FOR YOUR DIARY
WEEK 10

Monday, September 22
- 9/10 Excursion War Memorial
- 3:15pm Parents’ Coffee Time

Tuesday, September 23
- ACT Primary Athletics
- Prekinder visit to Garden Centre
- 10:50am Secondary SRC

Wednesday, September 24
- 7,8,9,10 Shops Day

Thursday, September 25
- Prekinder visit to Garden Centre

Friday, September 26
- 9:00am Parents’ Morning Tea
- End of Term 3

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Gross Holidays!
I encourage parents to give children a wide variety of ‘gross’ experiences over the holidays. By ‘gross’ I mean actual physical experience that involves gross motor movement, as opposed to the fine motor movement of a fingertip on a screen. Even if you cannot get away for a week, a day trip to the coast is worth it, and if that is too difficult, a night camping in the backyard is still awesome, and even a camp-out in the lounge room is Novel, Multi-sensory, and Memorable. As is walking up Mt Ainslie, or walking around a Lake. Touch-screen or watch-screen experiences are mere amusements. They are not novel, barely memorable, and certainly not ‘gross’ enough! How many TV shows do children remember as emotional highlights of their life? But they will remember the family trips, sleepovers, picnics and walks - and their bodies and minds will benefit.

A non-electronic whole-body experience like a barbecue in a park is also good for conversation, debate, even healthy airing and resolution of disagreements. Your child may learn some logical planning skills on Minecraft, but they need to learn how to listen and respond to a logical argument through dialogue. They may learn some team strategy skills playing Call of Duty online with friends, but they will only learn negotiation and resolution skills by talking through issues. And the leaders of tomorrow will still be text-readers, not YouTube watchers.

Our children need a wide range of life experiences - ‘gross’ ones. Our school ‘creative play’ area is a continual source of challenge and learning for primary students. We are planning to make a second one next year just for Preschool, Kindy and Year 1. Over the holidays, please give your children as wide a range of Novel, Multi-sensory, and Memorable experiences beyond electronic ones as you can. They need a buffet of brain food, a smorgasbord of smart games, and a multitude of multi-sensory movements.

I hope your child has a ‘gross’ holiday!

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

School Holidays
We wish all our families and staff a safe and restful holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13 October for the start of Term 4.

Emmaus Office Hours over the Break
During the holidays our Office will be open for business from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday, public holidays excepted.

Smartphone version Emmaus website
Did you know your Smartphones can have quick & easy access to key areas of the Emmaus website, such as the newsletter, School calendar, sending absence emails, and more?! Check out this “button” on the left hand side of the Home Page!

Plans for 2015?
Just a reminder that if your family circumstances are changing and your child/ren will not be attending Emmaus next year, a full term’s notice needs to be given in writing to the Office to avoid a term’s fees being charged and payable.

Emmaus/Dara Shuttle Bus
There is now a shuttle bus from Emmaus to the Daramalan bus stop each afternoon for students who catch buses from Dara. ACTION bus no. 575 leaves from the Emmaus bus stop at 3.20pm. This service will replace the teacher-supervised walks to Dara as of Term 4.

Families in Need
Please email community@emmaus.act.edu.au if you can assist with helping to build our Frozen Meal Bank. Sam Thirkettle is ready and waiting to hear from you!

Visit to Korea by Mr Marshall
The Korean Embassy have generously invited Emmaus Christian School’s Principal, Mr Paul Marshall, to visit Korea for a one week cultural tour in September. Through funds provided by the
Canteen Special
Week 10
Hamburger $3.50
Homemade patti with cheese, tomato, lettuce, pineapple & tomato or BBQ sauce
Orders and money to the Office by 9am Thursday.
Sorry no late orders can be accepted. Specials will be served during the final week of this term.

Primary News

After School Activities & Active Afters
Please note the new Registration Procedures!
Parents, please refer to the School’s website (Parents/After School Activities) for updated information regarding the new procedure for registering for any of next term’s After School Activities or the Active Afters program.

Grandparents Day
By Blake Riley & Eugene Lim
On the 15 September, Emmaus Christian School had Grandparents Day. The grandparents visited classrooms and did fun activities with their grandchildren. There was a large spread of food for the grandparents at recess time. The grandparents then watched the musical and enjoyed it very much.
It was a fun day!

Production & Grandparents Day
Congratulations to all the Primary students who worked so hard to present “The Prince and the Pauper”, our 2014 Primary Musical. Based on Mark Twain’s classic tale, we did a bit of time travelling through the pages of a library book and landed in 16th Century England, just as Henry VIII died and passed his throne to Edward VI. In the story, Edward and a poor boy named Tom, who look quite alike, change places for just a few days, and find that it’s much more difficult than they imagine to walk in someone else’s shoes; and getting things back to normal is no easy task, either!

Each class had a scene to act, there was a fantastic cast of main actors, and the audiences for all four performances were great. The Grandparents Day performance was particularly rewarding for the students, and, we hope, for the grandparents! This year involved students in FOUR sold out performances, plus a dress rehearsal that high school students attended. All up, that means audiences totalled something close to 700 people!
We have many people to thank - the front office staff who printed programs, sold tickets, kept us organised and ran morning tea on Grandparent’s Day; the Year 9 and 10 students who set up curtains and helped with lighting and sound; the teachers who spent hours setting up the stage and working on class scenes; the parents who cheered and brought their kids out two nights in a row, and of course the students who participated with such enthusiasm.
Special thanks go to Shannon Jackson for his work setting up the lights, sound and backdrop technology, to Kieran, who volunteered so much time to help us keep the technical equipment running, and to Mr Lynch for recording the music for our songs. And a HUGE thank you to Mrs Breeze for the seemingly endless numbers of things she did to get this musical to a finished product, from adding all the staging and lighting cues to the script, right through to coaching the actors. We hope you enjoyed the show!

Mrs McClure

Secondary News

Staff Movement
We wish Mrs Siemie Steffens all the best as she leaves us at the end of this term. Thank you for your work as a Teachers’ Aide, Sieme. God bless you!

Hot Choc/ Marshmallow Fundraiser
Secondary students! By purchasing a hot chocolate at recess time this Friday 26 September for only $2, with the biggest marshmallow you’ve ever seen, you’ll be helping to raise funds to bless one of our Secondary families. Then, in term 4, we will be selling icy poles!

Korea Foundation, a group of nearly 20 Australian business leaders are given a trip to Korea each year to connect with relevant organisations and experience some of what Korea can offer partners in other countries. This is a great privilege for Mr Marshall who is the only educational leader on the trip. He will visit the Seoul University Teacher Training Department to see how teachers are prepared to work in one of the highest performing educational systems in the world, and a Christian School near Seoul, to see how a private Christian School functions in a country where over 90% of the schools are run by the government. The trip will take place during the final week of this term.