



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience during these unusual times.

Our first priority at Emmaus is the health and safety of our school community.

As you are aware schools are still open. If we hear otherwise from the Department of Education and Catholic Education Melbourne we will inform you as quickly as we can.

We are being provided the latest advice from the Australian and Victorian Chief Medical Officers by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd to ensure that our school practices are helping to keep our school community safe from the outbreak.

If your child presents as unwell it is important you keep them home. If you, or a member of your family have travelled overseas you are required to self isolate for 14 days.

Please send a drink bottle of water to school with your child's name on it. We will be turning off the water bubblers to minimise risks. The children will be able to take their drink bottle outside with them at play times.

The children are being reminded to wash their hands properly and we are encouraging the children to limit their physical contact with each other.

In the case that the school may be closed we are preparing learning for the students to be involved in at home.

The Bishop sent a letter dated 15th March suspending all Confirmation Ceremonies in our Archdiocese until further notice. Our Parish will also be suspending Blessing Masses in relation to the Sacraments. The Sacrament 2 meeting for Confirmation that was to be held this Thursday, 19th March is also postponed. As the Sacrament of First Eucharist is not until the end of June, the Parish is still evaluating these ceremonies and we will let you know as soon as possible. 2021 expressions of interest for enrolment can now be collected from the office or call the office if you would like it emailed to you.

Schools have been advised to limit the size of its gatherings so there will not be any Thursday school masses until further notice.

Year 5/6 Interschool sport will also be cancelled for the rest of term.

Unfortunately we will also need to cancel the Year 1 excursion to Woolworths on Friday.

This is an evolving situation and we will keep you updated as things change.

Thank you for your support as we work to keep our students safe.

Warm regards,

Jackie

SCHOOL IS OPEN

School Mass on Thursday 19th March and Thursday 26th March - Cancelled

Sacrament 2 Meeting on Thursday 19th March - Postponed

Year 1 Woolworths excursion - Cancelled

Interschool Sports, Friday 20th March and Friday 27th March - Cancelled.

Enrolment Masses - 21st/22nd March - Expressions of interest available at the school office

Confirmation - 3rd May - Postponed