PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Satisfaction Survey Feedback
Thank you very much to those of you who recently took the time to fill out a satisfaction survey for us. They were most informative, and I thought you might like some feedback on the results. Executive staff and teachers take your opinions seriously, and the surveys have given us some food for thought, as well as areas for direct action.

75 surveys were returned to the school, which amounts to approximately 35% of families. Obviously, the larger number of surveys returned, the clearer our understanding of community views. Some of the highlights for us were the following:

- 94% of parents agree that teachers expect students to do their best.
- 90% of parents say that their child feels safe at this school.
- 88% of parents say that their child likes being at this school.

Areas we feel will require attention include these responses:
- 62% of parents feel that the school is well maintained.
- 72% of parents feel that behavior is well managed at this school.

Feedback in the comments section was also helpful, and the bulk of comments came from parents who indicated that they had children in Secondary School. Parents asked for separate surveys next year for Primary and Secondary, which we will be happy to accommodate. There were lots of comments about maintenance issues and behavior management. We hope that, with the planned maintenance over the next few years, you will see a difference! The behavior management policy is also currently under review.

Comments on communication were few in number this year, indicating to us that the efforts to communicate via email, SMS, notes and website, as well as term letters, longer Secondary interview times and Edmodo, are having an effect. Next year, we will add a question about your satisfaction with the school’s communication with parents. Parents also commented on wanting to see uniform more consistently enforced, and a desire to see more opportunities for academic extension. Come along to the Term 4 Parent Meeting on 11 November to hear more about the vision and extension. Come along to the Term 4 Parent Meeting on 11 November to hear more about the vision and extension.

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Working Bee THIS WEEKEND!
Saturday 31 October 9am-1pm
Join us for our final Working Bee for the year, and help keep our school looking great! Please bring along brooms, shovels, rakes, gloves, cleaning gear, etc as we may not have enough.
Be sure to record your PIP hours by 20 November!

Whole School Parent Meeting
Wed 11 Nov @ 6.30pm, Marshall Hall (Gym)

MEETING AGENDA
6.30pm - COMBINED PARENT MEETING
- Welcome and open in prayer
- Secondary Coordinator, Eugene Roodt, Presentation – Vision for Secondary
- Q & A with Eugene

BREAK Quick cuppa & chat (10 mins)
7.30pm - SECTIONAL MEETINGS
Primary Discussion
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) trial for Years 4 to 6, including pros and cons of the program and expectations of students and parents.

Secondary Discussion
- 2016 Year 10 Trip discussion (Michelle Banfield / Eugene Roodt)
Please send agenda items by COB 6 November.

Uniform Store Transition
See here for details of our new arrangements.
- Week 4 to Week 6 - trading normal hours
- Week 6 - Fri 20 Nov – Last Day Closing Down Sale!
- Week 7 – Pack up, No Uniforms Available
- Week 8 – Tues 1 Dec, All Uniform available online and in store at MacDonalds Kidswear Jamison

Secondhand Uniform in 2016
We will continue accepting donations of used uniform items and have them available on display in the Office during the first week of each term for parents to look through and buy, as has currently been the case.

Want a Head Start on PIP for 2016?
Even if you have completed your PIP for this year, all PIP completed after 20 November 2015 can be registered towards your PIP hours for 2016. See back page for PIP Opportunities!

School Fees for 2016 out now
All families have been sent a letter about next year’s school fee. Copies are also available here.

Have you returned your LOTE Survey?
If you wish to have a say in the future directions of second language instruction at Emmaus, please return the survey in downloads to the school by 30 October, 2015.

Kind Regards,
Rachel
Interim Principal
UNIFORM STORE
Closing Down Sale!
Friday 20 November
2 – 4pm
10% off all new uniform items and reduced prices on secondhand & discontinued items

Baked Potato served with creamed corn, sour cream, bacon and cheese
$3.50
Orders and payment are due to the box in the Office by MONDAY afternoon.
Sorry late orders cannot be accepted. Specials will be served at second break.

PLAIN TEXT: We Supports Canberra City Care
Christmas Hamper Appeal
Have donated any long life custard, tea or coffee? Please contribute to this worthwhile cause by 20 November

◊ Primary classes have a bucket for collecting items in their classrooms
◊ Secondarys’ bucket is outside the Secondary Coordinator’s Office.

Thanks for getting into the GIVING SPIRIT!

PRIMARY NEWS
Extra, Extra! Year 6 Graduating Soon!
Year 6, “The Visionaries”, are in their final term of Primary School and are very enthusiastic about their futures. One student, Sebastian S comments, “I’m scared to go to High school because of all the tall people!” On a more serious note, Rachel said, “I’m excited because of all the new topics but also definitely a little scared because it’s a new environment and much bigger school. I will miss Emmaus but the things I have learnt here will help me progress in my future studies.”

Miss Dempsey and Mrs Bellard are really looking forward to celebrating with the Year 6’s and their parents at the graduation dinner.

Please pray for the Year 6 group as they face new challenges, grow together and finalise their time at Emmaus.

Mini-Market Day NEXT Thursday 5 November
It promises to be a very entertaining day for all of Primary school, Year 6 students are hard at work designing their stalls, which range from:
◊ Origami making to gladiator noodle battles!
◊ ‘Teacher Splash’.
◊ ‘Dunk-o-rama’ an optional component, students can dunk the teacher with a bucket of water
◊ Mufti dress - bring a gold coin donation
◊ A maximum of $5 for spending.

All proceeds will go towards the Year 6 graduation dinner and a charity of the class’s choosing.

SECONaARY NEWS
Year 8 & 9 Parent Meeting
Thursday 5 November @ 7pm
Venue: “The Corner”, ECS Secondary Building
Parking: Please use Teachers’ Carpark, off Wilshire Street, & enter via gates by multipurpose court. Coffee/tea and light refreshments will be served.
RSVP by Fri 30 Oct to pamelah@emmaus.act.edu.au, or call Pamela Hanson on 6247 7151 (Mon-Wed).

Year 10 Exams in Week 5
Week 5, 9-13 November is exam week for our Year 10 students. We request parents avoid appointments/absences during this important time if at all possible.

CANCELENa DAY
TUESDAYS
Week 4 Special

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Year 7 Poetry
This term, Year 7 has been working on applying poetic devices in English and writing different forms of poetry. Here are some examples…

Camping by Gilad K.
We all pitch in, it's time to pack
It takes a while to get on track
We get in the car, for one long trip
We bump around, there's lots of dips
We're finally there, it took a while
We dump our things in one big pile
We have to hurry, it'll be dark soon
It's hard to set up in the light of the moon
Once we've finished, it's time to get cool
We head to the river or maybe the pool
We're all really hungry, we go back to eat
We start a fire, to cook all our meat
The fire's gone down, we've finished our tea
Marshmallows come out and we toast them with glee
My eyelids are heavy, it's been a great day
I get into bed, tomorrow we'll play
I love to go camping for so many reasons
I think it's the best way to enjoy all four seasons

Bio
Joy
Main Homie, Joyful, Humorous
Daughter of Kristeen Riungu & Charles Njora and sister to Jaime and Jeremy
Loves food, friends, family
Feels Happy, Excited and hyper active
Needs Wifi, Friends, to succeed in school
Gives time to my friends & Family, I give hugs
Fears are dying, spiders and losing my friends and family
Proud of my friends, my swimming, and soccer
Wants to succeed in School, wants world peace and a Cancer free society
Born on the date of 29/06/2002 in Calvary hospital, Canberra. Currently lives in Ngunnawal, Canberra.

SPORTS NEWS
Regional Athletics Carnival
We had 26 Secondary students representing Emmaus at the Regional Northside Athletics Carnival on the 20th October. It was held at the AIS and the sun shone throughout the day making it very hot on the field for our competitors. All students were exemplary with their behaviour, effort, team moral, and skills. These students will representing Emmaus at the upcoming North Gungahlin Region ACT Athletics Championships on the 5th November. Well done everyone!

• Jessica F, • Jessica W,  • Jordan K,  • Owen P,
• Emily E,  • David U,  • Josiah E,
• Clare M,  • Michael S  • Jack R,

PIP OPPORTUNITIES CORNER
Parents helpers to support students with reading daily (for 2016)
Mrs Denise Sheean would like 2 parents per day, Mondays to Thursdays, from Term 1-4, to volunteer 20-30 minutes each day to listen and coach our students in reading. It can be after morning line up or before school pick up time. Training will be provided. WWVP required. Contact Denise for more details.

Other PIP opportunities below, contact Leonie Penton.

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Secondary Ball Bookings Open Invitations have been sent out and bookings are now open!