

EMMAUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL'S DESK
your weekly update on our
school community

Thursday 6th February, 2020

Welcome back everyone as we begin the 2020 school year together.

Holidays are a wonderful time to share valuable family time. This year it was terribly sad to hear of so many people and so much of our beautiful flora and fauna affected by the bushfires. We continue to keep those affected by the bushfires in our prayers. We also pause to consider those that gave of their own family time to support others during this time.

Students have settled well into their new learning environments with their new teachers, ready for their new learning. This year we have welcomed 44 new families. We are thrilled these families have chosen to join our Emmaus school community and we really hope you feel welcomed. Please know that my door is open and you can make an appointment any time to chat with me.

As it is the beginning of the year and there is so much information to share with you. It might be a good idea to sit down with a cuppa so you can take all of this in and pop the dates on the calendar. Our first school Mass will be on Thursday Morning 12th March at 8.30 am.

Our gorgeous Preps began their school journey on Monday. There were many smiles and a few tears - and that was just the parents! The Prep children are not required at school on Wednesdays until the 11th March. However we have set aside some time for the children to attend an interview on the Wednesdays so we can learn more about your child. Please log on to PTO to book a time.

We also welcome three new teachers to our team - Eliza Carew in Prep, Taylor Skelton in Year 3 and Shelley Shein will be working throughout our school. We are delighted and extremely lucky to have such wonderful people on our team.

You will have already noticed our specialist days have changed. Our Art and Physical Education lessons will now be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Our teachers were finding our students were missing too many specialist lessons due to public holidays falling on a Monday. We are very grateful to all our specialist teachers who willingly changed their working days.

Preloved uniforms will be on sale again this year. Thank you to the many parents who have donated preloved uniforms to our stall. The uniforms will be on sale:

- Tuesday morning at 8.30 by Micky our wonderful school volunteer and Friday afternoon at around 2.30 by a parent who volunteers her time.

We are very grateful to both of these women who give of their own time to benefit others.

If you require uniforms outside these times please chat to Jenny in the office.

Last year we had a burst pipe on our basketball and netball courts. We had a lot of water and it was very difficult for the plumbers to locate the leak. As a result, we had quite a large hole. They refilled it over the holidays and we are waiting for it to be asphalted. These things happen!

We have employed a new maintenance and garden facilitator who began with us yesterday. You will see Michael around our school and one of his first jobs will be to tidy the basketball/netball courts and oversee the asphalt. We thank both parents and children for their patience.

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We have family chats coming up. These chats are a time for families to share information with their child's teacher, it is not a time for teachers to report to parents. We are still getting to know the children. Please choose a time on the PTO to meet with your child's teacher.








Thank you for your patience on the car park. The beginning of the year is always a busy time and our new Prep parents are getting used to the way it runs. The car park is a time for us to practice our kindness to one another and our patience.

We understand the beginning of the year is a very busy time for families. Your children are starting back at school and are beginning their extra curricular activities. Teachers are getting to know your child as well, so homework will begin in the first week of March. Children can always read books from home or visit the local library to investigate some different books. The internet also has some wonderful learning for students if you are looking for something. Just a reminder, homework does not go home the last week of the term.

If you have any queries please contact me.

Take care,

Jackie

	<p>School photos will be taken on Tuesday 18th February. Envelopes have gone home today. Payment is to be made by cash or credit card only. Envelopes are to be returned to the school office or to your child's teacher. Summer uniform is to be worn. If your child has sport on this day, they must wear their summer uniform. Sibling photo forms are available from the office.</p>
	<p>School fee accounts will be sent out at the end of next week. If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card you may be eligible for the CSEF Government Allowance to be deducted from your fees. Please contact the office for an application form or for more information.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
	<p>Icy pole sales will commence soon, the date will be advised. Rosters will go home with the students when they are completed. Icy poles will be delivered to the children's classroom this year. Children must have CORRECT MONEY. Price will be advised with commencement date.</p>
	<p>The school Newsletter will be published fortnightly on the school Website. A Paper copy will be sent home to each family today only. Notifications are sent to the Emmaus App when published. If you require a paper copy, they will be available from the office reception.</p>
	<p>Please contact the office before 9.15 am by phone, or email secretary@emsydenham.catholic.edu.au if your child is sick or will be late.</p>

FEBRUARY 2020	
18	School Photos
19	Enrolment 2021 Information Session 7.00 pm at Emmaus School
25	Parent Cyber Safety Session at Emmaus Church at 7.00 pm
26	Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00 am Emmaus Church 7.00 pm Emmaus Church
MARCH 2020	
9	Labour Day - Public Holiday
27	Term I Finish at 1.00 pm

TERM DATES
Term 1 Finish Friday 27th March
Term 2 Tuesday, 14 th April – Friday 26 th June
Term 3 Monday, 13 th July – Friday 18 th September
Term 4 Monday 5 th October – Wednesday 16 th December.
There will be some professional development days for staff over the year but we will let you know in advance .

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are pleased to advise that BlueFit Kids will now be your Before and After School Care Provider at Emmaus Catholic Primary School.

BlueFit Kids believes in creating a positive active environment for children to help foster, promote and extend their confidence, fitness and social abilities. We understand all children are unique with different needs, likes and dislikes and we are passionate about giving them the opportunity express their individuality through a range of programs and activities.

We have an online booking system (Smart Central) for your enrolments, bookings and billing which will allow families to claim the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) rebate and book for Before School Care and After School Care.

To continue your enrolment please complete the following steps:

STEPS TO BOOK ONLINE

- 1 Visit 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.

Feel free to contact us on **1300 112 583** or info@bluefitkids.com.au if you have any questions or require further information.

BlueFit Kids understands the dynamic needs of families and we continuously aspire to add value to schools and the entire community through commitment and support

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