

WEEK 3 NEWSLETTER 13

TERM 2 | 13 May 2019



What's Coming Up

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?

We would love to share our good reputation for strong parent-school partnerships with them so, 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.



NAPLAN Online

Commencing Tuesday 14th – 24th May 2019
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9



NAPLAN Online will occur in our school between 14 and 24 May 2019.

NAPLAN Online is a more engaging assessment that adjusts questions to each student's achievement level. It also delivers more precise results to schools and parents more quickly.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

Diary Dates

Term 2 - Week 3

Monday 13 May

- Prekinder Excursion (Pekka)
- Year 1 & 2 Excursion

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

Saturday 18 May

- Choir & Band Performance @ CEN Conference

Term 2 - Week 4

Monday 20 May

- NAPLAN

Tuesday 21 May

- NAPLAN

Wednesday 22 May

- School Banking

Friday 24 May

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



New Parent Induction Course

Saturday, 29th June 2019 (Term2 Week 9)

A reminder to all new parents to the school who have partnered with Emmaus Christian School since the start of 2016 to present. You will have to complete the Emmaus New Parent Induction Course. For those who have not yet attended this Course you will receive an invite to attend closer to the date. (Note that you only have to attend one of them and not all four – PIP Hours apply). If you have not received an invitation but would like to attend, please contact abbi@emmaus.act.edu.au. We have set aside three dates for this in 2019 and these are:

- Term 2 Saturday, 29 June 2019
- Term 3 Saturday, 17 August 2019
- Term 4 Saturday, 23 November 2019

Important Notices

Second-hand Uniform Shop

Open Friday 17th May 2019 @ 8:30 – 9:30am & 2:30 – 3:30pm

The Second-hand Uniform Shop will be open on Friday the 17th May 8:30am – 9:30am and 2:30pm- 3:30pm.

Without the generous donations of Emmaus families, we wouldn't be able to stock the Second-Hand Uniform shop. Please drop any donations into the front office by Thursday 16th May.

Hot Dog Order – Mother's Day Disco Preschool

Friday, 17th May 2019

Attention Preschool Families,

The Preschool Mother's Day Disco is coming up on Friday, 17th May 2019. A Hotdog Dinner will be available at 5.30pm with the disco starting at 6pm. Both dinner and the disco will be held in the school gymnasium.

Please pre-order your hotdogs by completing the form available for download on Skoolbag and return to the Fundraising pocket at Preschool. Payment can be made in cash on the night.

Hotdogs will come in 2 sizes.

- Regular size hotdogs \$3.00
- Mini hotdogs \$1.50
- Pop top drinks \$2.00

Please advise if you have any dietary requirements.

Orders are due by 9:00am Thursday, 16th May 2019.



Diary Dates

Term 2 - Week 5

Monday 27 May

- Reconciliation Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28 May

- AGM @ 7pm

Wednesday 29 May

- School Banking
- Primary Zone Cross Country

Thursday 30 May

- Secondary Zone Cross Country

Friday 31 May

- Reconciliation Day Assembly – WS
- SRC - Hot Dog Sales

Saturday 1 June

- Working Bee

Sunday 2 June

- Senior Band @ National Eisteddfod

Term 2 - Week 6

Tuesday 4 June

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

Wednesday 5 June

- School Banking

Thursday 6 June

- Year 9 & 10 Art Excursion

Friday 7 June

- SRC - Hot Dog Sales
- Preschool (Debbie) Obstacle-a-thon
- Preschool (Celeste) Obstacle-a-thon

Term 2 - Week 7

Monday 10 June

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 12 June

- ACT 12&U, 13&O Cross Country
- School Banking

Friday 14 June

- SRC - Hot Dog Sales

Term 2 - Week 8

Tuesday 18 June

- Preschool Kenny Koala Visit

Wednesday 19 June

- School Banking

Friday 21 June

- SRC - Hot Dog Sales



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As we settle in to the second Term of the year we are now just two weeks away from the Federal election on Saturday 18 May.

I'm sure that most of you will have seen the television advertisements, social media posts and coverage in the news media. While for some voting may seem to be a chore, in many places around the world it is a hard fought for privilege. We should not take this fundamental right for granted.

At this election there is another fundamental right at stake – our freedom of religion.

During the last term of Parliament there was a lot of debate around religious freedom and one of the other fundamental rights – the right to be free from discrimination. Much of this debate was misinformed and politically motivated. It was disappointing to see Christian schools misrepresented in the media and Parliament and to see legislation proposed which would have trampled on the rights of parents to choose a school reflecting their values and beliefs.

Over the next couple of weeks we will have more to say about this issue. We know that there are many issues you will consider as you vote. Your vote in the House of Representatives, and the Senate, will decide who forms Government and what direction protecting our beliefs, values and freedom takes. We hope that this will be one factor you consider.



The House

The next Government of Australia will confront the issue of religious freedom and make policy decisions that will impact on our shared values and beliefs for generations to come.

Labor has indicated that as part of their policy intention they will remove the ability for your school to employ staff who share and live out your values and beliefs saying

"a Shorten Labor government will amend the Sex Discrimination act to remove the exemptions that permit religious schools to discriminate against students and staff" – the exemptions that also protect what we can teach.

The Liberal party has said that it is

"essential that Australia's laws are nationally consistent and effectively protect the rights and freedoms recognised in international agreements, to which Australia is a party. This particularly applies to the right to freedom of religion and the rights of equality and non-discrimination."

Your vote in the House of Representatives will help decide who forms Government and what direction protecting our beliefs, values and freedom takes.



We value you, and we need you.

As the election approaches, and we all consider how we will vote, there are many policy areas that should concern us.

While we will have a diverse range of opinions and priorities we must also consider the protection of our fundamental values and beliefs.

We value you, and we need you.

We are asking all parents, carers, staff, and other members of our Christian school community to join us on Facebook at [ValuedVoicesAus](#).

We are asking you stay informed and aware of what the Government, Opposition, and the cross bench parties have to say about protecting the values of our schools, our staff, and our students when it comes to religious freedom.



Like and Follow us on Facebook @ValuedVoicesAus for more info.

This election, your values are on the ballot paper

ValueEd Voices
IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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The Senate

The results of the federal election in the Senate will have a critical impact on the future of our schools and the protection of our values and beliefs. Whether Labor or the Coalition form Government, once again the final say on religious freedom will be in the hands of the Senate, and, critically, in the hands of the Senate cross-bench.

Careful consideration of how to vote in the Senate will be vital for all those committed to protecting our freedoms.

Liberal Party



Labor Party



Australian Conservatives



The Greens



One Nation



Religious Freedom

OUR VALUES AND BELIEFS

A Federal election for the House of Representatives and half of the Senate will take place on Saturday 18 May.

This election will be the most critical for religious freedom in living memory.

Against the background of the same sex marriage survey the Government commissioned the Expert Panel on Religious Freedom to review the protections for religious freedom in Australia and make recommendations on strengthening them.

Before the Panel's report was even released malicious selective leaks became the justification for attempts to remove the existing, and long standing, protections for religious freedoms in Commonwealth law. Hiding behind the false claims of expulsions of same-sex attracted students legislation was introduced which would have threatened the ability of Christian schools to teach what we believe and operate our schools consistently with those beliefs. If the Green's proposed amendments were accepted, we would also have lost our ability to employ staff who share those beliefs.

Religious Freedoms are at the heart of our shared values and beliefs. As many parents, carers, and grandparents say to us – it is the values of our education system that are the main reason our schools were chosen for your kids.

Those values and beliefs, that freedom of religion, is ingrained in how we teach and how we learn. Those values and beliefs must be protected for our current students and for the future.



Valued Voices
IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SRC Fundraiser Term 2 – Hot Dogs \$2 each

Friday Lunchtimes commencing Week 2

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



Secondary ACT Swimming Carnival and Regional Cross Country Information.

Warm congratulations go to Ryan J (Y7), Noah P (Y9) and Jonah L (Y10) who represented Emmaus this week at the Secondary ACT Swimming Championships. These young men trained hard throughout the holidays and achieved some great results on the day, well done! We wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

Parents please keep an eye out for your child's Secondary Regional Cross Country Note which will be given to those students who qualified next week. The Regional Cross Country Carnival will be held on 30th May 11:00am- 2.30pm at Stromlo Forest.

We also have a PIP opportunity for a parent who would like to be an official at the Secondary Regional Cross Country Carnival. Please email me at sarat@emmaus.act.edu.au if you are interested.

Be blessed,
Acting Sports Coordinator
Sara Thompson



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Important School Bus Change – Effective Monday 13th May 2019

Morning School Route 1022

Please be advised that due to the early running of the morning school route 1022, the service has been rescheduled to commence from Casey Market Town at 7.40am. This change will be effective from Monday 13th of May.

The driver will be communicating this to the students currently travelling on the service throughout this week to ensure they are aware of the change.

A Message from the Head of Primary

PC Schools & Reports

Dear Parents,

This Semester we have begun the process of moving to a different database to manage student information.

Our current database stores all manner of information; including medical concerns, parent contact details, absences, enrolment information, the House a student is in and so much more. It provides staff with class lists, enables them to mark the roll and generates and sends Report Cards.

Our new database, PC School, will do all this and more!

With the chance to upgrade our system, Primary Report Cards will look a little different this Semester. Secondary will follow Semester 2.

We want reports to accurately reflect how students are going, in a way that's helpful to parents, and not so onerous on staff that it impacts teaching time. We want Report Cards to be a real snapshot of how your child is going, and an opportunity for discussion between you and your child about celebrating and moving forward with their learning.

As a registered school in Canberra, the following are mandated by the Australian Government:

- **Achievement Standard:** These specify the knowledge, understanding and skills that are to be taught and learned within each subject area, as specified by the Australian Curriculum.
- **Grade:** Your child will be graded on each Achievement Standard using a 5 point scale.
- **Absences:** The number of days your child was absent, up to the date reports were printed.
- **Student Achievement by Subject:** The final component of the report is an indicator of how students are progressing against peers at their year level. We provide these as percentages. Please remember that there is no requirement for you to show it to your child, however, and we encourage you to think about your individual child's circumstances before doing so.

We believe that Report Cards need to give more information than this to assist you as parents. We plan to continue to provide:

- **Personal and Social Skills:** This is to give you a snapshot of how your child is going organisationally and socially. We have chosen these as things we believe you should know about your child's schooling and relationships.
- **Effort:** There is an Effort grade for each subject. As a school that focuses on *striving* for mastery the Effort grade is just as important as the overall grade.



- **Descriptors:** These break down the Achievement Standard, to give you more information about how your child is progressing in the different aspects of the Achievement Standard.
- **Comments:** You will receive comments from teachers that include areas of strength and areas for improvement.

There are a few things we plan to change/tweak, while we have the opportunity:

- We plan to streamline our reports more, flowing from Primary in to Secondary School in a more seamless manner.
- We plan to remove the midyear grade from the end of year report, which parents reported as confusing in the parent survey at the end of last year.
- We plan to add the Achievement Standard we are expected to teach to, so that parents can see exactly what is being covered, and assessed, across the year.
- We plan to reword the descriptors, to better capture what's being consistently covered in the classroom.

Please email me at carolineo@emmaus.act.edu.au if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about this process.

In Christian Service,

Caroline Orr

Head of Primary

The traffic light system for food and drinks

Initiative of **ACT Government** | **fresh TASTES**

Did you know that the traffic light system – used to assess food and drinks for canteens – can be used more broadly across the school?

The traffic light system can be helpful to make decisions about food and drinks for lunchboxes, school events, class parties and fetes. Here's a quick reminder of what it all means.

The traffic light system categorises food and drinks based on the *Australian Dietary Guidelines (2013)*

The traffic light categories are:
GREEN: These foods and drinks are the best choices, offering a wide range of nutrients and are generally low in saturated fat and/or sugar and/or salt. These should ALWAYS be on the menu at school and at home.
AMBER: These foods and drinks contain some valuable nutrients, but may contain higher levels of saturated fat and/or sugar and/or salt. Amber foods and drinks should be consumed in smaller serves, altered to be more GREEN or be less prominent at school and at home.
RED: These foods and drinks are low in nutritional value and may contain excess kilojoules and/or saturated fat and/or salt and/or sugar. Stay away from these!

To see lots of examples of foods and drinks in each category or to read the guidelines in full, visit

www.health.act.gov.au/freshtastes (02) 6205 1452 freshtastes@act.gov.au

fresh TASTES
healthy food at school



PIP Opportunities

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!

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Thank You to the Amazing Volunteers!

A BIG Thank you to those volunteers that came and helped on Saturday at Bunnings Tuggeranong Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser. I really appreciate you giving up your valuable weekend time to raise funds for Emmaus Christian School. We made a profit of \$1500. 😊.

Also, I would like to say a BIG thank you to Peter, Amy and Peter for running the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday. Not only was it a great fundraiser but a great social event to meet other people from the school. Again, Thank you so much for your help it as it would not of happen if you did not volunteer your time today. I will let you know when the next one Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser will occur.

Many Thanks Dave 😊



In support of May the Fourth, Star Wars Day for those who are unfamiliar with the term. The Volunteers embraced the spirit of the day with a Star Wars themed stall.



Emmaus Fundraising

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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.



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Thank you for supporting Emmaus Christian Schools fundraiser.



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!



Congratulations

Athletics Carnival - Age Champion Winners



Congratulations to the Emmaus Athletics Carnival Age Champion Winners:

12 Years - Maia F, Sam C, **13 Years** - Harry W, Gabby O, **14 Years** - Marilla C, Casey MN, **15 Years** - Anna S & Noah P **16 Years** - & Ethan MN.



Congratulations to Wilshire - Winners of the Athletics Carnival House Spirit Cup



Congratulations to Bancroft - Winners of the Athletics Carnival Cup



Bancroft wins the 2019 Athletics Carnival by 15 points with a total of 1307. Well Done!



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In and Around the School

Photos of some of our Primary Athletics Carnival place recipients for 2019.





Community Notices

Have you ever wanted to give Hockey a try?

North Canberra Eagles Hockey Club are running junior programs throughout Terms 2 and 3 for boys and girls.

Hookin2Hockey is a program for Under 9's and Under 7's boys and girls to learn the basics of hockey in a fun environment. Sessions are Saturday mornings from 9-10am. \$110 for two terms which includes a stick, bag, ball and shin pads.

Our Girls Under 11 team is looking for more players. Games are on Saturday mornings and training Tuesdays from 6-7pm. Beginners are most welcome.

For more information please contact Susan – sford1@tpg.com.au



ALL GIRLS are invited to visit their local guide unit and find out what guides get up to.

Guides have **FUN**

indoors and outdoors, learn new skills and make new friends.

Guides is for girls aged 5 –18 yrs.

Local guide units meet once a week at the Guide halls in Lister Cres, Ainslie and Clianthus St, O'Connor.

To find out more, go to:

<https://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au/>



Focus on the Family – Talking About Early Parenting



Focus on the Family Australia together with Mainly Music Australia and MOPS Australia have created an online free resource titled "Talking about Early Parenting".

Talking about Early Parenting is a five-part video course diving into the fundamentals of parenting 0-5 year olds.

Parenting is one of the greatest privileges and one of the toughest gigs. To be an effective parent you need to invest time to get to know your child and understand why you parent the way you do.

We need to be available daily to build security for our children because quantity time combined with quality time is the best recipe for success. The community's role and other relationships such as grandparents, is also pivotal in assisting the early years of parenting.

The course is filled with easy to apply advice and resources to help parents succeed and children thrive through early childhood.

Talking about Early Parenting is available to access for FREE on iPhone, Android, Apple TV and PC exclusively on our FamilyCast network.

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