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Dear Parents,

As we find out more information we will continue to keep you informed.

Remember at this time the children are our main priority.

We hold the children at the centre of all we do at Emmaus.

We have been advised to only congregate in small groups. As a result we are asking that you do not bring your children to school before 8.30am. At 8.30 am the classroom doors will be open and children will walk straight into their classrooms.

After careful thought and realising how many children are unable to attend school at the moment we thought it best to postpone our pizza lunch on Thursday. We will reschedule this lunch. Thank you to the mums and dads who have put so much time into this event.

We have also considered our Easter Egg Raffle. Again there are many children absent and so their families will be unable to participate in this event. We are also aware of financial strains at the moment. We will return any egg donations we have already received and we will look to have another raffle during the year.

As we have had to cancel Interschool sports on Friday and we are celebrating Harmony Day and the National Day against bullying the Year 5 and 6 children will wear orange t-shirts. A shared lunch had been planned but will need to be cancelled. Children will eat their lunch in their classrooms.

On Thursday there was to be an Italian incursion for the Year 4s. Thank you to the parents who had volunteered their support on this day. Unfortunately, this will also have to be postponed.

In the event of a Government/Catholic Education Victoria directed school closure, Emmaus will provide home learning.

Thank you to the parents that informed us that there is a shortage of Emmaus winter tunics at PSW due to them being on order from overseas. For the first two weeks of term 2 either uniform can be worn. However, your child will need to wear their full winter uniform or their full summer uniform. Girls are also able to wear long pants in winter. Hats also need to be worn until the end of April as we are a Sun Smart school. We are working together with PSW and we will make any further decisions regarding the uniform if we need to in Term 2.

OHSC will continue. We are glad that we can continue to offer our parents and children this wonderful service. The children are being reminded to follow all preventative hygiene measures. They have a large play area and also play outside in the sunshine and fresh air. We are very grateful for our OSHC staff.

During these unprecedented times it is really important to look after each other. We need to keep positive for our children.

We know there is a lot of fabricated information and accusations being filtered around on a Parent Messenger page. This is not helpful to our school community. We are being transparent and delivering current news as it surfaces. If you have any questions please contact our office staff. Lorraine and I are also available to answer any queries. The way social media is being used by some of our parents is not a helpful forum as it is creating unnecessary anxiety among our parents at this time. It is important to look after one another during these times and remain positive in front of our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Remember if you have any questions please contact me.

Warm regards,

Jackie

SCHOOL IS STILL OPEN UNTIL WE ARE DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

Students are not to be at school until 8.30am. They will go directly into class.

The **Pizza Lunch** on Thursday is postponed.

Easter Raffle is cancelled with another raffle to follow later.

Harmony Day will go ahead on Friday. The Year 5s and 6s will wear an orange t-shirt. The children will have their lunch with their class in their classroom.

Year 4 **Italian Incursion** on Thursday is postponed.