PRINCIPAL MATTERS

History Matters!
We look forward on Monday to seeing the school full of students, parents and teachers again after the term break, and I hope you enjoyed the family time that school holidays bring. I spent some time with my family and took a one-day trip out to the Aviation Museum at Temora with my husband and my son. The planes were wonderful, but even more interesting to me was reading the stories of some of Australia’s World War 1 pilots - a fascinating journey into the past.

We are, of course, coming into a week where remembering the past takes on national significance, with the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings on the 25th of April. All the lead up to ANZAC Day in the media, and then my trip to the museum, highlighted to me the importance of remembering, the importance of knowing and understanding history.

To quote Michael Crichton, not knowing history is like being “a leaf that doesn’t know it is part of a tree”. The past helps us to understand the present. For example, ANZAC Day reminds us of the Gallipoli campaign. Militarily, it’s been described as a disaster, but its importance in the development of an Australian national identity goes beyond the success or failure of the battle itself. Understanding the influences that led Australians into battle for the British Empire, whatever the outcome, and understanding the outcomes for national identity after the war, helps us with a piece of the puzzle of what it means to be Australian today.

Secondly, I’m sure you’ve heard the old saying that history repeats itself. I like Mark Twain’s idea. He said, “History doesn’t repeat itself, but it does rhyme.” History teaches us about the reactions of people and nations in different situations. Context and time might change, but understanding history can help us make sense of current events and can even help us avoid the mistakes of the past.

Also, history is an utterly and completely fascinating study in human nature. The more history I read, the more I am convinced that, despite wildly varying places in geography and time, the motivations that drive people haven’t changed that much. You can learn a lot about how people think, act and react from reading about the past.

ANZAC Day is an important day for all Australians - remembering the past really does matter. Encourage your kids to develop an interest in history. Canberra is blessed with a wealth of libraries, museums and galleries that will give kids (and adults!) windows into the past and avenues for further investigation and reading. Take advantage!

Kind Regards,
Rachel McClure, Acting Principal

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

No ACTION School Bus 27 April
Families who use ACTION buses to get to/from school are advised that NO ACTION SCHOOL BUS SERVICES WILL RUN on Monday 27 April 2015 the first day of Term 2, as this is a day off for drivers, in lieu of Anzac Day. You will need to make alternative transport arrangements for 27 April. If you have any questions, please contact ACTION directly.

Uniform Reminder
With cold weather upon us, please remember only school jumpers and jackets are to be worn at Emmaus. Primary items are available from the Emmaus uniform store, while Secondary jumpers and coats are available from MacDonald’s Children’s Wear at Jamison Centre.

Emmaus Uniform Store Hours
Mondays 8.30–10am & Wednesdays 2.30–4pm

School Fee Reminders Emailed
Term 2 School Fees have been emailed out directly for the first time. Contact the School Office if you have not received your School Fee Statement. Reminder that payments are due by the end of Week 1, Friday 1 May 2015 (unless you are on a direct debit plan.) Please remember to always include your family code with any deposits.

Missing Library Book Covering
We are missing a bag of Library books that was taken by a parent to cover. It included sets of small “Frozen” readers. Please return ASAP if you have these.

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!

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country Carnival
A big thank you to Mrs Harper, Mrs Northey and our parent helpers for making the Cross Country Carnival such a successful event. More in the next newsletter.

Cross Country Ribbon Awards
The Cross Country ribbons will be awarded in Week 1 of Term 2.

- SECONDARY: Mon 27 April at Assembly.
- PRIMARY: Tuesday 28 April at morning line-up.
Entertainment Books
from Emmaus
We are selling Entertainment Books again this year. For only $60, Entertainment™ Early bird discounts are available, click here for full details.

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PRIMARY NEWS
Due to some problems being addressed in our Boiler Room, we may have some issues with heating of the Primary building for the first week or two of Term 2. Please dress warmly! Our apologies, and we are endeavouring to have the problem addressed asap!

After School Care Mobile Number
Please note that the After School Care program has a new mobile number - 0452 195 046.

SECONDARY NEWS
New Timetable for Term 2
All students please note a new version of the Secondary timetable will begin from the start of Term 2. The timetable can be viewed in Downloads.

Baby News!
We are delighted to introduce you to Audrey Joanna Gierke, born on Good Friday, 3 April 2015 at 4.50pm weighing 3.27 kg (7.2 pounds) and measuring 50cm long. Mum, Dad & Audrey are doing very well! Audrey loves her soft blankets!

Student Absences
Please remember to send notice of any absences to BOTH absences@emmaus.act.edu.au as well as your child’s Homeroom/Class Teacher.

MR MARSHALL’S FAREWELL
Our amazing Principal, Mr Marshall, was farewelled at his special Assembly & Afternoon Tea on the final day of Term 1. The Gymnasium has been renamed the “Marshall Hall” in honour and thanks for Mr Marshall’s 18 years at Emmaus. It was a beautiful afternoon, and it was great to see some of Mr Marshall’s old students and staff who came along to join him on the day. A huge “Thank You & Well Done” to Leonie Penton who went above and beyond with a very special Afternoon Tea, and the amazing cake which was certainly a talking point!

We salute you, Mr Marshall, and will continue to pray for you in your new position!

CANTEEN SPECIAL
Week 1
Baked Potato
$3.50
Served with creamed corn, sour cream, bacon, cheese.

Orders and money to the Office by 9am Thursday.

Sorry no late orders can be accepted. Specials will be served at second break.

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NOTE DATE:
GRANDPARENTS DAY
Monday 14 September
(15 Sept Preschool)

Highlights of our Term 2 Calendar
- Monday 27 April
  - Start Term 2
  - Tues-Fri, 5-8 May
  - Yr 7-10 Camp
  - Tuesday, 5 May
    - PreKinder Nature Excursion
  - Thursday, 7 May
    - Yr3 SOSE Excursion
  - Friday, 8 May
    - Primary School Assembly (Yr3)
    - PreSchool Mothers Day Disco
  - Monday, 11 May
    - YrK-6 First Aid Course
  - Tue-Thur, 12-14 May
    - NAPLAN Tests
  - Tuesday, 12 May
    - PreKinder Nature Excursion
  - Wednesday, 13 May
    - Secondary Expo & Parent Info Night
  - Thursday, 14 May
    - PreKinder Excursion
    - Yr4 Recycling Excursion
  - Monday, 18 May
    - Y7 Immunisations
    - New ACTION Bus timetables
  - Wed-Fri 20-22 May
    - Yr5 Camp
  - Wed, 20 May
    - Yr 5 to Korean Embassy
    - Yr K-2 SOSE Excursion
  - Friday, 22 May
    - All School Assembly (Yr 8)
    - Working Bee (PIP)
  - Monday, 25 May
    - ANZAC Guest Y3-10
  - Tuesday, 26 May
    - PreKinder Excursion
  - Wednesday, 27 May
    - Fun Day - Crazy Hair Day
  - Thursday, 28 May
    - Term 2 Parent Meeting
  - Friday, 29 May
    - Prep Assembly (Yr 5)
    - Y9,10 Food Excursion Sydney
    - All School Assembly (Yr7)
  - Mon-Fri, 22-26 June
    - Year 10 Work Experience
  - Tuesday, 26 June
    - PreKinder Excursion
  - Friday, 26 June
    - End Term 2 (note 3 week break)

- Friday, 5 June
  - Yr7 Immunisations

- Friday, 9 June
  - Prep Assembly (Yr 5)

- Friday, 12 June
  - Primary Assembly (Yr5)
  - PreKinder Excursion

- Friday, 13 June
  - Korean Immersion Day (Yr8)

- Friday, 16 June
  - Athletics Carnival (PIP)

- Friday, 19 June
  - Secondary Expo & Parent Info Night

- Monday, 22 June
  - Year 3 Camp

- Tuesday, 23 June
  - PreKinder Excursion

- Wednesday, 24 June
  - PreKinder Excursion