



EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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WE GIVE THANKS FOR THIS
COMING HOLIDAY, HOWEVER
AND WITH WHOMEVER
WE WILL SPEND IT.
WE GIVE THANKS TO BE ALIVE,
TO BE ABLE TO MARK THE DAY
IN WHATEVER WAY WE CHOOSE.
WE GIVE THANKS FOR FAMILY,
FOR FRIENDS,
FOR THOSE WHO GATHER
AROUND US IN BODY OR IN
SPIRIT, IN FLESH OR IN
MEMORY
AMEN

A message to the community

Dear Families,

As we head towards the end of the term and the end of the first semester we reflect on what has been. As with everyday life, there have been positives and negatives. But as the saying goes:

"Everyone wants happiness, nobody wants pain, but you can't have a rainbow without a little rain."

I am blessed. I always have my faith to draw on when things get tough and it gives me great strength. As does the joy I feel in our Emmaus community.

School Reports

In the closing weeks of the semester we celebrate the teaching and learning that has occurred to date. The teachers have spent the last few weeks collecting data and evidence to write the children's reports and to prepare for the parent/teacher interviews occurring next week. I am very grateful for the professionalism, hard work and dedication our teachers have shown for the children in their care. I hope all parents enjoy and celebrate the growth their children have made this year. The ten minute interviews will be held next week and you can book in on PTO if you haven't done so already. Please be mindful these meetings are just a quick chat about your child's reports. If you need longer to discuss your child's learning please make another time next term to do so. School reports will be sent home electronically next Monday 19th June.



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Don't forget we finish our term next Friday, 23rd June at 1pm.

Term 3 starts back Tuesday, 11th July at 8.45.

Our educators will be involved in professional development on Student Behaviours and Neurodiversity led by a Behavioural Consulting Group on Monday, 10th July.

Fundraising

Today we have our crazy hair day, sausage sizzle and free dress day. Please bring a gold coin donation to add to our fundraising total. If you have forgotten please bring it on Monday. Thank you to the team of people who have offered to help out today.

We have our annual chocolate fundraiser coming up. Families have the choice of either donating \$25 or selling a box of chocolates for \$60. If you would like to donate the \$25 or receive a box of chocolates to sell please respond via Operoo and we will send the chocolates home before the end of term. Thank you to everyone for all you do to support our school.

Laurence Samson, the mother of Raphael in 3 Gold was the lucky winner of the Thermomix. Congratulations and we hope it makes cooking easier for you.

Our Book Fair was very successful. Many children visited the library to purchase books with their families. We raised \$2800 and have spent that money on class reading sets for our Year 5s and 6s to use during their literacy lessons and new books for our library. We are currently covering them and then they will be catalogued to use. A BIG thank you to Lisa, Lidia and Emma who have been working diligently to cover our readers for our Foundation - Year 2 students. If anyone else loves to contact 'well', you are most welcome to join these ladies in the staffroom on a Wednesday and Thursday morning from 9am - 10.30. The more the merrier.

Mass celebration

We celebrated a beautiful mass based about the Trinity last Friday with our Year 3s - 6s. Our Year 3s planned the mass and sang beautifully. Next Friday we will be holding mass for our Year Preps - 4 at 9.30am. We welcome any parents who would like to come along. Our Year 5 and 6 students will be involved in Interschool Sports at this time. They will be playing away at Monmia.

Don't forget if you want to catch up on what is happening at Emmaus you can find out on our Instagram Page - @emmaussydenham



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Code of Conduct

Thank you to all the families who have returned the MACs 'Parent/Guardian/Carer Code of Conduct'. This document needs to be read by parents, signed and returned to school as soon as possible. At Emmaus we are committed to ensuring a respectful learning environment that is safe, positive and supportive to all students, staff and visitors to the school. "The Code of Conduct" provides clear guidelines to all parents and visitors to the school and school related activities. All parents in all Macs schools are asked to read and sign this document.

School Fees

Just a reminder, please pay your next instalment as soon as you can. Ring me or email me if your circumstances have changed and you are having difficulties.

We hope you all have a wonderful break and enjoy going slowly during these winter holidays.

We will see you back at school on Tuesday, 11th July.

Take care,

Jackie

Have a great week,

Jackie

Dates to remember:

Book covering - Wednesday and Thursday from 8.45am - 10.30am in the staffroom.

Tuesday, 20th June - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday, 21st June - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday, 22nd June - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 23rd June- Whole school Mass at 9.30am

Friday 23rd June-Interschool Sports-Year 5 /6

Friday 23rd June - Last day of the term, finish at 1pm

Start of Term 2: Tuesday, 11th July, Monday, 10th July is a student free day

End of year date for students: Friday, 15th December

2023 Year 6s end of year date, Wednesday, 13th December
