



Emmaus Catholic Parish Primary School Sydenham

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

Mini News Thursday, June 25 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We thought we would send a mini newsletter home this week to finish off what has been a very 'different' term. Change has been difficult for some but we are very grateful to those who have been open to the changes we have had to implement. We have all had to be flexible and adaptable during these times.

Thank you for the positive comments regarding our school reports sent home this week. We were unable to send home our regular reports as we were bound by Government and CEVN guidelines. We are hopeful that reports will return to normal in Semester 2 and we will hold parent/teacher interviews as we have before. Lorraine and I really enjoyed reading through the reports and discovering how well the teachers know each child and how each child adapted to learning from home.

Tomorrow we will finish the term at 1pm. The children will be dismissed from the same points they are currently being dismissed from. The children are asked to wear casual clothes and to donate a gold coin towards our fundraising efforts. As we are finishing at 1pm the children will not need to bring their lunch to school.

Over the school holidays the asphalt will be replaced on our basketball/netball courts and we will continue to work on the update of our gardens. Thank you to Michael who will be working extra and overseeing these works on his holidays. Our school grounds are an important reflection of who we are as a school and having beautiful surroundings are very important to our wellbeing.

Please note that major construction is continuing along the Sunbury rail corridor as part of the Sunbury Line Upgrade. Trees are being removed to enable the installation of new power and signalling services, and a platform extension at Watergardens station. Therefore construction vehicles will be on the roads and there may be some road closures.

Term 3

School will resume on Monday, July 13th.

Hopefully we will be able to start back at school on the first day of third term. If anything changes over the holidays I will contact you all by email. We will continue with our current timetable for the time being.

- Gates open at 8.25 - Carpark gates, front gate, church gate and Pecks Road gate.
- School starts at **8.45am - children go directly to their classrooms**
- School concludes at **3pm every day**. We will continue to walk children to the gates for dismissal. If children are not picked up on time they will go to After School Care.

Our before school care program is open from 7am in the morning and closes at 6pm in the evening.

A reminder that all students will be wearing their full winter uniform when we return in third term. It is also important for children to wear their hair up if it is longer than their shoulders. At Emmaus it is important we wear our uniform with pride. Our Year 6s certainly look very smart in their leadership jackets and are leading our school well.

We are still unsure of the dates for Confirmation and First Eucharist. We are not withholding information from you. As soon as we know what the Parish have decided we will let parents and carers know. Today we have received an email from the Bishop's office explaining that there will not be any Confirmation ceremonies before October this year.

We are also attaching a message from our local police. Please read over it as we would hate anyone to receive a fine.

We hope everyone is able to relax and rejuvenate over the holidays ready for a new term. Please take care, stay healthy and use an abundance of caution during these current times in our local area.

Warm regards,

Jackie Byrne