

# EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

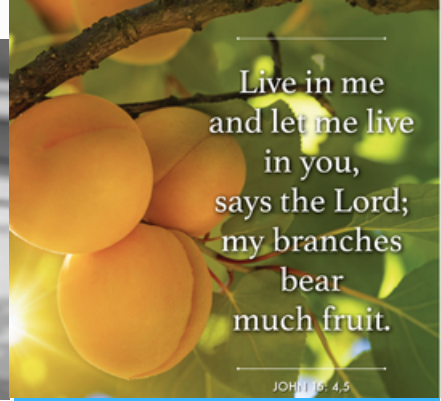
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## A message to the community

Dear Families,  
And just like that it is June!

We are nearly half way through the year and we have so much to be proud of.

### The children

I often say to our students that I am the luckiest principal in the world. The job is not easy and I have low times like everyone else, especially in the times we are now in, but the children at Emmaus are amazing and they bring a smile to my face everyday. They are so resilient, funny, warm hearted and honest. I am so proud of them all.

### Confirmation

On the 20th of May our Year 6 students were confirmed in our church by Bishop Martin Ashe. The children presented themselves reverently and with great pride for themselves, their families and their school. It was a pleasure to watch them kneel before the Bishop and be confirmed with the name of a saint they had chosen. We were all very proud of them as they became leaders in our church. The students were beautifully prepared by our year 6 teachers, Bianca, Babic, Melissa Balzan, Adrian Purgaric and Annie Stevanja.





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## **Choir**

We were also extremely proud of our choir. They sang so beautifully and gave it their all. Some of the children offered their time for one mass and some offered their time for both masses. So many of their parents joined us for the masses and like them I had a tear in my eye and could not wipe the smile off my face. We are very grateful to Elizabeth Keitner, our performing arts teacher, who played the piano and Steff Hall, our Prep teacher, who offered to lead the choir. I am very grateful to them for giving up their Saturdays to ensure our Confirmation masses were so beautiful.

## **Junior Mass**

Last Friday our Foundation, Year 1 and 2 children celebrated mass focusing on forgiveness. It was wonderful watching the students responding to the prayers and singing their little hearts out. These little people at Emmaus showed us how easy it can be to say sorry, perhaps, we, as adults can take a leaf out of their book. At the beginning of the mass, Maurie apologised for being late and a little voice from the pews said "We forgive you!" So easy!!

There will be a Year 3-6 mass next Friday, 9th June at 2pm in our church. Parents are most welcome to attend.

## **Children's Learning**

This week we had to split our year 3 classes. I really don't like to split classes but with so many people unwell we didn't have a choice. I visited the classrooms to make sure the children were ok with a different teacher in a different environment and I saw children learning as they would in their own classrooms. This is because the teachers plan together and teach what has been planned explicitly and directly in each of their classrooms so the routines and structures were not new to the children and they were able to get on with things. I can assure you the learning was exactly the same as it would have been if they had been in their own classrooms. I saw very happy, confident, engaged students doing their very best and succeeding.

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

As we approach report writing time teachers have been checking in, testing their students and analysing the data we have been collecting - again I am so proud of every student in our school. We do not all progress at the same rate but they have all made progress. You will have the pleasure of catching up with your child's learning at parent teacher interviews on either Tuesday, 20th June, Wednesday, 21st June and Thursday, 21st June etc. You will be able to book in for an interview on PTO once it opens, we will notify you via Operoo.

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## Code of Conduct

Early next week we will send home a '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.

## Cross Country

Congratulations to Inigo, Ethan and Aiden for participating in the Keilor Division Cross Country Run yesterday. They all did very well and again, we were very proud of their persistence and participation. Congratulations to Inigo who will proceed to the Regional Finals.

## School Fees

Just a reminder, school fee statements went out today. 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.

Have a great week,

Jackie

## Dates to remember:

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

Friday 9th June -Grade 3-6 Mass at 2pm

Monday, 12th June - King's Birthday Holiday

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 June is a student free day

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

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

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