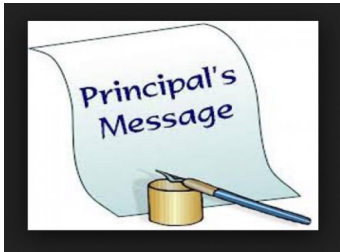


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Thursday 3rd December 2020 TERM 4, WEEK 9

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

Dear Families,

It's December already. Last weekend we lit the first candle of Advent as we prepare for the coming of our Lord.

*God calls us out of darkness
To walk in the light of his coming*

Reports

Today we send home your child's report. Due to another interrupted semester the reports will again look different to what you are used to. We have reported on what has been taught and how your child interacted during flexible remote learning as well as how they have progressed throughout this time. We are very grateful to every parent. We understand how difficult this year has been for everyone and we thank you for your efforts throughout this year. We have also been thrilled with the resilience and positive nature of our students throughout this time. They have been extraordinary and we are very proud of them.

Christmas Concert

Today we also send home our 'COVID' Christmas Concert. We hope you take time to enjoy our performances as a family. We thank our Christmas concert team – Laura, Persis, Taylor, Jade and Adrian who enabled it to come together. We would also like to thank the Year 6 students, Serena and Joell, who put the end of the year slideshow together.

Carpark Safety

Thank you to everyone using our carpark safely. It has been very busy on Sydenham Road over the last week due to a transition period for the Year 11 and 12 students at CRC, Sydenham. Just a few reminders – The car park does not open to parents in the morning until 8.25 and children cannot enter the school grounds until 8.30am. We do not have teachers on duty until 8.30am. We understand if you require your children to be at school prior to this time but they must attend before school care. At the end of the day, you must park your car and hop out of your car to pick up your child. Children cannot walk across the carpark on their own.

You cannot double park on Sydenham Road for children to walk between cars to your stationary car. Children must be picked up by 3.20 in the afternoon. We understand if you are held up unexpectedly. Please let the office know if this is the case so we can support your child. If you cannot pick up your child before this time, your child will need to attend after school care. Teachers have meetings to attend after school.

Before and After School Care Providers

Last week our OHSC providers Blue Fit informed us that they have decided to withdraw their services from our school. We are currently exploring other OHSC providers. We are confident we will have a provider ready to go at the start of next year. We are looking for a company that will live up to our expectations and fit in with the values and culture of our school. More news will follow.



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2021

Monday is our 'Step Up' Day when we begin our transition program from this year to next year. Children will find out who their new teacher is going to be, where their classroom is and who their classmates will be. It is a very exciting time for everyone. As parents we can support our children by explaining that all of their feelings are natural – excitement, nervousness, grief – moving on from a known teacher and classmates. We can also build hope in our students by explaining that it takes time to build relationships with a new teacher but that everything will be ok. Each child has at least 1 friend that they have chosen in their class for 2021. This might not be the same friend you might have chosen for them -but everything will be ok as they build their relationships with others. Please be positive when your child informs you of their teacher and friends.

This year we farewell Laura Chamberlain. Laura has been with Emmaus for many years and we are very grateful for her service to our school. Laura has taken up a role as a classroom teacher at a new school – St Joseph's in Werribee. We wish her luck as she moves on to new and exciting times. We also say goodbye to Katie O'Brien. Katie has been our Occupational Therapist over the last few years and has been a wonderful addition to the Emmaus staff. I know I have learnt so much from her and she has been a wonderful asset to our teaching staff, children and parents.

We welcome a new Occupational Therapist – Stacey Loveridge and a new Psychologist, Natalie Mizzi, to the Emmaus team. They both come highly recommended as wonderful professionals who are eager to make a difference to the children at our school. They are both past students of Emmaus, it is lovely to have them returning.

Just a reminder we finish at 3pm next Friday, December 11th. Children may wear casual clothes to celebrate the last day of the 2020 school year.

Kind regards,
Jackie Byrne

CROSS COUNTRY

We would like to congratulate all children in Years Prep- 2 and 4-6 for their participation in the Cross Country Event. The children did a wonderful job and it was great to see them encouraging and supporting each other during the race. We are very proud of them!

Unfortunately, the Grade 3 children were not able to participate in the race due to the weather, however they will be competing on Tuesday 8th December.

On this day, could all Grade 3 children please wear a top/t-shirt representing their house (team) colour.



Year 6 children placed 1st - 4th in the Cross Country Race

December 2020

7	Yr 6 Confirmation 5.30 pm & 7.00 pm
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9	Yr 6 Graduation
9	Yr 6 Luncheon
11	Casual Clothes Day
11	Children finish Term 4 Normal times 3.00 pm & 3.10 pm After School Care to 6.00 pm
16	School closed for Christmas At 4.00 pm

January 2021

27	Staff commence term 1
29	Foundation Students 2021 Transition 9.00 am - 12.30 pm School uniform required
29	New students at Emmaus 2021 Yr 1-Yr 6 Orientation 9.30 am - 10.30 am. Casual clothes

February 2021

1	Yr 1 - Yr 6 begin school at 8.45 am start. Foundation students continue
3	No Foundation students at school
10	No Foundation students at school

