**FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Week 6**
- **Monday, 9 March**
  - Canberra Day Holiday
- **Tuesday, 10 March**
  - 17:00 ICT Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday, 11 March**
  - CSIRO Science Circus @ Secondary school
  - 14:30 Uniform Store Open
  - 18:30 Term 1 Parent Meeting (Yr4 PIP)
- **Thursday, 12 March**
  - 09:00 Preschool Student Photos
  - 09:00 Parents Prayer Meeting
- **Friday, 13 March**
  - 09:00 All School Photos

**Week 7**
- **Monday, 16 March**
  - Primary Zone Swimming
  - 08:30 Uniform Store Open
- **Tuesday, 17 March**
  - Year 4 SOSE Excursion
- **Wednesday, 18 March**
  - 14:30 Uniform Store Open
  - 19:00 NCCEA Board Meeting
- **Thursday, 19 March**
  - 09:00 Parents Prayer Meeting
  - Year 3 SOSE Excursion
  - PreKinder Storytime excursion
- **Friday, 20 March**
  - 14:20 Primary Assembly (Y6 host)

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**PRINCIPAL MATTERS**

**Do You Love Me?**

Children the world over ask the same question most of the time: *Do you love me?* Or another way of putting it: *What am I worth?* Am I worth you giving up your TV show? Am I worth you putting down your phone and playing?

Like the song *Cats in the Cradle* so aptly puts it, children who play second fiddle to their parents’ job, interests and personal issues, grow up to have little interest in their parents!

Unfortunately, children often ask the question silently and at inconvenient times! But it is also asked of other significant adults like relatives, friends, and teachers. This question is resident in the back of their minds all the time. Every little while it is monitored, usually sub-consciously, amidst the hustle and bustle of daily activity and conversation. “How important am I to you?” is often accompanied by other words depending on the situation. For example, “Do you value me when you are busy? Can I interrupt you when you are playing a game?” “Do you value me when I am tired and grumpy?” Am I still going to get some attention when you are tired?” and of course: “Is it okay that I am not perfect? Do you still like me when I make a mistake?”

Teens (and almost-teens) ask some interesting variations of their own, like “Do you value me when I am defiant?” “Do you value me when I am sarcastic?” and “Do you value me when my tastes in music, TV, clothes and computer games are all different to yours?”

Unconditional love accepts the differences, continues to demonstrate pride in the child even when their hair looks weird or their conversation is minimal, and never gives up on the relationship. It’s the sort of love that brought the ‘Prodigal Son’ home, the sort that usually needs God’s help to provide. PM

*My son turned ten just the other day. He said, “Thanks for the ball, Dad, come on let’s play. Can you teach me to throw?” I said, “Not today. I got a lot to do…” He said, “That’s okay!” And he walked away but his smile never dimmed, And said, “I’m gonna be like him, yeah, You know I wanna be like him.” [Cats in the Cradle]*

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**ALL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Interim Principal for Term 2**

The School Board is pleased to welcome Rachel McClure as our Interim Principal for Term 2! Mrs McClure will also be Acting Principal in Weeks 6 - 8 this term while Mr Marshall is on Long Service Leave. We are very pleased to have Rachel step up to lead our School. Please welcome Rachel and pray for her as she begins in this role.

The Principal position was advertised last Saturday 28 February. We would appreciate your prayers for God to lead an excellent future Principal to be selected for this role. The advertisement and Information pack are available on our school website for interested parents. [www.emmaus.act.edu.au/jobs](http://www.emmaus.act.edu.au/jobs)

God bless,

Josh Thow (Emmaus Board Chairman)

**Parent Meeting**

**Wednesday 11 March in the Gym**

6.30pm: Whole School Parent Meeting

Hear from members of the Staff and Board about the following:

- ‘How to read your child’s school report’
- ‘Parenting Teenagers’ course
- Update on transition of Principal’s position

7.15pm: Supper

7.30pm – 8.15pm: Parent Reference Groups

Agenda items should be given to a Board Member or the School Office by 4pm on Friday 9 March. Come along – get involved, be inspired, keep informed, meet Board reps, Staff & other parents!

Your support will be greatly appreciated!

*We look forward to seeing you here!*

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**School Photos 13 March**

(PreKinder photos will be taken on Thurs 12 Mar)

Photo Day is coming up quickly – Friday 13 March. Each student should now have received an order envelope. All envelopes should be returned to the class teacher. The envelopes are to be returned either before OR on photo day. Families with more than one student at the School, who are interested in having a ‘family photo’ with their siblings, can pick up a Siblings envelope from the School Office.

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**Emmaus Open Day**

**Wednesday 25 March**

See downloads for full detail of Day & Evening Programs

~ DURING THE DAY

Preschool 10:30 -11:30am

See our wonderful, fun Preschool in action! The Preschool Coordinator will be available for a Q&A session over a cup of tea or coffee.

Primary & Secondary Tours 11:30am– 1:00pm

School Tours will be conducted throughout this time. The Executive Staff will give an address at 12 noon.

*‘A Day at Emmaus’*

We invite students currently in Year 6 - 9 to be our guests at Emmaus Christian Secondary School. Families are asked to register their children for half or full day attendance by emailing enrolments@emmaus.act.edu.au by Friday 20 March 2015. (Cont’d over page)
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Orders and money to the Office

Uniform Store Hours

Do you have a spare room in your home and hearts for a lovely Christian Year 9 girl from South Korea? See last week's Newsletter for full details or contact the School Office.

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**CA picture:**

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**Office:**

Any other enquiries? Email events@emmaus.act.edu.au or phone Wendy Walker on 0422 017 077.

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**Homestay Family Needed Urgently!!!**

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### 3 Spring Rolls

**$2.50**

Orders and money to the Office by 9am Thursday.

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**GALLERY**

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**NOTICE**

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**Easter Bonnet Competition (prizes to be won!)**

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**Help your child design and decorate their Easter Bonnet (prizes to be won!)**

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**Donate items of the chocolate kind for the raffles (small toys, soaps, candles, lollies)**

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### Meet a Staff Member

This week we learn some more about Mrs Rachel McClure, our future interim Principal, who is currently helping in Secondary as our Elective Textiles Teacher along with Secondary administration. Rachel will also be acting Principal while Mr Marshall is on leave. Some interesting facts:

**Place of birth:** I was born in Somers Point, New Jersey. That’s on the REAL Jersey Shore, which is nothing like that horrible TV show!

**Last book read:** I can’t read only one book at a time! Over the Christmas holidays, I enjoyed “Dissolution” and “Dark Fire” by CJ Sansom (medieval mysteries), and “Foundation”, a history of England by Peter Ackroyd.

**Famous dead person you’d like to have met:** Benjamin Franklin

**Favourite bible verse:** Isaiah 43:1-3*

**Best weekend activity:** Board games with my family, currently lots of “Settlers of Catan” and “Ticket to Ride - Europe”.

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**Swimming Carnival Report**

The Swimming Carnival was a huge success. We had a new format which alternated swimming races and novelty events. It made for a relaxing and enjoyable day. Highlights included watching students encourage others from different year levels, having a huge amount of parent help, and seeing House Spirit growing across the school. The House Spirit Cup was won by Wilshire, with Davenport winning the Swimming Cup. We would like to say a huge thank you, on behalf of students and teachers, to the parents who assisted on the day, and to Mrs Northey and Mrs Harper for organising such a wonderful carnival.

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**PRIMARY NEWS**

### After School Reminder

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**SECONDARY NEWS**

### Science Circus Visiting

The Shell Questacon Science Circus will be visiting the Emmaus Secondary School on 11 March in week 6. The Science Circus experience is designed to stimulate and challenge an exploration of science and technology among the students. The presenters, made up of several science university graduates, visit local schools to present lively and energetic science shows using everyday materials and props. The show cover a wide range of topics from bubbles and balance to collisions and chemistry. All students from Years 7 to 10 will have the opportunity of being part of this experience on the day. For more information please contact Peter Willis at the school.

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**Rationale of Secondary Novels**

Please click here to read Mr Jenkins’ rationale about the choices of novels used in the Secondary School.