

Principal Matters

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter for the term.

A Good First Term

I'm sure you will agree that this term has come and gone in a wink. I am encouraged by the way our students have responded to and engaged with their learning. When I visit classes or walk around the campus, I am very proud of how our staff is putting their very best forward to serve, support and nurture our students. I am thankful for strong and engaging partnerships with you as our parents and carers. We thank the Lord for his provision in everything and celebrate Him for bringing us at the end of another great term at Emmaus.

Over the past ten weeks, we have welcomed new staff and students as well as farewelled others. We have seen some changes to the campus with the arrival of the demountable building and anticipate their conversion into excellent temporary learning spaces. We are waiting with excitement for the arrival of our new playground equipment. As a result of Charlotte and our Building Committee's hard work, we were able to submit two BGA applications in seeking funding for a new Design Technology Centre and an upgrade and extension to the current Junior Primary and Woodwork wing. We pray for a favourable outcome on these.

Meester Jasper and Juf Emma (Mr Jasper and Miss Emma)

At the end of Term 1 we also farewell Jasper van der Heide and Emma Slikkerveer from Holland. Jasper and Emma have worked at our school for the past 11 weeks, and they have done a marvellous job. Our staff commented that they were 'gold' to them. They were very loved by the whole school community and will be dearly missed. As they travel onwards from here, we wish them all the best and pray for their protection and safe return to Europe in June. May God bless you both.

Parenting Ideas

Michael Grose, the founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books, and I would highly recommend that as parents and carers you at least subscribe to his newsletter and blog: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/>

For example, he writes about a mother whom he has recently seen teaching a simple, yet profound resilience lesson to her three-year-old. The toddler fell into his dog's bowl, saturating his t-shirt and frightening himself. His mum quickly helped him saying, "Oh well!" The three-year-old bravely parroted his mother, saying, "Oh well!" and dashed off to play.

Every day there are opportunities for parents to give their children lessons in resilience. Promoting personal resilience focuses on helping kids cope with life's hurts, disappointments and challenges in the present while building strengths for the future. I suggest you read this particular post:

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/daily-lessons-in-resilience-for-kids/>



Diary Dates

Term Dates - 2019

Term 1

End: **Friday 12 April**

Term 2

Start: Monday 29 April

End: Friday 5 July

Term 2 - Week 1

Monday 29 April

- Kindy Parent Teacher Interviews Bookings Open
- P-10 Welcome Assembly

Wednesday 1 May

- School Banking

Thursday 2 May

- K-10 Athletics Carnival

Friday 3 May

- Fees Due
- Kindy Parent Teacher Interviews Close

Saturday 4 May

- Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser @ Tuggeranong

Term 2 - Week 2

Monday 6 May

- ACT 12&U Swimming AIS
- Prekinder Excursion (Pekka)

Tuesday 7 May

- Parent Teacher Interviews Kindy
- Prekinder Excursion (Pekka)

Wednesday 8 May

- School Banking
- Parent Teacher Interviews Kindy
- ACT 13&O Swimming AIS

Thursday 9 May

- Prekinder Excursion (Celeste)

Friday 10 May

- SRC - Hot Dog Sales \$2
- Prekinder Excursion (Celeste)

Principal Matters Cont...

Easter: The Horrible Events with the Best News Ever

Finally for this term, and as we approach Easter, it fits to consider the most important thing that must be known.

1 Corinthians 15 1-11 we read about the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, it is the most important thing in all of human history; the most important fact to be known.

Paul starts by saying "*I want to remind you of the gospel*" – the good news. Life is filled with bad news. There are sin and injustice and war and oppression and famine and evil and death. There is plenty of bad news. But he says that the good news is about Jesus and that Jesus became a human being. Our eternal God took on human flesh to identify with us.

Jesus lived a life so that he could sympathise with us in every way, being tempted as we are, suffering as we are, yet he did not sin as we do. And then Jesus died. He died in our place for the reason of taking away our sin. Three days later he rose again. This is good news!

As the world is filled with bad news, the best news we've ever heard is that God has loved us in Jesus. God has dealt with our sin problem in Jesus. That God has conquered our enemy of death in Jesus. And this is good news.

Paul goes on to say "*I remind you of the gospel that I preached to you*". As news reporters give us the news, the Bible gives us the good news of Jesus – "*which you received*".

So, my prayer for all of you reading this is that you would not only hear about Jesus but that you would receive that as personal, transforming, life-altering truth for yourself.

Remember, Easter is about Jesus saving us from sin and death. It saved us from the wrath of God and eternal separation from the love of God - ultimately saving us from hell.

Paul says, "*If you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.*" This means that we indeed have a problem; that problem is called sin. We have sins of omission – not doing the right. We have sins of commission – doing the wrong. We are all sinners. The result of sin is death, and we all die. That is the bad news displayed on that horrible day called Good Friday. The good news is that Jesus Christ has risen from death and ascended into heaven in which we receive the best news ever: He loves us and rescued us from ourselves and the perilous eternity that we face.

The stone is rolled away...praise Him!

Enjoy the holidays. See you all again on the 29th of April 2019 and know the grace of God.

Erik Hofsink
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 2 - Week 3

Monday 13 May

- Prekinder Excursion (Pekka)

Tuesday 14 May

- NAPLAN

Wednesday 15 May

- NAPLAN
- School Banking
- Open Night

Thursday 16 May

- NAPLAN
- Prekinder Excursion (Celeste)

Friday 17 May

- NAPLAN
- Preschool Mother's Day Disco
- SRC - Hot Dog Sales \$2

Term 2 - Week 4

Monday 20 May

- NAPLAN

Tuesday 21 May

- NAPLAN
- Preschool (Pekka) Obstacle-a-thon

Wednesday 22 May

- School Banking

Friday 24 May

- InterCRU Training day at Emmaus
- Y3/4EdV Assembly
- SRC - Hot Dog Sales \$2

Term 2 - Week 5

Monday 27 May

- Reconciliation Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28 May

- Preschool (Lyndell) Obstacle-a-thon

Wednesday 29 May

- School Banking
- Primary Zone Cross Country

Thursday 30 May

- Preschool (Debbie) Obstacle-a-thon
- Secondary Zone Cross Country

Friday 31 May

- Preschool (Celeste) Obstacle-a-thon
- Reconciliation Day Assembly – WS
- SRC - Hot Dog Sales

Saturday 1 June

- Working Bee

Sunday 2 June

- Senior Band @ National Fisteddfod



From the Head of Secondary

Luke Willmore



Congratulations to all students, parents and staff on a huge start to the year – especially as it involved an 11-week term. I am genuinely amazed at just how much we have achieved in the secondary school and have included some key events and developments below:

- Taiko Drumming incursion
- Science Excursion on radiation to ANU
- Senior camp to Wee Jasper
- Middle school camp to Greenhills
- SRC leadership retreat to Moruya
- Cru lunchtime Bible studies starting up
- Christian leadership training
- Launch Day with SRC running a BBQ and Coffee stall
- Whole school Choir starting up
- Demountable buildings being delivered
- Google classroom being rolled out
- Cross country carnival
- Swimming carnival
- Basketball gala day
- Swimming zones
- NAPLAN practice testing

It has been a pleasure to see students in all these diverse settings representing the school in a very positive way, utilising their personal skills and demonstrating their strong pride in being a part of Emmaus.

Students getting to know and trust both peers and staff during the two camps was a real highlight of term one. School camps are a big investment of time and resources, both for staff and families. Seeing friendships develop and strengthen was a great testament to what spending time together in a non-traditional school setting can achieve.

Planning for the Year 10 Fiji trip is well underway with the first parent meeting, held in week 11, indicating strong interest in the trip. With the trip scheduled for the end of term 3, we expect to have an exciting and busy five months preparing. The Year 10s attending will be working with children in Fijian schools and visiting popular local sites. The trip is highly regarded by former Emmaus students and an important opportunity for students to extend themselves personally and learn first-hand about serving God in a new setting.

The next term is already stacking up to be just as action packed so please enjoy the holiday break and continue to seize great school opportunities as they arise.

It is a privilege to work with students and families at Emmaus each week.

From the Head of Primary

Caroline Orr



Dear Parents,

What a full, and amazing term we've had! We've enjoyed two carnivals, a Crazy Hair Day, Parent Teacher interviews, Launch Day, excursions and incursions and so much more!

Term 2 will see staff begin using a new database, and hence a new reporting system. The new database comes highly recommended and is used by many local Canberra schools. It has an abundance of features, including the ability to store and record all timetables and rosters in one place. Stay tuned for how this will impact the appearance of report cards for Primary School for Semester 1, and how this may impact start and end times of school next year (as the database can only run one timetable for classes across Primary and Secondary).

It is with great excitement I can announce that we have placed an order for the new playground!



Please be understanding that this custom build will take a minimum of 8 weeks to be built and delivered, and installation will occur during school holidays mid-year.



May this Easter, and school break, be a time of real blessing and encouragement, as we look confidently to our generous God.

From the Director of the Preschool

Lyndell McNevin

The Playing with Gratitude Project

Our preschool will be starting a 'Playing with Gratitude Project' next term. Our team spent a couple of days in January learning about the project and all the benefits for stakeholders engaging in the project.

Let's consider: *When was the last time you told someone just how grateful you are of them and why they mean so much to you?* It is a seemingly simple task, but it has profound implications for the 'thanker' and the 'thankee'. New research coming from the University of California conducted by Dr Robert Emmons has shown that when we are grateful we are socially, psychologically and physically stronger. He has discovered that when we practice being grateful our stress levels greatly reduce, our anxiety and loneliness are significantly lowered, our friendliness, hope, empathy and even our blood pressure and immunity are strengthened. This change is in every person – regardless of age. Gratitude then is clearly a very powerful tool to help build and maintain wellbeing. Considering this research, we can see how significant gratitude is for building wellbeing in our children; particularly we decided to be grateful everyday with each other, the children and you, our families, in order to make the wellbeing difference we all need.

In order not to lose our focus and to hold us accountable to this 'new' way of thinking, we have decided to become part of an exciting new action research project called, **The Playing with Gratitude Project**. The project sees us join up with another early learning setting from the ACT where we all commit to daily looking for things to be grateful for, explicitly appreciating them and then looking for ways we can give gratefulness back to others so they too can share in our wellness and happiness. Preschool parents, please look out for more information about this that will follow via email next term.



We are very excited about this new knowledge and are looking forward to sharing it with everyone in our community so we can all enjoy the wellness gratitude offers.



Preschool and Prekinder have been enjoying our Easter Celebrations by actively retelling the Easter story using props, making craft items, cutting fruit to make and eat fruit kebabs, a scavenger hunt finding items that represent parts of the Easter story and enjoying some Easter Eggs.

Our Prekinders have been harvesting corn, prepared it for cooking and then enjoyed eating fresh corn picked that day.



Prekinders planting more.

From the Business Manager

Charlotte Kruger

Dear Parents,

I would like to use this opportunity to thank you for your patience and good humour whilst dropping off and picking up students from our parking area this year. Thank you also for watching out for our children.

Our 'kiss-and-drop' area relieves congestion around the school by ensuring cars don't park for long periods of time and the traffic keeps on moving.

The entrance to our car park is always a concern to our staff as students (and parents) walk behind cars parked in the drop off zone to get to cars parked in our car park. We ask you to be very vigilant and very patient when entering our car park and follow our safety tips:

- Enter our car park at 10km/h.
- Always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and do not park for longer than 2 minutes in this zone.
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the Drop-off and Pick-up zone.
- Make sure children use the Safety Door (the rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- Make sure the handbrake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Always park legally.
- Avoid turning in front of incoming cars, please indicate when you leave your parking.



I would also love to use this opportunity to thank our admin and maintenance teams for their hard work this term.

Parents are not always aware of the pressures and the variety of tasks dealt with by our support staff. They deal with all the tasks confidentially, respectfully and are very helpful to anyone who needs assistance. We are so lucky to have these ladies who love what they are doing, are good at it and always know what the school (and I) need even before I do. There is no question that they make my job easier.

Our maintenance team has also been very busy with installation and preparation of demountables, planning new playgrounds, assisting with long term planning of facilities and services whilst fishing lost balls from roofs and from under buildings, fixing broken windows and toilets, etc, etc. They take it all in their stride and always rise to the challenges thrown at them. There is also no question that the school cannot go without our well known and loved maintenance crew.

Have a lovely and peaceful Easter Break. May Easter be a reminder to us all of what Christ did for the world and may we all take comfort in his resurrection.

Stay safe and we're looking forward to supporting you in Term 2.

What's Coming Up

Athletics Carnival

Thursday, 2nd May 2019 (Term 2 Week 1)

The day starts by parents dropping students off at the Dickson Oval, Antill St, Dickson. then students will walk back to school and be picked up from Emmaus as per normal.

The first event will be held at 8:30am for those students wanting to enter the 800m. Students need to be signed in by their teacher at the event by 9.00am. Year 3-10 Concludes: 1pm for Kindy - Year 2. Athletics Carnival concludes: 2.45pm.

Students are to wear Emmaus Sports Uniform and bring a name labelled water-bottle, Emmaus hat, sunscreen, food, optional picnic blanket to sit on, extra house colour paraphernalia for house spirit.

We need many volunteers! If you are available to assist with official duties at the carnival, please indicate this on the form being returned to your child's Homeroom/Classroom teacher by FRIDAY APRIL 12th (Week 11 of Term 1) or on skoolbag or email sarat@emmaus.act.edu.au

Light refreshments including coffee and tea will be available for Parent helpers. If you are able to contribute refreshments for volunteers on the day, please email leonie@emmaus.act.edu.au. PIP applies for contributions

Please return forms to your child's teacher or respond via the Skoolbag app by FRIDAY APRIL 12th 2019 (Week 11 of Term 1)

Should you have any questions please email sarat@emmaus.act.edu.au

Regards

Sara Thompson,
Secondary Teacher



Emmaus Open Night – Preschool, Primary & Secondary

Wednesday, 15th May 2019 @ 6pm

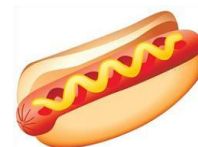
Do you have any friends, family or colleagues who want to know more about Emmaus Christian School? Why not invite them to attend our Open Night at 6pm on Wednesday, 15 May 2019. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in applying for enrolment. They can contact Abbi Naudé, Enrolment Officer, on enrolments@emmaus.act.edu.au to RSVP or if they have any questions.

Important Notices

SRC Fundraiser Term 2 – Hot Dogs \$2 each

Friday Lunchtimes commencing Week 2

Term 2 Hot Dog orders will commence in Week 2 of Term 2. To place your child's order please proceed to Skoolbag. All orders need to be placed by Tuesday of each week. Cash payment is required at the time of pick up on the day.



School Fee Term Payments

Term 2 School Fee Payments Due Friday, 3rd May 2019

School Fee Statements will be emailed to families during the holiday break. Reminder that next term School Fee payments are due at the end of Week 1 Term 2. **Please ensure that fees are paid by Friday 3 May to avoid administration fees on unpaid accounts being charged.** If you need to discuss your account please contact our Bursar, Caroline Lanivia. Thank you to all the families who have signed up for a Direct Debit Authority. Direct Debit is our preferred method of school fee payments.

Term 2 – Music Tuition

We have the following instrumental tuition available at Emmaus.

Jeandre Fourie	jeandre4e@gmail.com 0405 770 662	Bass	Classical Guitar	Pop/rock guitar	Ukulele
Julia Clancy	julia.k.clancy@gmail.com 0406 137 240	Violin			
Justin Buckingham	justin@thewoodwindcompanion.com 0415 444 871	Alto & Tenor Saxophone	Clarinet	Flute	
Cindy Soh	cindysohmusic@gmail.com 0466 471 386	Piano			

If you would like more information about Emmaus' Private Music Tuition policy, please contact Mr Mark Body (Performing Arts Teacher) on markb@emmaus.act.edu.au.

Emmaus Vacation Care

Dear Parents,

The vacation care program is open for parents to make bookings for the Easter Holidays.

Bookings can be made via the 'my lounge' app.

Please book primary students into the Vacation Care – Primary School.

For preschool children please book into Vacation Care – Preschool.

Vacation Care programs are available on 'Skool Bag'.

Please note that whilst the bookings are under two different names the groups largely work together.



Transport Canberra Notification

New Public Transport Network Starts Monday, 29th April 2019

For further details please visit www.transport.act.gov.au

TRANSPORT CANBERRA'S NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK STARTS

WE'RE CONNECTING CANBERRA

From Monday 29 April 2019 our transport network will be transformed.

Routes and timetables will change to deliver a better, more connected transport network by having light rail and more buses, more often, 7 days a week.

To find out how Canberra's network is changing or to plan your future trip, visit transport.act.gov.au

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Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

Help us collect from 1 May to 25 June 2019

Following the success of collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers in previous years, Emmaus is collecting again from 1 May to 25 June 2019.

We would love you to get on board and help us collect stickers.

A collection box is set up in the Front Office for you to place your stickers in and help us earn points to receive free educational equipment.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Anyone can earn stickers to help local schools

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn amazing school equipment. In 2017 we had over 15,000 schools and Early Learning Centres involved, and delivered over 300,000 new pieces of equipment to kids all over Australia.

Here's what to do:

- collect** Between 1 May and 25 June 2019, collect as many stickers as you can.
- stick** Stick them on the sticker sheets and give them to your local school or Early Learning Centre. Or drop them into a collection box in store.

Don't forget, you can always download and print extra sticker sheets at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Need more information?
To read our Frequently Asked Questions and Terms & Conditions visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Sticker Sheet

Let's stick together with Earn & Learn

Start collecting today



During & After School Activities List – Term 2, 2019

Emmaus offers a range of activities for students to get involved in, both during school hours and after school. If you are interested in finding out more information on any of the following activities taking place during Term 1, please contact the person of reference below or check on Skoolbag for sign up and payment details for registration.

Activity	Contact	Day	Room	Time	Details
Kids Who Code @ Emmaus	Mrs Nikkie Harper nicole@emmaus.act.edu.au	Monday	Mrs Harper's Classroom	3:15 – 4:30pm	Starts Week 2 – 10 \$10 per week How to register? Fill in the form via this link https://forms.gle/xxoohWwwaWoic9j26 (see Skoolbag for details on how to Register)
National Karate Academies	nationalkarate.com.au Ph: 0437 523 913	Monday	Emmaus Christian School Gym	Juniors 6pm Seniors 7pm	Family focused martial arts (Free come and try)
Junior Dance Crew	Michelle Gillis michelle@emmaus.act.edu.au Grace, Kari and Meghan (Year 10 Students)	Tuesday	Emmaus Christian School Gym	Lunch Time	Starts Week 1 - 10 \$50 for 10 Weeks Tuition (no refunds) Primary Students Kindy – Year 3 (see Skoolbag for details on how to Register or Trybooking Link) https://www.trybooking.com/BCEAH
Bible Study Secondary Girls	Miss Caroline Orr carolineo@emmaus.act.edu.au	Tuesday	Miss Orr's Office	3.15 to 4.30pm	Starts Week 1 - 10 All secondary girls welcome
Chess Club	Mr Andrew Miller andrewm@emmaus.act.edu.au	Tuesday	Mr Miller's Classroom	3:10 to 4:00pm	Starts Week 1 - 10 Primary Students \$30 for 10 Weeks Tuition (no refunds) (see Skoolbag for details on how to Register or Trybooking Link) https://www.trybooking.com/BCCJX
Homework Club	Mrs Theresa Barry theresa@emmaus.act.edu.au	Tuesday	Maths Room	3:15pm to 4:15pm	Starts Week 1 - 10 Maths Room in Secondary (see Skoolbag for details on how to Register)
Tae Kwon Do	Trevor on 62480555, 0413706913 or trevor@corverandco.com.au	Tuesday	Gym	3.30 to 4.30pm	Contact Coordinator
Choir	Mrs Marcia Melville marciam@emmaus.act.edu.au & Mrs Kanja Bartlett	Thursday	Music Room	Lunch Time	Starts Week 1 - 10 Primary & Secondary Students
CRU Bible Studies	Mrs Marcia Melville marciam@emmaus.act.edu.au & Luke Behrendorff lukeb@emmaus.act.edu.au	Friday	Year 10 & Maths Rooms	Lunch Time	Starts Week 1-10 Secondary Boys & Girls groups
Guitar Lessons @ Emmaus	Jeandre Fourie jeandre4e@gmail.com	Friday & other days TBA	Art Room	TBA	Contact Jeandre for further details



PIP Opportunities

Do you want to be a P&F Committee Member?

As we have settled into the new school year, Erik Hofsink, Principal, is extending an invitation for applications for the Parents & Friends (P&F) Committee. The Committee is instrumental in raising funds for our school by running our annual Twilight Fete.

We are looking for pro-active parents who are great at organising and executing a range of exciting and fun activities for our Twilight Fete.

The Twilight Fete is a fantastic opportunity to promote fellowship, friendship and community amongst our school community.

Please note, parents who have been appointed to the P&F Committee are exempt from other PIP hours.

If you are interested in being a part of this team, please email Abbi Naudé, PA to the Principal, on abbi@emmaus.act.edu.au.

Catering for Athletics Carnival Volunteers

Thursday, 2nd May 2019 (Term 2 Week 1)

We have an opportunity to provide catering in the form of refreshments for the teachers and volunteers at the upcoming Athletics Carnival on Thursday, 2nd May 2019. Some ideas for catering include:

Cakes, muffins, slices, biscuits, fruit platters, vegetables and dips, cheese & crackers, sandwiches, savoury items. Gluten Free options are also always welcomed.

If you are able to assist with providing a plate or two, please contact leonie@emmaus.act.edu.au with your anticipated contribution. PIP hours apply.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – May the Fourth!

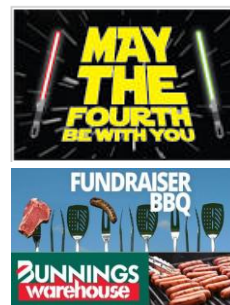
Saturday, 4th May 2019 (Term 2 Week 1)

Thank you to those volunteers who are assisting with the upcoming Emmaus BBQ Fundraiser at **Bunnings Tuggeranong** on **4 May 2019** (May the Fourth).

We are still after a few Volunteers for the afternoon shift only from 12:00pm to 6:00pm.

There is no need to bring anything as everything is supplied, unless you want to dress up as your favourite Star Wars Character or not ☹️. Don't be a Darth Vader and sign up now.

Please text Dave on [0433000461](tel:0433000461) with your name and availability, if you are interested in volunteering.



Term 2 Working Bee – Save the Date

Saturday, 1st June 2019 (Term 2 Week 5) 9am – 1pm

Emmaus holds a Working Bee each Term of the school year. Our Term 2 Working Bee for the year will be held on Saturday 1 June, 9:00am – 1:00pm. This is a great way to meet and get to know other Emmaus families, staff and Board Members at the school.

Light refreshments will be served in the form of Morning Tea. There will be a range of jobs to do at the Working Bee which will include the following but are not limited to; cleaning, vacuuming, general tidying of school, general maintenance items, gardening, weeding, sweeping, mulching & leaf cleaning etc.. All hours volunteered will be registered as PIP. We look forward to seeing you there!



Emmaus Fundraising

Entertainment Memberships Available Now!



Entertainment Memberships for 2019 / 2020 are now available to purchase!

Follow the link below to order your Membership online today. <https://www.entbook.com.au/239r29>

Cost: \$60 each.

Memberships are available in Digital or Book format.

20% of each Membership sale will assist the school in their fundraising efforts.

Support us by joining Entertainment

The Entertainment Book, and the Entertainment Digital Membership, are your guide to the most popular restaurants, attractions, shopping, travel and more.

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- Access to valuable rental car offers you can book online with ease
- Easy online search, mapping and reviews of participating businesses

Thank you for supporting Emmaus Christian Schools fundraiser.



Congratulations

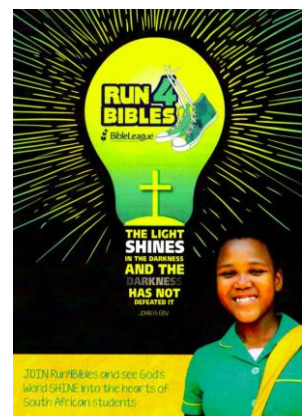
Run4Bibles Bible League Fundraiser – Results are in!

Well done to all the students that participated in raising funds for Run4Bibles Bible League in 2019 as part of our Cross Country Carnival.

Emmaus raised a total of \$1,068.00.

Special mention goes to our highest fundraisers Toby M (Y5), Lauren H (Y7) & Georgia A (Y5). Well done on your generous fundraising contributions!

To see what impact our fundraising has on children in South Africa visit the YouTube clip following. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPQQAcxGxIU>



Congratulations Cont...

This week a number of Primary and Secondary students represented Emmaus at the Regional Swimming Competition which included schools from North and South of Canberra.



Warm congratulations to the following students who competed well and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship: Sophie D (Y7), Angela P (Y7), Mitch B (Y7), John T (Y7), Ryan J (Y8), Noah P (Y9), Jonah L (Y10) and Ethan M (Y10).



Further congratulations to Ryan J, Noah P and Jonah L who will go on and represent at ACT Swimming next Term.

Best Of luck with your training!

Mrs Thompson



Congratulations Cont...

"Emmaus recognised by ACARA as a school with substantially above average gain in reading and/or numeracy as measured by NAPLAN for three consecutive years - 2016, 2017 and 2018".



Schools demonstrating substantially above average gain

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for Australia's national reporting program, including the *My School* website. The *My School* website is updated annually with the previous year's NAPLAN results.

For several years, ACARA has released information on schools demonstrating substantially above average gain in student reading and/or numeracy achievement, as measured by NAPLAN, as students progress from Year 3 to Year 5 and from Year 7 to Year 9. Gains of this magnitude are significant and worthy of acknowledgement.

School leaders in schools with above average gain can talk about how they have achieved these gains to help other schools learn from them. For example, an improvement in reading or numeracy may be a direct consequence of a new school-based literacy or numeracy initiative.

Identifying substantially above average gain

My School presents gain in student achievement in three ways:

- I. overall gain compared to previous years; and
- II. gain compared to schools with similar students, based on the index of community socio-educational advantage (ICSEA) level; and
- III. gain compared to other students at the same average NAPLAN starting score.

Identified high gain schools have demonstrated substantial improvement in reading and/or numeracy as follows:

1. an overall gain that exceeds the national average by more than one standard deviation; and
2. an overall gain higher than schools with similar ICSEA levels, by more than one standard deviation; and
3. an overall gain higher than that shown by students with the same NAPLAN starting score, also by more than one standard deviation.

In addition, to ensure diverse representation of schools within each state and territory and across ICSEA levels, a few schools that have not met all three criteria, but nonetheless have shown gains that are significantly above average in reading and numeracy, were also identified.

To ensure reliable identification, all identified schools had to have matched NAPLAN results for at least 15 students. For more information, [contact ACARA](#).

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In and Around the School

Year 4 Multicultural Festival

In HaSS during Term 1, Year 4 students have been learning about the many different countries in South America. Today the students held their annual Year 4 Multicultural Festival showcasing what they have learnt and sharing their knowledge of each country with visiting parents and students.



Visit the Emmaus [Facebook](#) page to view the video of the Multi-Cultural Festival.



Australian Flower / Nature Leaf Faces in House on Thursday.



Farewell to Mr Jasper & Mrs Emma



**Best Wishes and
Thank You for your
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