



# EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

September  
15th 2023

370 Sydenham Rd, Sydenham 3037  
Phone : 9390 4500  
Email: [secretary@emsydenham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary@emsydenham.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.emsydenham.catholic.edu.au](http://www.emsydenham.catholic.edu.au)



*God keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us. May we always be conscious of you in our lives.*

## A message to the community

15th September 2023

Dear Families

What a beautiful week we have enjoyed as we come to the end of Term 3. I can't believe this term has gone so quickly. Spring is in the air and holidays are here.

### Camp

We've had another wonderful fortnight at school. The year 5s enjoyed their first school camp in Queenscliff. They enjoyed bike riding, beach games, archery, canoeing, making pizzas, a night walk exploring the beautiful night skies and cooking marshmallows. Some watched a movie and others watched the final between Collingwood and Melbourne. A great time was held by all. The children were wonderful and a pleasure to take on camp. A BIG thank you to the teachers who attended camp and the teachers who stayed back to cover things at school. It takes a great team to make great things happen.

### Scienceworks

Last Tuesday our Year 3 and 4 children visited Scienceworks in Spotswood. They had a fabulous time. Thank you to the teachers who organised this excursion and the parents who supported it.

---



# EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

---

## Celebration of Learning

Yesterday we opened our school for a 'Celebration of Learning'. Thank you to the many parents who were able to come along and share in their children's learning. I loved listening to the children explain their learning with such joy.

Thank you to the many parents who helped with the hot dogs we had for lunch yesterday. The children loved them and enjoyed having them in their footy colours.

## Father's Day Stall

Thank you to all children who supported the Fathers Day stall by purchasing gifts. A special thank you to our volunteer parents who helped support the day. There was an excellent effort in the selling of the raffle tickets and we thank all families who bought tickets.

The winners of the raffle were:

1. Alonzo 1 Indigo
2. Leo 2 Purple
3. Chloe 6 Cook
4. Mickey 5 MacKillop
5. Levi 4 White
6. Evangelina 3 Gold
7. Tahlia and Jaryd 4 Emerald

## Chocolate Fundraising

Thank you to all the families who donated or bought a box of chocolates. We are grateful for all your effort in raising funds for the children at Emmaus. There are still some families who have not paid \$60 but have taken a box. Could you finalise this as soon as possible, thank you.

The winner of the 10 kilogram block of chocolate was Nicholas in 5 Chisholm, a very happy winner!! Congratulations

Together we were able to raise over \$4000 in profit.





# EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

---

## **The Emmaus Coin Trail**

As part of the Year 5 and 6 Religion unit on Love One Another. The students decided to organise a coin trail. The aim was to create the longest trail. Year 6 Mabo were the winners of the trail with 56.23m. Their reward was that all year 6s were able to wear casual clothes today. Our wonderful administration staff will continue to count the coins to find out how much we have raised for <https://dignity.org.au>. We were very proud of the effort put in by everyone to raise money for others.

## **2024 Staffing**

Thank you to the parents who have let us know if their child is not returning to Emmaus in 2024. I really appreciate your honesty. We need to know how many children we will have in each class so we can organise our teachers. If you are planning to move could you please email me to let me know.

You may have noticed we have been advertising for teachers at Emmaus for next year. I love babies and I am always excited to hear families expecting a new baby to love and cherish and we are really excited to announce that Bianca Babic (Year 6) is expecting twins in December and Melissa Balzan (Year 6) is expecting in December as well. Martha Mikhail (Year 2) is expecting in January and Jade Ginnane (Year 5) is due in March. Lara Merhi who is on maternity leave at the moment is also expecting again. Can you believe that - 5 pregnant teachers! It is definitely catchy at Emmaus.

We look forward to next term and more wonderful learning experiences. I hope everyone enjoys the holidays. It is a wonderful time of the year to enjoy the world around us and to take time to rest before the busy time of the year comes around again.

Take care,

Jackie

## **Dates**

**Monday 2nd October - Term 4 Begins**

---