



# EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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**LORD: IN THE MIDST OF WINTER, WHEN THE DAYS ARE COLD AND WIND CAN PIERCE REMIND US OF THE WARMTH OF YOUR LOVE. IN THE MIDST OF WINTER, WHEN DAYS ARE SHORT, DAWN COMES LATE, AND DUSK ARRIVES EARLY REMIND US THAT IN THE DARKNESS YOUR LIGHT STILL SHINES.**

## A message to the community

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow we have a school closure day. The teachers will be working at school with representatives from Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (Northern Office) as part of our 4 yearly review process. The teachers will celebrate their successes and plan a way forward for the next four years. We are very grateful to MACS for their leadership of this.

### **Friday, 4th August No school for students**

#### **Late Children**

The school day begins at 8.45. The children begin the day unpacking and getting ready to pray. The number of students arriving late has been increasing. I know how busy the mornings can be and I know what the traffic can be like but it is quite disruptive to the teacher and learning when the children are late to school. If a child is only 5 minutes late to school they miss out on nearly an hour a fortnight. We understand the odd day but it appears to be the same people late everyday. If you need support please chat to us.

#### **Absent Children**

It has also come to our attention that many children are frequently missing school. We understand children can be ill, particularly at this time of the year. However many children are having multiple days away. If a child misses one day of school a week this is nearly a term over a year. Children are required to be at school. If they are away they find it harder to maintain friendships and to keep up with the learning. Please do your best to have your children at school. Again, if you need support please chat to us.

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## Signage

We have installed new signage at the front of our school so that we are visible on Sydenham Road. We wanted to make it very clear who we are as many people think we are part of CRC Sydenham.

## New Sports Guernseys

We have recently purchased new Emmaus sports guernseys for interschool sports and other sports our seniors participate in throughout the year. The children in years 4, 5 and 6 were given three options to choose from and they chose their favourite style. We have put funds from previous Emmaus Walkathons towards this purchase. We have Emmaus football jumpers, basketball tops and multi-sport tops to wear for all the other sports. The children will wear them for the first time next Friday, 11th August when we play Sydenham/Hillside Primary School at home. We hope that many parents can come along to see our students play in their new gear.

## Emmaus Website

We have just launched our new website. It has all the up to date information included, new photos are displayed and it is able to be read on your smartphone. Please log on and have a look! Thank you to Andrew, our ICT Digital Technology Leader for all his hard work in making this happen!  
<https://www.emsydenham.catholic.edu.au/>

## NAPLAN

Our NAPLAN results were sent home this week. Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who did their very best to complete these tests. NAPLAN was completed earlier this year. Our children had only been at school for about six weeks this year when they completed this testing. We are very proud of the children's efforts. Please make sure you put these NAPLAN results away in a safe place. You will need them when you apply to secondary schools.

## Carpark

Please remember to be patient and kind to one another in our carpark. Children cannot walk through the carpark on their own, they must have an adult supervising them. Please do not park on the kerb out the front of the school, cars must be parked to pick up children. We all need to work together to get out of the car park as quickly as we can.

Have a great week,

Jackie

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**Dates - There are quite a few dates to put in your diary.**

## **Dates**

**4th August - School Closure Day - Student Free Day**

**7th August Book Week Performance for Years 3 - 6**

**8th August Book Week Performance for Years Foundation - 2**

**11th August - Pizza Lunch**

**12th August - Year 4 Sacrament of Eucharist**

**14th August - Camp meeting for Year 5 students at 3.30pm in the library**

**16th August - District Athletics**

**17th August - 100 Days of Prep**

**18th August - Emmaus Mass - Years 3 - 6**

**18th August - Emmaus Disco**

**21st - 25th August - Book Week and Book Fair (Monday 21st is the Dress Up Day)**

**23rd August - Parent Meeting 7pm in the library - Restorative Practices**

**28th August - Last Day for Pie Sales (Late orders cannot be taken)**

**1st September - Father's Day Stall and Emmaus Mass - Foundation - Year 2 at 2pm**

**5th September - Family Engagement Evening for Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**6th September - Pick up pies**

**6th - 8th September - Year 5 camp to Queenscliff**

**12th September - Sacrament of Reconciliation for Year 3s 5pm and 6.30pm**

**13th September - Sacrament of Reconciliation for Year 3s 6pm**

**14th September - Footy Day and Hot Dog lunch**

**14th September - Celebration of Learning - School Open Night 3.15pm - 4.30pm**

**15th September - Emmaus Mass at 9.30am Foundation - Year 4**

**15th September - Term 3 concludes at 1pm**

**2nd October - Term 4 Begins**

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