

Emmaus Catholic Primary School

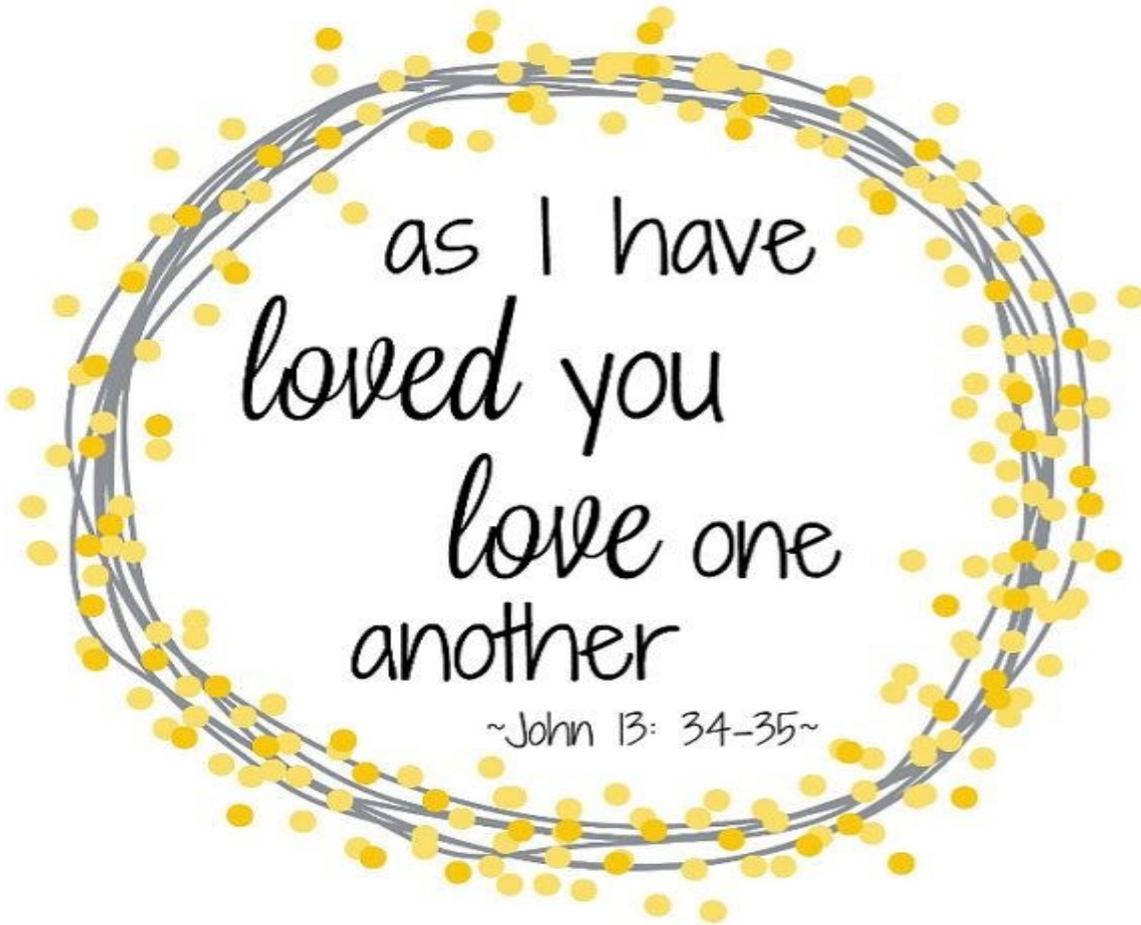
Newsletter

~Authoring Our Own Future~



EMMAUS
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2, Week 5
22nd May 2019



Vornda Term 2
We are the authors of our own future

Welcome back for Term 2!!!!

We are so excited to undertake many new learning opportunities this term.

Many have been asked them to have a special change after the holidays in the school. This has a special, meaningful, helpful, or creative idea and a special feature. We can't wait to see you all in our classrooms and see the progress of your ideas and how you will make them a reality for the year ahead. We hope to see you all in our classrooms and see the progress of your ideas and how you will make them a reality for the year ahead.

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Kanamo Newsletter
Term 2, 2019

Welcome back!

We have had a great start to the term and we are excited to see you all in our classrooms. We have had a great start to the term and we are excited to see you all in our classrooms.

1. LEARNING GOALS
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2. SPORTS GOALS
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3. IMPORTANT GOALS
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MOK-BORREEYN NEWS
Term 2, 2019

MOK-BORREEYN MEANS 'PEACE'

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Nyereka Newsletter
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IMPROVEMENT in the STEELER LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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A Message from our Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Reflection

A beautiful sentiment in last week's gospel - and one that we can all connect with in our own lives - love! Jesus calls us to love each other, just as he showed love for us. The concept of love probably brings the ones you love to your mind straight away. Those who are close to you, know you intimately, will always love you. But... if we are to truly love as Jesus did we have to go beyond those who are precious to us and turn the notion of love on its head.

Jesus showed love in the way he lived and the way he served. In doing both he demonstrated to us that to love is to show compassion and mercy and forgiveness and understanding to those who make our day to day difficult and frustrating and hurtful. To go out of our way to show love to everyone, even those who hurt us, is to love like Jesus!

Yoko Ono and Gary Zukav have both been credited with the quote 'The opposite of love is not hate, it is fear'. This quote was used often in the aftermath of the Christchurch shooting to deal with the unadorned hatred that was brought upon the victims. Panache Desai tells us that when we 'shift our energy from fear to love, we find our way'! For Christians, Jesus is the way... he shows us how to help the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, lift up the downtrodden, love those who are difficult, hurtful, mean. The challenges we have are to recognise these people in our midst and have the courage to serve them with our hearts.

Catholic Education Week

Next week schools across the Diocese of Ballarat celebrate Catholic Education Week. Over the years I have had the privilege of working across the three geographical zones of the Diocese and visiting most schools. We are blessed as an educational community to have thousands of families choose Catholic Education to share the journey of learning and discovery. We are also blessed to have talented, compassionate and dedicated people working alongside our students each day. More sharing of the richness of our school system next week.

School Communication

I have been both impressed and overwhelmed with the tools used for communicating at Emmaus and the sheer amount of information! Our Leadership Team and Admin Team are working towards being more streamlined in how we share information with you.

Our intention is to...

- Share information through the newsletter (distributed in many ways)
- Seek permission and details through CareMonkey
- Share learning through SeeSaw
- Send reminders through Skoolbag
- ... always be mindful of the information we are sending out and the purpose!

This continues to be an area where we are fine tuning and trying to make considered decisions. Please be patient with us - we hope to get there soon!

NAPLAN

Well done to all students who participated in NAPLAN testing last week. I was most impressed with the cool, calm and collected approach to the testing program while maintaining an attitude of 'doing my best'. Thank you to staff and parents who supported students over the three days.

Thanks for a great week!

God bless you!

Jo-Anne

Counsellors Corner

This week in Counsellors corner I have attached a sheet from Michael Grose on how to help your child face their fears.

Some of you may remember Michael coming to our school several years ago. He is a very successful parent educator who has written many books. My favourite of his is "Why first borns rule the world and the last borns want to change it".

Michael has many articles you can access via his website:

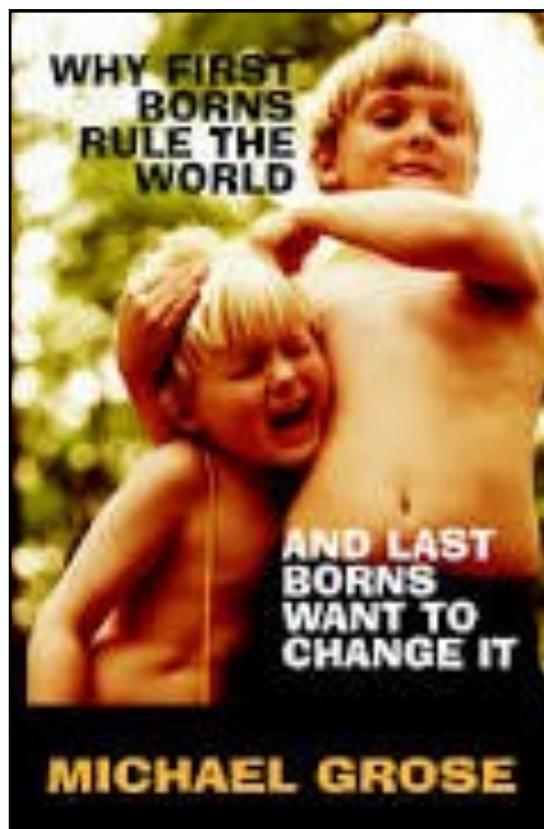
<https://www.parentingideas.com.au>

Have a lovely week!

Warm regards,

Misty Duncan

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Social Justice

How our community is striving to be socially just?

Social justice: *justice in terms of the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society.*



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that if you have some spare time up your sleeve, that you can support a member of the Ballarat community learn to drive?

The Ballarat Foundation '**Learner Driver Mentor Program**' otherwise known as '**L2P**' assists young people who may not have access to a vehicle or have an adult in their life who can teach them how to drive, to get their licence by matching them with a volunteer driver mentor from within the community. To find out more visit www.ballaratfoundation.org

Please note that the summary below changes as new information becomes available. This week the wish list from Eureka Mums has been updated. Do you have any of these items in your home that you no longer require?

A summary of reminders of how you can make a difference...

Below are ways that you might like to contribute if and when you are able...

- Donate pre - loved sporting clothing and equipment to the **Play it Forward Appeal**.
- Donate a pre - loved **blanket (Current count is 25. The goal is 50!).**
- Participate in Ailish Ryan's **Sunshine Letters Campaign** by writing a letter to someone who may be experience loneliness in our local community and placing it in the yellow mail box.
- Donate to **Eureka Mums. Current requests include nappy bags, single bed sheets, safety gates, cots and baby carriers.**
- Donate non perishable food items for **The Soup Bus**
- Remind your children that '**Let's Get Just!**' an opportunity to discuss all things social justice occurs weekly in the staffroom on Wednesday at 10:30am.

ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN BE LEFT IN THE SOCIAL JUSTICE SPACE IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE

Social Justice



Hi my name is Imogen Dafonte and I am in Grade 4. There is two things I love to do. Help people and braid people's hair. So this idea is a dream come true for me.

Georgia has given me the opportunity to run a hairdressing stall at school to raise money for **Caritas**. So I invite you, students and teachers to **bring your brush** and **50 cents** along to the Vornda deck during first or second play and I will make your hair look amazing! I'm so excited! I hope to see you there.

Student Achievements



In February this year, Dana and Anna successfully auditioned for Take the Mic's "Disney's The Lion King Jr the Musical" in Melbourne and were cast in the ensemble. Rehearsals occurred every Sunday for 6 weeks, before a big production week and the performance weekend in the school holidays. Some long days and many road trips but they loved every minute. The performances were at the iconic theatre "Chapel off Chapel" and all sold out. It was an amazing experience for them; getting to work with different directors, choreographers and backstage crews from the professional industry and, of course, the other cast members with whom they made some lovely friendships. The show itself was incredible; the singing was amazing and the dancing, costumes and set were bright, colourful and fun. It was a fantastic experience and made all the more wonderful by the support they received from family, friends and teachers who came to watch. A special shout out to Georgia,

Shae and Siobhan and their Emmaus friends for coming to support the girls. They felt like stars with you there to see them!

Sacraments 2019

It is with great delight that we invite children who have been baptised into the Catholic Church and have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to continue their faith journey by preparing for and celebrating the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Generally, this will involve many of our current year four students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2018. Current year three students will prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation later this year.

Year 4 families - please prioritise the following dates :

Celebrations of the Eucharist and Confirmation:

Saturday, 1st June - 6:00 pm St Alipius

Sunday, 2nd June - 9:00 am St Alipius

Sunday, 2nd June - 10.30 am Buninyong

For Year 3 families Reconciliation - please prioritise the following dates :

Meeting 1 - Parent Workshop

Wednesday, 18th September 6:30 pm at Emmaus Primary

Meeting 2 - Parents/Child Workshop

Wednesday, 9th October 6:30 pm at Emmaus Primary

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 23rd October 6:30 pm at St. Alipius Church



Important dates for Term 2, 2019

Please refer to our website calendar for all school event dates
<http://www.emtclear.catholic.edu.au/calendar>

Click on the Agenda tab at the top right of the calendar for an easy to read view of the monthly events.

Notices

Reporting Student Absences

There are a number of ways to advise the school of your child's absence:

- **PAM.** You will record your child's absence directly into Simon. You can only select the current day and it must be submitted before 9:30 am. For multiple sick days, please use one of the next two options.
- **Skoolbag App.** This sends an email to admin who then record your child's absence into Simon.
- **Phone call.** Admin record your child's absence into Simon.
- **Kiosk – iPad at reception.** You will record your child's absence directly into Simon. Kiosk can be used for Early Release, Late Arrival, Temporary Absence or for all day Absence (could use if dropping other children to school).

You may notice in PAM you can look up your child's attendance (per semester). It is important to note that an absence will appear as two Parent Notified Absences per day, as we do a morning and an afternoon attendance roll.

Parent Access Module (PAM)

As per last week's communications, we have now introduced PAM.

Please logon to PAM to ensure your access is working and to familiarise yourself with it.

All Semester One reports will be available via PAM. If you have any difficulties viewing your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

For easy use of PAM on your mobile device, you can create a shortcut to the PAM website on your device home screen. If you need help with doing this, please contact the office.

To access PAM, please click [HERE](#) and enter your login credentials provided by the school.

Pupil Free Days

Please note that the following days are approved by our Governing Authority as days for staff to engage in professional learning.

- Friday 7th June - staff will work on writing the self reflection report with consideration of school data for our School Review in term 3.
- Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd August - staff will attend the Central Zone Education Conference titled 'Fullness of Life for All'.

Late Arrivals

All students arriving after 9.00 am are required to be signed in using the Parent Kiosk at the office by a parent **before** heading to their classrooms.

Notices

Arriving at School

Since our return to school after the holidays there have been several children arriving at school before supervision begins at 8:30am. This creates a challenge for staff who use this time to prepare their day of learning. It also causes concern regarding the arrangements made at home and the care we are able to provide to families. In order to ensure that we are able to care for students in an appropriate way, those who arrive prior to 8.30am will be asked to stay in their learning area and not play outside until supervision begins. We are also interested in the reasons why students are getting to school before the advertised supervision times. If you would like to share your challenges in this area we would appreciate hearing from you.

Uniform

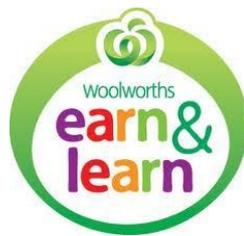
All students are now required to be in their correct winter uniform please. Please make sure that your children are wearing the correct uniform. Sneakers and polo fleece jumpers are to be worn with sports uniform only.

YMCA Delacombe Outside School Hours Program

Unfortunately due to low enrolments, YMCA Delacombe will be ceasing transport from Emmaus to their YMCA Outside School Hours Program at the Doug Dean Centre in Delacombe as of Term 3, 2019 for before and after school care.

The Buninyong Primary School Outside School Program will continue as normal.

If you have any queries, please call YMCA Delacombe directly on 53292800.



EARN & LEARN

Earn & Learn is up and running.

Remember if you are shopping at Woolworths collect your stickers and bring them into Emmaus.

There is also a sticker collection box at

Sebastabol Woolworths.

Stickers collected will go towards the purchasing of new materials for our school.

Community Leadership Team (CLT)

CLT PROFILES: FUNDRAISING ARM



Renae McCarty-Ferguson

Hello, my name is Renae, my husband Jarrod and I have a daughter named Lydie, who is in Vornda this year. Being a new family at Emmaus, I joined the CLT (Fundraising Arm) as I thought it would be a great introduction to our wonderful school community, for which we are so grateful to be a part of. I am enjoying working alongside Liz and Melissa, bringing to life some exciting fundraising opportunities for our school - stay tuned!



Liz Allan

Hi, My name is Liz Allan and I am a member of the Fundraising Arm of the CLT. I am mother to two boys, Toby in Mok-Borreeyn and Benji in Kanamo.

I am relatively new to Ballarat and to the Emmaus community with our first year here being last year. I work part-time and have recently taken up golf, which I find very frustrating and yet strangely satisfying! I enjoy catching up with friends old and new and holidaying with my family.

I joined the CLT initially as a way of meeting people and it has definitely delivered on that. It has provided me with an insight into the heart of the Emmaus community, which I have found so very welcoming and inclusive. I was attracted to the fundraising arm, as I love the social aspect that fundraising events provide and I will hopefully get to enjoy that in the events we have planned for the remainder of the year.

CLT Minutes of Meetings

To view the latest copy of the CLT Meetings minutes please click onto the link below:

<http://www.emtclear.catholic.edu.au/clt-meetings>

Nutrition

For your information the Community Leadership Team have attached a 'Better nutrition means kids can tackle the challenges of childhood with ease' flyer to this newsletter.

Coming Events

Disco!

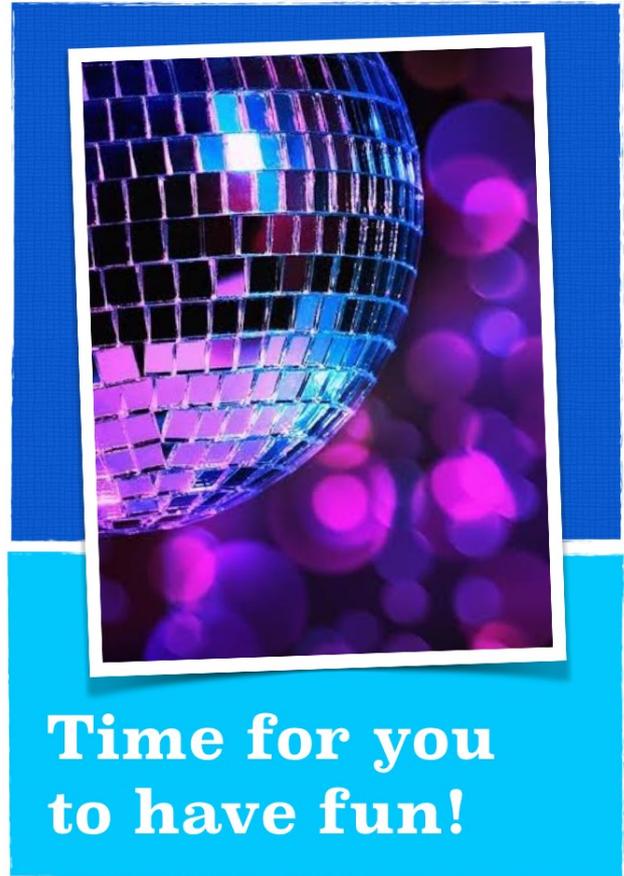
Get your dancing shoes on!

Because Emmaus is having a disco!

We will have a V/K disco then a MB/N disco

The date is going to be Friday, the 21st of June

More details will be coming out soon



Community Notices



Oddball

Sunday 26 May | 9am
Gold coin entry
Buninyong Town Hall

Meet "Oddball" & "Red Dog" animal trainer - Luke Hura - with one of his newest stars!



24-26 MAY, 2019



All These Creatures | Terror Nullius | Studio 54 The Documentary | Capernaum | Oddball
Dancing the Invisible: Jill Bilcock | Summer 1993 | The Insult | Midnight Oil 1984 | Happy as Lazarro

Free Buninyong Heritage Walks | Free Screenings of "Mooramang" Private Hollywood
Festival Dinner at Pig & Goose | Lunch Boxes from Maggie & Kate | Candy Bar | Choc Tops
Complimentary Cocktail & Supper Friday Night | Meet "Oddball" & "Red Dog" Animal Trainer Luke Hura

Tickets - Season Pass (all 9 films) \$90/\$80 - or \$15 per Session

FULL PROGRAM AND TICKETS AVAILABLE
buninyongfilmfestival.com.au

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