FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2
Tuesday 10
• Year 7 Immunisation
Thursday 12 February
• 6:30 Year 10 trip meeting
Friday 13 February
• Term 1 Fees Due
• RSVP for New Families’ Dinner

Week 3
Monday, 16 February
• 08:30 Uniform Store Open
Tuesday, 17 February
• 19:00 NCCEA Board Meeting
Wednesday, 18 February
• 14:30 Uniform Store Open
• 18:00 All School New Parents Dinner (Yr8 PIP opportunity)
• 19:30 All School Parent Information Night (Yr8 PIP opportunity)

Congratulations!
We congratulate our new Primary Band/ Music/ Drama Teacher, Mr Mark Body, and wife Katie, on becoming first-time parents. Their son, Tobias, arrived on 3 February, 10 days past his due date, and is settling in very well.

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

We are up and running in 2015! It was great to have so many parents able to stay and chat after our first Assembly and to meet some new parents. Note: all parents new to the school are invited to our New Parents’ Dinner on the Wednesday of Week 3, February 18 at 6pm (book here online).

This dinner will be followed at 7:30pm by an Information Night for ALL parents. You will be able to come and visit each of your children’s classrooms and hear important info and tips from their teachers. 20min in each classroom will do the trick.

This term is not about me, but just to confirm what the letter from the Board said before school started and to try to pre-empt any stories being created that are not correct, I have made the decision to leave Emmaus. I have loved every minute working here and it has been a privilege for the last 18 years to work with every teacher, parent, and student. The School’s excellent Board has always been and still is very supportive and we will be parting on the very best of terms, although there will be some sadness in the change on both sides!

This school is like a child to me and I was only ever going to leave for one reason – when I sensed a change in the season of my life. And this is what has happened. I feel a call from God in my heart to join my wife, Melanie, in the building of our church. When a staff member at the church advised Melanie at the end of last year of his leaving in February this year to pursue a new career, we began to pray about who should fill the role. The more we prayed and conferred with regional supervisors, the clearer the picture was of a staff member at the church advising Melanie at the end of last year of his leaving in February this year to pursue a new career, we began to pray about who should fill the role. The more we prayed and conferred with regional supervisors, the clearer the picture was of a staff member at the church advising Melanie at the end of last year of his leaving in February this year to pursue a new career, we began to pray about who should fill the role. The more we prayed and conferred with regional supervisors, the clearer the picture was of a staff member at the church advising Melanie at the end of last year of his leaving in February this year to pursue a new career, we began to pray about who should fill the role. The more we prayed and conferred with regional supervisors, the clearer the picture was of a staff member at the church advising Melanie at the end of last year of his leaving in February this year to pursue a new career, we began to pray about who should fill the role. The more we prayed and conferred with regional supervisors, the clearer the picture was of a staff member at the church advising Melanie at the end of last year of his leaving in February this year to pursue a new career, we began to pray about who should fill the role. The more we prayed and conferred with regional supervisors, the clearer the picture was of a staff member at the church advising Melanie at the end of last year of his leaving in February this year to pursue a new career, we began to pray about who should fill the role. The more we prayed and conferred with regional supervisors, the clearer the picture was of a staff member at the church advising Melanie at the end of last year of his leaving in February this year to pursue a new career, we began to pray about who should fill the role. The more we prayed and conferred with regional supervisors, the clearer the picture was of a staff member at the church advising Melanie at the end of last year of his leaving in February this year to pursue a new career, we began to pray about who should fill the role. The more we prayed and conferred with regional supervisors, the clearer the picture was of a staff member at the church advising Melanie at the end of last year of his leaving in February this year to pursue a new career, we began to pray about who should fill the role. The more we prayed and conferred with regional supervisors, the clearer the picture was of a staff member at the church advising Melanie at the end of last year of his leaving in February this year to pursue a new career, we began to pray about who should fill the role. The more we prayed and conferred with regional supervisors, the clearer the picture was of a staff member at the

Canteen Open for Business!

We welcome our lovely Canteen Duo back again this year - Judith Corver as Canteen Manager, with Jo Gurney-Free assisting. Our Canteen is open each Friday during both the Recess & Lunch breaks, with many yummy items available. The weekly Canteen Special Lunches will start this week and these are advertised in the newsletter each week, so keep an eye out for those! Orders should be written on a clean paper bag (name, class, order items, with preferably with the correct cash enclosed), and need to be in the Canteen box in the School Office by 9am Thursday mornings. There are some over-the-counter snacks available each break, and there is also an option for students to order hot food items at first break, to be collected at second break. Bon Appetit!

Meet a Board Member

This week we meet Mr Daiv Caldwell who works as a Program Manager in the Dept of Defence. He is married to Karen, and they have a son in Year 10 at Emmaus. The Caldwells have lived in Canberra for 17 years, and they support Emmaus Christian School because it is a distinctly Christian school, with a nurturing environment and a great teaching program. Daiv has served on the Board for 10 years, and values his role as a means of supporting the ongoing success of the school.

Whole School Swimming Carnival
WEDNESDAY 25 February

Please note the date of the upcoming Swimming Carnival! We’re looking forward to a great day of sun-safe fun and team spirit! Permission Notes/Entry Forms should already be returned by now. Thank you to those parents who have offered to assist - you will be hearing from us very soon! Yr 2 parents are particularly requested to assist, but all parents are welcome!
New Families’ Dinner
Wednesday 18 February @ 6 - 7.15pm
All families new to Emmaus are invited to join us for a meal in the Secondary School courtyard. You should have received an invitation via email. Please be sure to contact the School Office if you haven’t! Please RSVP online 13 February. We look forward to getting to know you, and it is also a great opportunity to get to know other families!

Year 8 Parents PIP: As per the email you will have received, you have the pleasure of being rostered to assist with hosting this event. Please be sure to let us know asap how you will assist.

School Fees Due
A reminder that School fee invoices were sent out in January, and term payments are due NEXT FRIDAY 13 February. Reminder to all families on previous payment plans - these will continue for your 2015 School Fees unless you have notified us otherwise.

If you have any queries, please contact one of the accounts team on accounts@emmaus.act.edu.au

Uniform Store New Hours
MONDAY mornings 8.30am - 10am
WEDNESDAY afternoons 2.30 pm - 4pm
The Emmaus Uniform store is now open 2 days a week. There is also the option of filling out an order form, leaving it at the Office, and electing to have the items sent home via your child, or collected at a convenient time.

Remember most of the Secondary Uniform is now purchased through MacDonalds Kidswear, Jamison.
Secondary Sports Uniform remains available from the Emmaus Uniform Store.

PRIMARY NEWS

Water Bottles
Primary students are welcome to bring water bottles into the classroom to drink throughout the day. Please fill these with water only and do not freeze them as the condensation can create a mess on their desk.

Tissues and Baby Wipes
PLEASE SEND IN a box of tissues & some baby wipes so as to keep student’s noses & classroom desks clean.

SECONDARY NEWS

Year 10 Missions Trips Meeting
Thursday 12 February @6.30-7.15pm
This year, there is an opportunity for Year 10 students to either travel overseas to Nepal or more ‘locally’ to Wee Waa. Year 10 parents and students are asked to attend this initial planning meeting, at which you will be given all the necessary information in order to decide which trip is best suited to your child and your family’s financial situation.

2015 Class Names
This year’s class names are based on “Light” because 2015 is the International Year of Light!

Year 7 - Lightning Strikes
Year 8 - LEDs
Year 9 - Supernovas
Year 10 - Beams

Meet a Staff Member
This week we meet Samantha Eager who is working part-time in the Office for the first part of this term, before taking over from Mrs Kelly Geirke when she goes on maternity leave. Sam is a lady of many talents!

*After finishing secondary school I moved to Sydney to study at C3 School of Ministry, completing a Certificate IV in Christian Ministry. I then returned to Canberra and completed a double degree; a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Communications. Being a British citizen, I made the move to chilly England and worked in Communications for a couple of years before returning to Australia and completing my Dip Ed last year. I am now a loving Aunt to a 2 y/o boy and a 6 week old girl, and when I am not entertaining myself looking after them you can usually catch me at the cinema or reading a book at a café!"

Place of birth: Wagga Wagga
Last book read: ‘Wild’ by Cheryl Strayed

Students not to use Mobile Phones
REMINDER: Parent’s please remind your child/children that mobile phones are not to be used at school. Phones will be confiscated if students are found using them.