**FOR YOUR Diary**

**Week 7**

- Monday, 16 March
  - Primary Zone Swimming
  - 08:30 Uniform Store Open

- 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)

**Week 8**

- Monday, 23 March
  - 08:30 Uniform Store Open
  - Secondary Zone Swimming

- Tuesday, 24 March
  - Y5 Excursion - National Museum
  - 09:00 Y7/8 Excursion
  - 17:00 WH&S Meeting

- Wednesday, 25 March
  - 09:00 All School Fun Day (Yr10 students hosting)
  - OPEN DAY (Yr7 PIP )
  - 14:30 Uniform Store Open

- Thursday, 26 March
  - 09:00 Parents Prayer Meeting
  - 09:30 PreKinder Excursion
  - 09:30 K,Y1,Y2 Excursion

- Friday, 27 March
  - 14:20 All School Assembly (Y9 Host)

- Saturday, 28 March
  - 14:00 Food & Chocolate Festival
  - ALL WELCOME - VOLUNTEER NOW

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**PRINCIPAL MATTERS**

**What is Your Parenting Style?**

A book we would like to recommend to parents is titled ‘Have a New Kid by Friday’ and is all about why kids do what they do and what parents and carers can do about it. It is full of simple, practical ideas and powerful, positive strategies that really work to change attitudes, not just win a ‘battle’. The author, Dr Kevin Leman, is a Christian psychologist who has raised 5 children. It might be what you’re looking for with your children, young or old.

What is your parenting style? Dr Kevin Leman suggests most parents swing like a pendulum between ‘love’ and ‘limits,’ between being a little permissive to being a little authoritarian. “I believe the true middle ground,” he says, “is a consistent, decisive, and respectful way for parents to love and discipline their children.” He goes on to outline the 6 principles he sees as vital to this ‘middle ground’ approach:

- **Parents are to lead and guide their children.** While we are not to misuse our position as leader, we must nevertheless realise that someone has to do the leading and we are it. Be ready to lead at all times.
- **Hold children accountable for their actions.** Don’t just ignore all the time. ‘Behaviour unchallenged is behaviour encouraged.’
- **There should always be natural consequences for the behaviour or attitude.** This teaches children about real life. They have to clean up the mess, they have to apologise, they have to miss out on the lunch they forgot to put in their bag, they must miss play because they did not do their homework.
- **Actions speak louder than words.** The television is switched off after the warning. The bedroom door is opened and they enter it. Minimise debate and argument. No nagging. No lecturing. No striking a deal!
- **Stick to your guns.** It can feel uncomfortable sending a child to school with incomplete homework. But the alternative, doing it for them, teaches them nothing and creates greater dependence not independence.
- **Lastly, rules without relationship lead to rebellion.** Spend time having fun with your kids! PM

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**ALL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Open Day/Evening**

**Wednesday 25 March**

Full details on [website](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/parent-carer-support.html) or contact Abbi Naude [enrolments@emmaus.act.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@emmaus.act.edu.au).

**Emmaus in Canberra Times Article**

Emmaus Christian School made it into a recent Canberra Times NAPLAN article about schools whose students had improved in one or more areas significantly above the national average.


Our area was Years 7-9 Numeracy, so congratulations to all Secondary Maths teachers in 2013-14! Robyn de Puit, Theresa Barry and Michelle Banfield – stars all of you! Thank you for your outstanding work with our students.

We will continue to provide all our students with the best possible academic instruction.

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**2015 NAPLAN Information**

Another year has rolled by, and it will soon be NAPLAN season again. From the 13 to 15 May, Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in this national assessment program, which aims to take a snapshot of the achievement in Literacy and Numeracy of students across Australia. As parents, you also receive an individual report on your child’s performance in the tests. The following links have useful information for parents and carers:


We know that some students feel anxious about NAPLAN. At Emmaus, we prepare students for the format of the test so that it will be familiar on the day. However, we do not sit practice tests or “teach to the test”. NAPLAN can provide useful information to teachers and parents, but is only a small piece of the complete picture of any child’s accomplishment at school. We encourage you to talk to your child’s teacher if you or your child have any concerns leading up to NAPLAN, or when results are returned later in the year.

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**All Payments require a Family Code**

We have received payments into the Emmaus account which cannot be identified due to the absence of a family code. Please contact us ASAP if you have made payments with one of these descriptions i.e. ‘EmmausT1’ on January 30, ‘FMC’ on February 2, ‘BDA’ on February 19.

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**EMMAUS FOOD & CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2-5PM**

Parents: please follow this link for info regarding the much needed parent involvement and support.
Meet a Staff Member
This week we meet one of our Secondary Science, History and Year 9 homeroom teachers, Mr Peter Willis. Here’s a few fun facts about Mr Willis:
Place of birth: Wagga Wagga
Weirdest food eaten: Guinea Pig in Peru
Worst fashion moment: Dressing up as Elmo, the Flash and Einstein for various school events as well as demonstrating correct school uniform at the term 1 opening assembly.
Favorite singing group: Coldplay
Favorite bible verse: Isaiah 40:31
Best weekend activity: Gardening or Travelling
Best day of life: Wedding Day in Wilmington, North Carolina
Best thing about Emmaus Christian School: The people.

Register for UniNSW Competitions
Please see the Downloads page of the School website for more info and the registration form.

Reminder: We are ‘Nut Aware’
A reminder to all parents that Emmaus is a nut aware school. Students should not share food and should never knowingly bring nuts or nut products to school that may find their way into contact with other students. Please stay aware.

Lost Property
Please label all items as we have a ‘Label it or Lose it’ policy. Our lost property boxes contain many items, so please check if you are missing clothing, lunchboxes, hats etc. At the end of each term, all items in lost property are donated to charity or to the secondhand uniform store.

Primary Lost Property box is located outside the Leaning Assistance Room. Secondary Lost Property box is located outside The Hub. 

Do You Have Any Unused Books?
Donations keenly sought for the secondhand book stall being run by Year 6 at the Fair/Fete. Please bring them in to the School Office asap! Thanks!

SECONDARY NEWS
Secondary Term 2 Timetable
Details and rationale about the proposed Term 2 timetable can be found in Downloads. Any comments may be emailed to Mr Jenkins.

Farewell Mrs Gierke
Our beloved Mrs Kelly Gierke starts maternity leave on 13 March. We pray blessings for Kelly and Ben as they excitedly await the safe arrival of baby Gierke number 1! We will miss you Mrs Gierke!

Secondary After School Activities
A reminder to parents that the following after school activities are currently running at the Secondary School from 3.15-4.15 pm:
Monday
Homework Club in The Corner for any student wanting a quiet space to do homework or to receive assistance with content and organization.
Spanish Club in The Hub for any student wanting to learn Spanish.
Tuesday
Maths Tutorial in North for any student requiring assistance.
Homework Club in The Hub for any student wanting a quiet space to do homework or to receive assistance with content and organisation or to borrow the school’s technology.
Girls Bible Study in Miss Orr’s Office - learn about the amazing Word of God (until 4.30pm).
Wednesday
iPad Club in The Hub for students, staff and parents who want help in understanding the education applications available.
Maths Tutorial in North for any student wanting assistance.
English for New Speakers in the Year 10 Room (any age welcome).

Thank you to Grill’d
Last week our Year 10 SRC had the privilege of collecting a cheque from Grill’d as part of their Local Matters programme, a programme designed to give back to their local community. A big thank you to Grill’d Belconnen for treating us to a free lunch and making us feel so welcome!