

# EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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## A message to the community

### From the Beginning of Time

Jesus, you have known us from the beginning of time, you have known us in the depths of our dreams and in the darkness of our shame, you know us as your beloved. Help us to own that core identity more and more in this season of repentance and mercy. Give us the rock-solid assurance of your unwavering faith in us as we seek the same in you. Amen.

Dear Families,

This week, the liturgical season of Lent began. On Ash Wednesday the whole school attended mass to recognise this. The children received the ashes and were reminded that Lent is an opportunity to change and grow in the footsteps of Jesus.

We were very grateful to the parents who came along to cook pancakes for the children on Shrove Tuesday. The children loved them and we raised some money for Caritas Project Compassion.

#### **Discovery Day Learning Walks**

We also welcomed many families to view the Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 Discovery Days in action. The children loved showing their parents their learning. We saw engaged children in their friendship groups having a great time learning. The Year 5/6 'Discovery Day' Learning Walk will be held on Tuesday, 28th February and the Foundation Discovery Day Learning Walk for parents will be held on Monday, 6th March.

#### Mass

This Friday we will be celebrating mass with the Year 3 - 6 students led by our Year 6s. Families are invited to attend. All through the Parish, school masses are held every fortnight with this week's mass being held earlier due to Year 6 camp next week. The next mass will be held on Friday, 17th March with the Years P - 2. This will be the Preps first mass. All families are most welcome to attend.



#### Foundation Students and Year 5 Buddies

We are very proud of our 2023 Foundation students. They have settled into their classes very well. They love learning and they love playing outside. We love getting to know them. The Year 5s have been very excited to meet their Prep Buddies who they will walk alongside for two years. It is wonderful to watch the Year 5s support them in their play on the yard. They have shared lunch together and will have many opportunities to learn and play together.

#### Year 6 Camp

Next week we have our Year 6 camp in Warrnambool. We are really excited to be heading off on the bus on Wednesday morning. We look forward to posting pictures on Instagram and Seesaw. We will have 8 teachers away on camp supporting the children. I will be one of them. I love the opportunity to get to know the children outside of school. If you need to contact me between March 1st and March 3rd you can do this via email. I will be checking them while I am away.

#### Colour Run 2022

Thank you to all those who sponsored children in our colour run last year. The children received their prizes last week.

#### **Interschool Sports**

Good luck to our Year 5 and 6 students who will be competing at Cana tomorrow morning in the inter school sports. Parents are welcome to go to Cana to watch the games. You will just need to sign in when you get there.

#### **Getting To know You Chats**

Thank you to the many parents who have taken the time to meet with the teachers to talk about their children. This helps us get to know the children and then we can work together in partnership to enable them to be the best they can be.

#### Cybersafety

A parent Information night from 'Inform and Empower' for Year 5 parents and other interested familes. It will be held on the evening of Wednesday 1st March. You are required to register using a parent registration page (Eventbrite) for the session.

Please use the following link to register: bit.ly/emmaus2023

Remember if you have any questions, queries or concerns my door is always open. You can ring to make a time to meet, email me or call.

Have a great week,

Jackie



#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 28th February- Year 5 / 6 Discovery Day Learning Walk Wednesday 1st March- Grade 5 Inform and Empower information session Wednesday 1st -3rd March- Grade 6 Camp Monday 6th March- Foundation Discovery Day Learning Walk Monday 6th March- Parents and Friends Meeting at 6.30pm Friday 10th March- Pupil free day