



Emmaus Catholic Parish Primary School Sydenham

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

Thursday October 8

Dear Families,

It is really exciting to think we will all be back at school next week.

Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 on Monday, 12th October and
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Tuesday, 13th October.

The only reason your child would be absent from school is if they have a severe medical condition or they have COVID symptoms.

If your child has a severe medical condition and a doctor has given consent for them to stay at home you will need to let us know.

Wellbeing

For the first two weeks of the children returning to school we will be focussing on reconnecting with each other, with teachers and with the environment. Supporting the children's mental and physical wellbeing is our primary focus for the beginning of this term. Children cannot do their best learning if they do not feel safe, connected, optimistic and hope filled. We will be giving the children time to settle back in.

The children will resume their learning at school so flexible and remote learning will cease from next week. All loaned Mac Books/iPads will need to be returned on Monday and Tuesday so we can get them ready to be used throughout the school.

Hygiene

We will continue to:
use hand sanitiser in the classrooms.
encourage the children to wash their hands.
greet each other touching elbows.
endeavour to keep our distance.

Teachers will wear masks around the school, but are not required to wear them when they are teaching.

If your child has symptoms of COVID they must stay at home.

Drop Off

The school day will begin at 8.50am.

The gates will open at 8.30am.

We will open Gate 1, Gate 3, the Church Gate and Pecks Road Gate. You may enter via any of these gates.

If you enter Gate 1 it will be 'kiss and drop' off only.

Parents are still not able to enter the school and must maintain social distancing.

Dismissal

There will be two staggered dismissal times to allow for regulating physical distancing.
Families with surnames :

Children with A-J surnames will be dismissed at 3pm. Please stay in your car until 3pm.

A-C will be dismissed at the front school gate.

D-J will be dismissed at the Church gate.

Families with surnames:

K-Z will be dismissed at 3.10pm Please stay in your car until 3.10pm.

K-Q will be dismissed at the front school gate.

R-Z will be dismissed at the Church gate.

We strongly advise you to also use Pecks Rd gate and the back shed/car park exit.

Could you email your child's classroom teacher if you are going to be using Pecks Rd exit, Back shed/car park exit or Blue Fit After School Care. **This will need to be done by Friday afternoon, 9th October.**

Uniform

All children may choose to wear either their full winter uniform or their full summer uniform until the 4th November. However, children must wear either full winter uniform or full summer uniform.

Sports uniform may be worn on Sports Days.

Year 6s will wear their Leadership Jacket.

We understand PSW is closed but they have an online shop and you can click and collect items or you can have it delivered. We have become very good at shopping on line. We understand there is a shortage of shorts so they can be purchased at any other department store.

If your child is unable to wear their full school uniform you will need to write a note to the child's classroom teacher.

Book Week

We will be celebrating Book Week from October 19th – Friday 23rd October.

Our dress up day will be on Monday October 19th. The theme is:

'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'

Unfortunately, we will be unable to have parents on site for our parade. We will take photos and place them on the school's website.

Term Dates

The school will be closed:

Friday, 23rd October – AFL Grand Final Public Holiday

Monday, 2nd November – Professional Practice Day

Tuesday, 3rd November – Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

The school year will conclude for students on Friday, 11th December

We are still unable to confirm the Graduation date at this stage.

This term will continue to unfold as the weeks go on. We will keep communicating with you as things change.

Thank you for your continued support.

See you soon!

Jackie