



Emmaus Catholic Primary School
EMMAUS COMMUNITY TEAM (ECT)
Notes from gathering

School Vision

As partners with parents in Catholic education and open to God's presence, Emmaus Catholic Primary School pursues fullness of life for all its students and the school community.

The school ensures the care, safety, wellbeing and protection of its students in keeping with the Catholic tradition, which celebrates the sanctity and unique dignity of each person.

ECT Purpose

Vital sounding board to inform decision making in our school.

Date:	8 th August 2023	Time Open: 9am	Time Close: 10.30am
Location:	Emmaus Staff Room and Online		
Chair:	Ethan/Shell		
Note Taker:	Shell Corcoran		

Notes

Meeting notes to support update to remainder of the Emmaus Community Team (PM group)

Meeting was informal, general introductions around the room to support parents who attended ECT gathering for first time.

Discussion on recent survey sent out to all Emmaus community relating to purpose, name and meeting format/time/date

- ❖ Families continue to want a sense of belonging within the school community
- ❖ COVID resulted in dis-connection due to emphasis on social distancing;
 - some families only know each other due to kinder
 - some kids have become more independent as they needed to walk themselves in, so parents didn't gather like kinder
- ❖ Discussion on
 - "It takes a village to raise a child"; if parents have strong connections that will show/champion this to their children
 - Important that we celebrate the good work and culture at Emmaus, that we are not broken; we simply need to keep things innovative, fun and engaging across a variety of efforts.

Engagement Activity/ideas	Purpose
Walking Bus	Engagement, reduce car park stress
Morning teas each week, add a cuppa after liturgy	Engagement
Continued Story-time	Engagement
Being able to volunteer @ excursions with 2 options 1) as a supervisor 2) as a companion-no responsibility of children	Engagement – with school and with student/friends of our children
Classroom support	Engagement, insight to school life
Make sure invitation from school officially invite younger siblings	Engagement, inclusiveness
Make sure good length of lead time, so working parents can take time off (4-6 weeks)	Engagement, enabler
More activities like Art exhibition, Buskers/concerts; families connect gently with a distraction. Informal feel support parents who may have social anxiety	Engagement, insight to school life

Regular social gathering at nights – Like Friday night sport nights held earlier this year. Potentially another family picnic. If numbers are an issue, split in Emmaus sport grouping, or A-L, M-Z- etc	Engagement
Support out of school extra curriculums activities ; Netball, futsal teams. Kids & parents build strong relationships due to frequent gatherings, point of interest	Engagement, marketing to broader community
Adult social nights “Comedy for a Cause” , trivia	Engagement, potential fundraiser
Family social nights/events; movie nights at school, music trivia night. Disco, with parents invited to gather on back deck whilst children attend 1 hour disco	Engagement, potential fundraiser
School Fete in 2024 Term 4	Engagement, potential fundraiser, marketing
New communication system linking interested families to Emmaus Community Team, to allow for quick question/thoughts on concepts	Engagement, capacity building