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A message to the community

Do you Want to fast This Lent?- In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words.....and say kind words.

Fast from sadness.....and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger.....and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimismand be filled with hope.

Fast from worries.....and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints.....and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures.....and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness.....and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness.....and be compassionate to others.

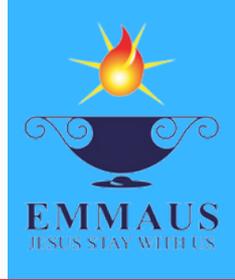
Fast from grudges.....and be reconciled.

Fast from words.....and be silent so you can listen.

Dear Parents,

Last week I was fortunate to witness our Year 6s on camp in Warrnambool together with seven other teachers. It is the first time we have been on camp so early in the year. The children were marvellous. It was a wonderful opportunity to deepen their relationships with others and to experience fun times together. The children were kept very busy from morning until evening exploring all Warrnambool had to offer.

Thank you also to the teachers who were back at school. They took on extra duties and managed the school without eight of the staff. They were amazing.



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We congratulate Danielle on her recognition as an AITSL Certified Lead Teacher. Last Thursday evening, Danielle was congratulated on her achievements by Dr Edward Simons, Acting Executive Director, MACS and Mary Oski, Head of MACS Learning and Regional Services at a special celebration. Danielle was then invited to attend a conference about the Science of Learning in Perth with other delegates from Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (MACS). While Danielle is in Perth she is visiting some great schools and hearing from many renowned speakers. We can't wait for her to bring back all the knowledge she has gained

Homework

Homework started last week. If you have any questions about homework please contact your child's classroom teacher via email or Seesaw.

Parents and Friends Meeting

We had a great meeting on Monday night with many parents coming along to share their ideas. We have lots of fun planned for the rest of the year. We are very grateful to those that give up their time to make these fundraising activities successful for the benefit of the children.

Harmony Day and Hot Dog Day

Tuesday, 21st March is Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings Australia together from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. On this day we invite the children to wear orange - a t-shirt, ribbons etc. The children are welcome to purchase hotdogs and a drink on this day. Please watch for the note to come out via Operoo.

Managing Big Feelings Inform and Empower Webinar

Last night 'Inform and Empower' presented a webinar about 'Managing Big Feelings' to our Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 families. This webinar was all about how to support young children as they begin the school year and how to look after ourselves as parents. Parents that watched the webinar said it was helpful and very affirming.

'Discovery Day' Learning Walks

Last Monday we finished the last of our Discovery Day Learning Walks. Parents were able to see their children participating in our specialist program. The parents saw Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Outdoor Discovery, and Physical Education. It was a wonderful opportunity to see what Discovery Day actually looks like and for parents to have their questions answered.

Next week - NAPLAN

Next week the Years 3s and 5s will be participating in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). We wish them the best of luck.



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Emmaus Mass P-2

Next Friday, 17th March we will be celebrating mass with our Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students. The mass will begin at 2pm in the church. All families are welcome to attend.

Assembly

Next Friday, 17th March at 3pm, we will hold an assembly to celebrate our Year 6 leaders and our Year 5 leaders. This assembly will be held on the asphalt area in the piazza just as you walk into the school via the main gates.

Have a great week,

Jackie

**Don't forget tomorrow is a student free day.
The teachers will be professionally developed in 'Restorative Practice'.
Monday is Labour Day - the school will be closed.**
