learn more by attending a confidential meeting in your community.

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