



Emmaus Catholic Parish Primary School Sydenham

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

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Dear Families,

I, like all of you, eagerly await Sunday, for our Government's plan forward out of stage 4 restrictions. There are many rumours being shared as to what that will look like but I think the best thing to do is to wait to hear it from the Premier.

I will wait for these plans to be announced as well as direction from the Catholic Education Office. We will then spend time deciding how it will best work for the community of Emmaus. Again many decisions that are made do not suit us personally but we have to plan for the common good, keeping the wellbeing of the children and the teachers at the centre of all of our decisions.

We will communicate the 'Emmaus Plan' to you as soon as we can. As you can appreciate there is always a lot to consider and we will not rush into any decisions. Please be patient as we wind our way forwards. We can't wait to have students back at school.

STEM MAD

In the meantime I would like to congratulate our Year 6's. Over the last term they have been involved in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) initiative devised by Catholic Education Melbourne. Students worked through a design process in groups remotely to devise something that would make a difference to our world. This project was initiated by our ICT Leader, Laura Chamberlain. Laura, and the Year 6 teachers, Adrian, Persis, Sarah and Lorraine, our Deputy Principal, coached these children remotely with their projects.

I had the privilege of participating in the final presentation of these projects. I was absolutely blown away by the student's creativity, collaboration, persistence and skills in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Their presentation skills should also be commended. Well done Year 6s.

Educators from throughout the school were involved with the judging. I thank Laura, Adrian, Persis, Sarah, Lorraine, Chris, Carmela, Jade and Sandra for giving their time to this task. We also had two special guests from CEM, Shelley Waldon and Dean Carmody involved as well. Their task was very difficult, but seven groups were finally chosen to participate in semi finals with students from other schools. This will take place during October.

The winners of the Emmaus STEM MAD projects were -

- Rafael, Brandon and Phillip-Lazerbeams
- Nobin, Leon, Ben and Elijah-Quick Eats

- Serena, Alizah, Lian and Lana- Holistic Thinkers
- Marko-Innovators not Imitators
- Luke and Caleb- Swoop'em Tiger Broz
- Luca, Nicholas, Samuel and Marcus- NextBigTing
- Jackson, Jai and Milan-JiMiJac

Congratulations from us all!

Wellbeing Friyay

Tomorrow is 'Wellbeing Friyay!' Wellbeing is so important and particularly important during these times. The wellbeing activities our students may choose from will be on a Hapara page, labelled ' **Wellbeing FriYAY**', which will be uploaded this afternoon. These activities will be for this Friday and next Friday. We hope these activities add to your wellbeing. Don't forget to get your crazy hair ready for your class Google Meet tomorrow.

2021 Foundation Student Enrolment Interview

We are really looking forward to getting to know our 2021 Foundation students. We have set aside some time on Thursday 17th, and Friday 18th September to meet with parents and our new students. Please book a time through PTO to meet with Jackie and Lorraine.

Father's Day

It's Father's Day this Sunday. I hope you have a wonderful day celebrating the special men in your lives. It may not look the same as it normally does but we are getting much better at using Facetime, Google Meet and Zoom. I hope you are able to connect in some way this Father's Day.

Dear God,

Thank you for all the fathers and father-figures in our lives and for the many ways you use them to lovingly guide us to your heart.

We ask that you bless them and give them great joy and peace.

May they see you and know you in new ways.

Show them how much you love them and care about them.

Guide their steps, use their hands, and make them a blessing to others as you continue to fulfil your special purpose for their lives.

Amen

Take care,

Jackie Byrne

Principal

