



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 19th March, 2020

The school Newsletter will be published fortnightly on the school Website. Notifications are sent to the Emmaus App when published. If you require a paper copy, they will be available from the office reception

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversation with neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.
When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way - better
for each other
because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci

**I will keep this newsletter brief as we have been sending home so many messages.
We will let all families know if our school is being closed.
Until you hear a message from us we will be OPEN as usual.**

A BIG THANK YOU

I would like to publicly thank the fabulous Emmaus staff. The last week has been incredibly difficult for all of us. Never before have we experienced anything like this. The staff at our school have had to deal with the challenge of the virus in their own families whilst being a wonderful support to our children at Emmaus. The teachers have continued to plan for their daily teaching and have also been planning for home schooling in case schools close. They have maintained their structures and routines in the classroom so the children can feel safe and secure. They have maintained business as usual. I can assure you they have not been 'babysitting' as has been suggested in the media. A big thank you to them all!

PARISH MASSES

Our Parish Priest Maurie forwarded an email from the Bishops and Archbishop pertaining to Parish Masses. I have attached it for you to read through. This means that there will be NO masses in our Parish until further notice. As the message says, we are encouraged to keep up our prayers.

END OF TERM REMINDER

A reminder that we will conclude the term at 1pm on Friday, 27th March. We will continue to keep you informed. Please give me a ring or make an appointment to see me if you have any questions.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Jackie



HARMONY DAY

Tomorrow, Friday 20th March children are able to wear casual clothes with an orange t-shirt or top for Harmony Day



ICYPOLE SALES

Icy poles will continue next week until stocks last. We will notify families through the app when sales will finish.



STUDENT ABSENCE

Please contact the office before 9.15 am by phone, or email secretary@emsydenham.catholic.edu.au if your child is absent.

MARCH 2020

27	Term I Finish at 1.00 pm
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APRIL 2020

9	Holy Thursday
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10	Good Friday
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11	Easter Saturday
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12	Easter Sunday
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13	Easter Monday
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14	Term 2 begins
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Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

**AT THE ARCHBISHOP'S
DIRECTIVE, OUR
CHURCH IS CLOSED.**

**THERE WILL BE NO
MASS IN OUR
CHURCHES
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE.**

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

ALTERNATIVELY MASS CAN BE VIEWED
ON:

**Channel 10 – Mass for you at home at
6.00am every Sunday**

OR online at

<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

(continuous daily from Lavender Bay Parish,
Sydney) or

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

(from St Patrick's cathedral Melbourne at 1pm
onwards weekdays, 11am onwards on Sunday)

IF CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE, PLEASE CHECK
ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE, WHICH IS THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE OR OUR
PARISH WEBSITE WITH THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

www.cam.org.au OR

<http://pol.org.au/stalbanssydenham>

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP ALL OUR
PARISHIONERS IN OUR PRAYERS – GOD BLESS
YOU ALL, STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE.**



Wednesday 18 March 2020

Prayerful greetings to the people of God across Victoria,

This morning, the Prime Minister announced that non-essential indoor gatherings will be limited to 100 people, and outdoor events of more than 500 people will be disallowed, effective today. Given the seriousness of COVID-19, we support this measure as being responsible and sensible, and we encourage everyone to follow public safety guidelines respectfully.

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have given this prayerful and considered reflection, and have determined the following actions:

☐ Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.

☐ All other gatherings are suspended. For clarification of any concerns, please contact your local diocesan authority.

We are very aware that this restriction will be particularly difficult for families who are planning liturgies such as funerals, weddings and baptisms. At this time, so long as appropriate precautions are able to be put in place (such as distancing between participants), it may be possible for these liturgies to proceed with a carefully limited congregation.

Deferring these liturgies may also be an option that is offered to families.

In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248). We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass).

We encourage our priests to continue to celebrate Mass for the spiritual good of God's people, the intentions of the faithful and the alleviation of the present crisis. We assure our people that the Mass is being offered for you in our parishes and that while you are not physically present, you still participate spiritually and that you are close to the hearts of your pastors in the Eucharist.

We urge the clergy to make themselves available to visit individuals, especially those who are unwell and vulnerable.

This includes viaticum and all the opportunities for healing through the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation.

Again, we encourage you to regularly consult your local websites for further details of local arrangements.

Tomorrow further pastoral guidelines will be shared in the Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst. Clergy and religious should consult with their Ordinary if any questions remain uncertain.

Ill of this is happening during the Season of Lent, a time of preparation for the Easter mysteries. While we are invited to be self-sacrificial at this time, we must remember the words of Jesus upon appearing before his disciples after his resurrection: Again and again he said 'peace be with you.' (Jn 20:19) Let us not panic, nor be anxious, nor reduce ourselves to caring only for ourselves. This is a time to be sensible, practical, prayerful, and to share Christ's peace with those who are struggling to feel calm and safe.

Thank you for all your patience, prayers and resilience.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Most Rev Paul Bernard Bird CSsR MA, DD
BISHOP OF BALLARAT

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay
BISHOP OF SANDHURST

Most Rev Patrick Michael O'Regan
BISHOP OF SALE

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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