



## **Emmaus Catholic Parish Primary School Sydenham**

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

October 15 2020

Hello Families,

It is wonderful to have the children back at school. Their physical and emotional presence is uplifting for us all. It has been fabulous to see the children's smiling faces, to watch them reconnect with their teachers and their peers and with the school environment. I think one of the silver linings of these times has been our growth in gratitude for others. No longer do we take the special people in our lives for granted. They are indeed a blessing!

As of Friday, 16th October all children are expected to be back at school unless the children have a severe medical condition and a doctor's certificate. Unfortunately, COVID 19 is going to be something we need to learn to live with and do our very best to avoid. We will continue to be vigilant with our hygiene and safety practices at Emmaus.

### **2021**

We are beginning to make plans for 2021. Please ring the school or email us to let us know if your child/children are not returning so we can plan accordingly. If you have any concerns about your child you would like us to consider for next year please call me to chat this through. Parents cannot request a teacher or friends for their children during this discussion.

### **Dismissal**

Thank you for your patience during dismissal at the end of the day. We know it takes a little longer and people have to walk further or wait longer but during these times safety comes first. Adults are requested to continue to maintain social distancing at the gates and in the car park please. Parents are not able to enter the school.

### **Homework**

Homework and readers will begin on Monday, 26th October. We acknowledge starting back at school this term may be exhausting for some students and understand if children are unable to complete all of their homework.

### **Book Week**

Book Week begins on Monday, 19th October. We will be having Book Week parades COVID style. The children will have a wonderful week celebrating books.

Unfortunately parents will be unable to attend but we will share a video with our Emmaus Community. We will celebrate with the children by providing them with a Zooper Dooper during lunchtime.

### **Public Holiday**

We have a Public Holiday for the AFL Grand Final on Friday, 23rd October. There will be no school on this day.

### **Hats**

As we are a Sun Smart School we are required to wear hats in Term 4. All children will need to wear their hats from Tuesday, 20th October. **No hat, no play!**

### **Icy Poles**

Icy Poles will be sold from Tuesday, 20th October. The icy poles are Calippos and will be sold for \$1. If your child would like a Calippo please send them with their money. Staff will organise the icy poles as parents cannot be on site. We will not require a parent roster.

### **Jumpers and Hats**

As the weather warms up children are taking off their jumpers on the yard. We will get jumpers and hats back to the children if they have their names on them. Please make sure all jumpers and hats have their names on.

If any new decisions are made by the Government on Sunday affecting our school I will communicate them to you next week.

Until then take care,

Jackie