



EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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A message to the community

Dear Lord, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the variety of races and cultures within our Emmaus community. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us. Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony. Grant that we may show equal respect to all persons of different cultures that we may come across. And help us to remember and appreciate that we are one community, with many stories.

We ask this prayer in Jesus' name Amen.

Dear Families,

My favourite part of the day is when I get to welcome the children at the front of the school. The children enter so happily and confidently. It always puts a smile on my face. You can tell from the very beginning of the day that they are keen to see their friends and to begin their learning. Emmaus is a very special place where we gather together to celebrate each other.

As a community we have had so much to be proud of over the last term and in particular over the last few weeks.



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HARMONY DAY

On Tuesday we celebrated Harmony Day. A day when we celebrate our cultural diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Our students wore orange as it is the colour that signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. The students were involved in different activities and celebrated with a Hot Dog Lunch. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate all of the different cultures we have in our school community.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the many parents who helped make our 'Hot Dog day' such a great success. The children were thrilled to celebrate this day with their hot dogs, drinks and donuts. We have already begun to add to our fundraising tally. We hope to buy more readers and provide both passive and active areas for our children to play in.

MASS

Last week our Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students celebrated mass around the theme of friendships. Our junior students were amazing and many parents joined in the celebration. Eumina Reyes, our new Year 1 teacher even led us in song on the ukulele. We are grateful to be able to have mass once a fortnight with parents coming along.

After mass we celebrated our Year 6 leaders. They were presented with their badges. Leadership is not an easy thing to put our hands up for. We are very proud of our school leaders and we wish them the best of luck as they lead our school community.

Congratulations to:

Our SRC Captains

Christian, Evan, Bailey, Emersyn, Summer, Chloe
Charlotte, Bernardo, Lucy, Xavier, Abby, Daniel

Our Sports Captains

Mackillop (Blue) Tyler, Samantha, Hannah, Dylan
Elizabeth (Gold) Inigo, Ben, Isabel, Daniel V
Joseph (Red) Aiden, Marion, Alannah, Dastan
Patrick (Green) Leo, Eva, Fordy, Massimo

Our School Leaders

Isabella and Larzen



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FOUNDATION 2024 Information Night

Last Monday night we held our 2024 Foundation Information Night. We can't believe it is time to begin our enrolment process for next year. Our Year 6 students led the new parents around explaining what happens at school and what it will be like for next year's Foundation students next year. The parents were very impressed and again we were very proud of the senior students that gave up their time on a Monday night.

FOUNDATION 2024 SCHOOL TOURS

If you know of anyone that missed our Foundation 2024 Information night and would like to see our school in action we are running short tours for prospective parents on Monday, March 27th at 9.30am and 2.15pm or Thursday, 30th March at 9.30am and 2.15pm.

NAPLAN

Over the last few weeks our Years 3 and 5 students completed their NAPLAN tests. We were again extremely proud of their positive mindsets and their willingness to concentrate and do their very best.

SORRY

We are very sorry there has been confusion about the raffle tickets sent home. To clarify - the tickets are \$1.00 each. You can choose to buy the book of 10 tickets for \$10, or individual tickets at \$1.00 each. Payment is to be made through Operoo only.

Upcoming Dates

First Term Ends - 6th April at 1pm

Second Term will begin on Wednesday, 26th April.

Monday, 24th April - NO SCHOOL (Teachers will be involved in Professional Development)

Tuesday, 25th April - ANZAC DAY

School will resume on Wednesday, 26th April at 8.45

Emmaus Day will be celebrated on Friday, 28th April.

Take care Everyone,

Jackie
