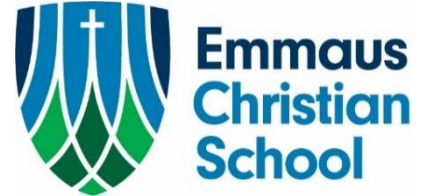


Daily Notice

Thursday, 26 March 2020

3:00pm



These daily updates will be sent via Skoolbag, e-mailed to your nominated e-mail addresses and uploaded to our school's website: <https://www.emmaus.act.edu.au/daily-notes/> Please continue to share stories, pictures and/or provide us with feedback: erikh@emmaus.act.edu.au.

Dear Emmaus Parents and Carers,

Is it just me or do you also feel like you've learned so much about this world and life's uncertainties lately? Like 9/11, the recent natural disasters and now the Covid-19 pandemic seem to be events and times that have 'changed the world'. How and when will all this end? Or will there simply be a reset-moment when everything returns to normal? If so, what will this normal be like, economically, socially, spiritually, physically?

One certainty is that uncertainties in this world will remain – for as long as this world exists. But there is also another certainty that this pandemic reminds us of.

The certainty that there is a new and perfect world coming and the current pandemic reminds me every day how I long for that final destination.

You see, the final promise of the gospel is this: There will be a day when such things will end forever, and we will be in a place where there will be no more sickness and no more suffering (Revelation 21:4).

Hope in heaven is not some faint, dreamy wish, for those who are embracing some religious delusion. Hope in God's promise is a confident expectation in a guaranteed result. Paradise is coming. And it is yours by grace.

It's hard to imagine right now, but there will be a time when we will look back on this as a moment of trouble. We will do so in a perfect world, with perfect bodies, with perfect hearts, and in perfect relationship with God. Everything will be as it's supposed to be, and we will live in peace and righteousness forever and ever.

Instead of letting fear drive out our faith in Jesus, contemplate that wonderful certainty today...

Other Matters

- Please be aware that from next week onwards, other than the team of staff rostered on to attend to the students who need to be at school, staff will have a choice to work from home or work at school.
- We were so relieved to learn that none of our students were traveling on the Dickson 31 bus that had a confirmed COVID-19 case. Our huge relief is certainly turned to praise when we heard that several of our students 'simply' missed that bus or took the one before that one. Whilst we may think that Canberra has a relatively low number of cases, I trust that, by now, we don't have any sceptics left about the reasons for lockdowns, social distancing, staying home etc. The rate of spreading is frightening and we all will have to play our part to ensure the rate is slowed down.
- Our ICT Support Service ([OPC-i.t.](#)) have gone to great lengths in supporting us during these difficult times and they have done a remarkable job so far. For help with logon issues and password resets only, you can ring their helpdesk **1300 788 616** or e-mail them your request at loginsupport@emmaus.act.edu.au

Greetings and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Hofsink".

Erik Hofsink
Principal



Please print, complete and hand to Head of School during roll marking at school.

Emmanuel Attendance Note

Date:.....

My child(ren) *please enter full name:*

.....	Class:.....
.....	Class:.....
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Will be attending school today as I am/we are:

- Parent(s) in healthcare services
- Parent(s) in education
- Parent(s) considered as in critical services of:
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- Have another reason (please provide):
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The reason for this attendance slip is not for purposes of judgement or to turn anyone away, but rather to collect data until the end of Term 1.

We sincerely thank you for your assistance as we work together during this unprecedented time of challenge.

Parent Name

Parent Signature