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Please return Library Books
In preparation for stocktake please return your Emmaus library books. Any questions please contact Mrs Morris.

PRIMARY NEWS
Swimming Program starts Monday
A reminder to students who are taking part in the swimming to bring:
- Wear swimmers to school under uniform
- Dry underwear, socks & shoes in a named bag
- Towel
- Goggles (optional)
- Slip-on shoes/thongs
- Swimming Caps will be provided.
Please ensure all items are clearly named.

Band Program Instruments
Please note if your child is in the Band program, all instruments and books are to remain at school after music lessons on Wednesday 26 November. Letters about the Band program next year will be sent home this week. Please contact Mr Terence Lynch if you have questions.

ECS Active Afters Super Site Winner!
Dear families
It is a pleasure to announce that Emmaus Christian School has won the Super Site Award for our Active Afters program in both 2013/14. So a big congratulations to those students involved! You are a very special contributor to this award and I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing this experience with you. Sadly, I have been informed that this program will no longer be offered in schools from 2015 onwards. Nonetheless, I want to thank the parents who were able to have their children participate in such a positive experience. I hope from this experience all students were able to gain a further understanding of the benefits of physical activity, positive mind-sets, and an inclusive outlook on sport in general.

Lastly as a receiver of this prize, Emmaus Christian School has been awarded with a plaque, now standing in our Front Office, and a $500 HART sports equipment voucher to be used across the school. What an excellent way to keep our school happy, active and enjoying the outdoors!
God Bless.
Michelle Dempsey

SECONDARY NEWS
Year 10 Final Farewell Assembly
This is our year 10 students final week at emmaus. We pray the Emmaus principles will help them on their next stage of life. We invite our school community to their final farewell assembly.

When: Friday 28 November 2014
Time: 10.30am
Location: Gym

Year 10 Student & Family Luncheon
Following the Farewell Assembly on 28 November will be a luncheon in the Secondary music room. Please RSVP through the website for catering.

MURDER MALODOROUS
A play written by Tom Vaughan
Was it the Mauds or perhaps the Butler?

IT’S TIME!!!!!!!!!
- Mon 24 November Matinee 11.30am
- Tues 25 November Matinee 11.30am
- Tues 25 November Evening 6.30pm
Emmaus Gym
Gold coin donation at the door

Secondary Bursary Scheme
The Secondary Bursary Scheme can provide some financial assistance to low income earners in the ACT with dependant full-time students in Years 7 to 10. Applications need to be lodged by 28 November 2014 to receive their bursary payment in January - February 2015. Applicants must hold a current Health Care or Centrelink Card with means tested payment code. Application forms are available from the School Office and Centrelink, for more information call 6205 8262 or look online

Have you booked your ticket for the Year 10 Dinner yet?