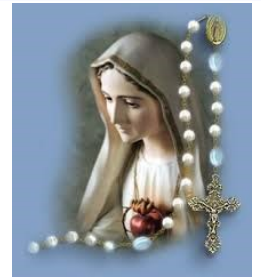




EMMAUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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 21st May, 2020
TERM 2, WEEK 6

The school Newsletter will be published fortnightly on the school website. Notifications are sent to the Emmaus App when published.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I promise I will keep this newsletter short!

Thank you for your understanding and positive feedback regarding the changes we have needed to put into place for next week. I know our changes will not suit everyone but I am so grateful our community is willing to do what is necessary for the safety of everyone.

It has been wonderful to chat to so many parents over the last few weeks and it has been pleasing to hear how grateful our parents are for what our teachers have been offering. It is comforting to be a part of such a supportive community. We know we haven't got everything right throughout these times, but our community has been understanding, with many parents offering constructive feedback so we can all move forward, working together.

We really value your feedback and would really love to hear your thoughts on the past few weeks.

If you could find the time could you please respond to the following four questions via email to principal@emsydenham.catholic.edu.au

Or you can respond via Google Form through your child's account (A Parent/Carer would respond on behalf of the family once only). An email link has been sent to your child/children for you to access the Google Form.

Questions

What are the 'silver linings' or 'positives' your family have experienced during 'Lockdown' and 'Schooling at home'?

What should we as a school community hold onto?

What should we as a school community let go of?

What would you like to see more of at our school?

We can't wait to see the children beginning to come back through the gates next Tuesday.

Please remember children are not required at school on Monday - it is for teachers only.

Enjoy your weekend,

Jackie

DISMISSAL

Years Prep 1 & 2 families, please refer to the email teachers have sent home or are sending home about where you would like us to take your child at the end of the school day so you can meet them to take them home. Eg. Peck's Road, Back Shed, etc.

LOST PROPERTY

Please name **ALL** jumpers, hats, drink bottles and items children bring to school. We would like to encourage the children to be responsible for their own items. If the child's name is on the item we can return it straight away. We would prefer not to have lost property.

WINTER UNIFORM

All children are required to wear their full winter uniform when they return to school. PWS is open as of yesterday and you can purchase any uniform items there. We also have preloved uniforms on site which can be purchased.

You may purchase preloved uniforms on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons.

Years Prep, One and Two will be required to wear their sports uniform on Tuesday 26th May.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If your child will be at school prior to 8.30 am they need to attend before school care. Please ring the door bell at Gate 3 and a Bluefit carer will open the gate and assist you. Also for after school care pick up, please ring door bell at Gate 3.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 school fees are now overdue.

School fees are essential to our existence. Our school fees are one of the lowest in our area, and we endeavour to keep them as affordable as possible. We understand children are learning at home during this time and parents are supervising the learning. However, as a school we are doing all we can to facilitate the ongoing education of our students and we are still required to pay our ongoing costs. Our teachers are actually working harder than ever before.

We are aware of hardships being experienced across our community. We are here for parents who do not qualify for the health care card discount but who are experiencing financial difficulties during this time. Arrangements can be made with Jackie Byrne, the Principal of Emmaus. We appreciate how difficult it is for parents to come forward with financial concerns but we will ensure each case is handled with care and discretion.

2021 EMMAUS ENROLMENTS

Please remind family and friends that we are in the process of taking Prep enrolments for 2021. We will be holding interviews for our 2021 Foundation enrolments over the coming weeks. For existing families, this will take the form of a phone call with Jackie and Lorraine. We will meet with our new families exercising social distancing requirements.

PARISH MASS

Mass is available through STREAMING AND TV in our Parish. We live stream Sunday Mass each weekend from our Parish starting on Saturdays at 5.00 pm. Use SHEPARISH on YouTube and Facebook

