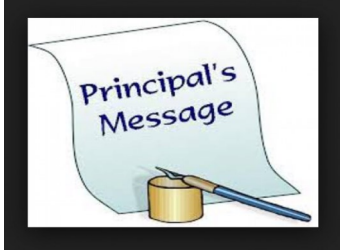




# EMMAUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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



**Thursday 11th March, 2021**  
**TERM 1, WEEK 7**

Please note all newsletters will be sent through Operoo and placed on the school website.

Our prayer during Lent . . .

*Father,  
Help me to see this Holy Season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal,  
Rather than a time of deprivation.  
Motivate me to reach a new level of expressing your Grace.  
Amen*

Dear Families,

I hope families had a lovely long weekend. It has been a busy few weeks at Emmaus.

Last week our Year 4 students celebrated their First Reconciliation together with their families in our Church with Father Maurie, Father Tom and Father Peter. They were well prepared by their teachers, Jade, Debbie and Marian and our Religious Education Leader, Lorraine. We still have COVID limitations at our church. We are now able to have 170 people at mass in our Church, so the Reconciliations were a lovely celebration with the children's nearest and dearest supporting them and celebrating with them.

This weekend we will be celebrating our Year 5 First Communion. They will be held at 1.30pm and 3pm Saturday, 13th March and Sunday, 14th March at 1pm. Our Year 5 children and their families have waited a whole year for this very special celebration. I'm sure the Emmaus community will keep them in their prayers.

We are very close to finalising our Confirmation dates and we will be sending them out early next week. Parents will be required to choose a date and time from a list of times that will suit their families. Again, there will be limitations to numbers in our Church. We also have to keep in mind that during these unsettled times anything can happen and affect these dates.

Last night we held a Foundation 2022 Parent Information Evening. I can't believe it's that time of the year already. Our Year 6s volunteered their time on the night to tour our new parents around our school. The parents were very impressed by their ability to present themselves so confidently and talk so glowingly about their school. We were all very proud to hear such wonderful feedback. Our Year 6 leaders are nominating themselves for leadership positions at the moment. We wish them the best of luck.

We asked all parents at the meeting who were interested in sending their children to Emmaus in 2022 to register their interest on the 'Expression of Interest' link on our website under the enrolment heading. Existing parents are required to do the same. If you would like your children to begin school in Foundation in 2022 could you please complete the form on the website and submit it to us. We will then contact you and ask you to complete an enrolment form online.

Next Friday, 19th March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day and the National Day against Bullying. Children are required to wear something orange to signify our awareness of these causes.

We are also asking parents not to talk to their children through the school fence near our basketball courts. We are teaching our children 'stranger danger' and if children see other children talking to people they think they can do the same.

Take care,

Jackie