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Week 5

EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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A message to the community

Dear Families,

As we begin the season of Lent in our Church we pray for the people of Ukraine and our love and thoughts go out to those in our community who have families in this area of the world.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference

There is so much hurt in our world at the moment. War in Ukraine and floods in Queensland and New South Wales. It is important we keep these people in our prayers and thoughts and always be grateful for what we have in our own lives.

I am very grateful for all that is happening at Emmaus. We continue to deal with COVID in our community. We are endeavouring to do the best we can to keep children, teachers and parents safe in our school. We are still experiencing illness throughout the school but families and teachers are managing this.



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Ash Wednesday

On a more positive note, we were able to celebrate our first mass for the year with our year 1s - 6s in the church for Ash Wednesday. It is the first time we have been in the church together for a year. The mass was led by Lorraine, our Deputy of Faith and Mission and our new performing arts teacher, Elizabeth Kietner. I don't know how Liz did it, but in 4 weeks she had taught all of the children beautiful hymns and we had the whole school singing them. It was a beautiful mass celebrated by our Parish Priest, Father Maurie Cooney. We look forward to holding more masses throughout the year.

Interschool Sports

We have been able to hold interschool sports over the last two weeks. It has been fabulous to have both Monmia and Sydenham Hillside come and play against our students. It has also been wonderful to have our parents visit and come and watch their children participate. We look forward to more games at home and visiting other schools soon.

Parents and Friends

We welcomed about fifty parents to our first Parents and Friends meeting for 2022. We held the meeting in the staff room and online so as many people as possible could attend. It was lovely to see many new parents to our school come along and enjoy time together planning a way forward for children of Emmaus. We will let you know about some upcoming events very soon. Keep your eyes out.

Getting to know you chats

Thank you to the parents who made time to meet with their child's teacher throughout the last two weeks. Even though it couldn't be in person it was still a wonderful opportunity to find out how your child has settled into the new school year and it was an opportunity for teachers to get to know more about your child.

Foundation Students

Our Foundation students have been doing a wonderful job settling into school life. They are all little individuals and all take time to settle in their own way. We are enjoying getting to know their personalities and welcoming them into our community. We are also very proud to see them taking such big steps in their little lives. Our Year 5 students are the Prep Buddies and are doing their best to welcome them and to ensure they feel they belong at our school. Foundation students will begin on Wednesdays from the 16th March.

Foundation 2023 Students

On Monday, 22nd March we will be holding our school tour and information evening for students beginning Prep next year in 2023. If you are an existing parent and know how it all works, it is not necessary to attend this evening but of course you would be most welcome if you would like to attend. Vaccination certificates will need to be presented on arrival.

Enrolments for 2023 will open on Monday 22nd March.

Please tell your friends and families to attend this meeting if they have a new child starting school. If you are an existing family please get your enrolment form in as soon as you can so we know how many spaces we have left for the children in our Parish and in our zone.



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Cyber Safety Evening

This Monday, Judy, our Digital Technology Leader, will be sending home information about our upcoming Cyber Safety evening on Tuesday 15th March at 6.30pm in the church. This is a compulsory night for our Year 5 parents but it is also open to any other parents who might also like to hear up to date information about this topic.

Advertisement for Kitchen Hand

Catholic Regional College Sydenham is seeking to fill a position of "Kitchen Hand". It is desirable yet not essential that the successful applicant holds a Food Handling Certificate and has experience in food services. This is a fixed term position commencing as soon as possible and concluding on 28 January 2023, with a possible extension to the contract depending upon the needs of the College and its community. Hours of employment are from 9.00am - 2.30pm, Monday to Thursday. If you are interested in the position, please email your Letter of Application and Curriculum Vitae to jobs@crccs.vic.edu.au by Friday 11 March.

Take care,

Jackie

Dates for your calendar

Cyber Safety Meeting

Tuesday, 15th March, 6.30 - 8pm in the Church
(Compulsory for Year 5 parents)

Foundation 2023 School Tour and information Evening

Monday 22nd March at 6.30pm in the hall
Proof of vaccination is required

School Photos

Thursday, 31st March

Interschool Sport

Each Friday morning at 9.30 except for Friday, 11th March as we have a bye.
At the moment, parents are able to attend home games at Emmaus.
When this changes we will let parents know.
