



THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

NEWSLETTER



EMMAUS CPS UPDATE

Dear parents and care givers,

This is another notice to keep you updated on all that has been happening in our school. Since my last newsletter to our families last term, we have had a mountain of work happening at Emmaus Catholic Primary School.

Staffing

Of great importance is that we have finalised our staffing for 2023. Both Mrs Hackner and I were in awe of the great number of applicants for teaching, education assistants and ancillary staff. From 83 incoming educator applications, we interviewed a significant number of outstanding teachers and we believe that we have selected a very talented and professional team of teachers.

We would like to introduce you to:

PreKindy (3-year-old) :	Mrs Annmarie Baltov (28 years experience)
Kindy (4-year-old) :	Mrs Rita Panebianca (31 years experience)
Pre-Primary:	Miss Chantelle Comiskey (7 Years experience)
Year 1:	Miss Teagan Thresher (10 years experience)
Year 2:	Mrs Katherine Turner (5 years experience)
Year 3:	Miss Deanna Foti (5 years experience)
Year 4 - 6:	Ms Kate Cameron (12 years experience)
Music & Science:	Mrs Stephanie Freeman (10 years experience)
Phys Education & Health/Wellbeing:	Mrs Simone Wiles (12 years experience)

We would also like to introduce our skillful Education Assistants:

PreKindy and Kindy (3 and 4 year old) :	Mrs Karen Fanderlinden (15 years experience)
Pre-Primary:	Mrs Catherine Anderson (11 years experience)
Year 1 and 2:	Mrs Julie Glasson (17 years experience)
Year 3 - 6:	Mrs Carol Armstrong (23 years experience) Mrs Vicki Stillisano (16 years experience)

Our Grounds keeper and Finance Officer positions have also been secured and we are delighted to include these high-quality people in our staff:

Groundskeeper / Maintenance:	Mr Derek Gair
Finance Officer:	Mrs Rocio Albanese

Along with our Administration Assistant, Ms Rachael Langdon, and my Assistant Principal, Mrs Loretta Hackner, I am so excited and at the same time, humbled to have such an outstanding group of people to work alongside. I can assure you that each is passionate and committed, who share the common goal of creating a safe and nurturing environment for our students, and certainly are looking forward to being part of this team, focused on building a warm and nurturing school community.

Enrolments

Enrolments have been very encouraging, and numbers are building every day. It has been a pleasure for our leadership team to meet so many wonderful families and students. We look forward to working alongside all our new families to create a culturally diverse community, of which we are excited.

We have exceeded 100 enrolments and know that with plans for our humble little school to transition to a double stream school in the future, our school community will grow exponentially in these upcoming years.

Events

Kindy Orientation

Parents with children in 3 and 4 year-old-kindy will now be well aware that our Kindy Orientation Day will be held on Monday 5th December. Parents will meet the Kindy staff on this day along with special introductory messages from our Occupational Therapist and Speech Pathologist. We will also have a brief presentation from an OSHClub representative. We are looking forward to also sharing morning tea and encouraging our kindy parents to meet and make connections ahead of our school start.

KINDY ORIENTATION
EMMAUS CPS
Information session for parents

Annamarie Baltov
3K teacher

Rita Panebianco
4K teacher

Karen Fanderlinden
Education Assistant

Parents of 3-year-old and 4-year-old kindy students commencing at Emmaus CPS are invited to an information session.

DATE: Monday 5 December
TIME: 10am - 11:30am (morning tea provided)
PLACE: Emmaus CPS 359 Arthur Street, Dayton Kindy Room (please arrive at front office first)

From our recent family interviews, most of you are aware that we will be teaming up with OSHClub as our out-of-school-hours provider. OSHClub has the highest number of services exceeding the National Quality Standard and holds an outstanding reputation in this field. The service will

run on the school site for our enrolled students only, from 4-year-old kindy to Year 6.

Family Fiesta

We are aiming to bring our community together on Thursday 15 December for a Family Fiesta afternoon. Invitations have been emailed out, so please consider coming along between 4-6pm to meet some of our teachers and staff, additional Emmaus CPS families and other students. There will be plenty of fun, interactive activities and the bonus of an ice-cream van (for kids and adults!) We encourage you to come along to meet your new school community!

EMMAUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO OUR...

FAMILY FIESTA AFTERNOON

ONSITE AT EMMAUS CPS

THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2022

TIME: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

FACE PAINTING, ICE-CREAM VAN, PLAYDOUGH AND ACTIVITIES, BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC & BLANKET, MEET NEW FAMILIES, MEET THE STAFF



Meet the Emmaus CPS Staff

Behind the Scenes & Front of the Scenes Work

On Site Works

Work on the school site has swung into action in these last couple of weeks. An audit of the school's ventilation has been conducted, and new air ventilators were installed in the Kindy and Pre-Primary classrooms. All schools have gone through this process this year.

Various over-grown bushes have now been cleared which has significantly improved the visibility around the school. We have also had a wonderful group of Year 11 students from Holy Cross College volunteer some of their Christian Service hours to assist us in cleaning up the grounds, removing weathered equipment and moving furniture. Their help has been so beneficial in leading into our refurbishment where interior and exterior painting, new carpets and installation of custom-made furniture to classrooms will be carried out over these next 8 weeks or so. Work will also be carried out on the administration building over this time. Various other services have been organised to carry out later in the year, including pest control, thorough cleaning of rooms, amenities, washing of windows, replacement of playground including shade sails and sand pit cleaning to name a few.

Other planning and organising

We have commenced our School Advisory Council Meetings. These meetings are held once per term and mainly focus on the governance aspects of the school (ie finance and expenditure, maintenance, etc). We have mentioned this Council in our meetings with families and in 2023, our leadership team will be looking for parents who may want to join this Advisory Council, to actively be involved in the discussions and decision making in these areas. At the end of each year, an Annual General Meeting is held where the School Advisory Council reports to the community.

Journeying together

Significant time has been spent planning for the curriculum and operational elements to have our school well and truly ready for its opening in 2023. Some of the areas include:

- Finalisation of the school uniform. JFE is the uniform manufacturer and while designs have been decided, the production of our various uniform items are in progress. We will inform of the ordering process soon.
- Purchase of all new curriculum materials. New resources have been ordered and upon the commencement of the new year, will be moved across to the school. These include library resources, student reading books, music equipment, science equipment, digital resources including in-class technologies, teacher resources for planning, content delivery and assessment, student supplementary online learning subscriptions and resources, etc.
- Class booklists have been confirmed. Champion will be our student resources supplier and at the end of this week, families will be provided with the relevant booklist for their child(ren) across the year levels. Orders submitted prior to 16th December will ensure that goods are delivered (free) to families prior to 20th January 2023.
- School policies, procedures and registration requirements are being attended to. With support from key personnel at the Catholic Education WA office, our leadership and administration staff are in the process of attending to these compliance items.
- Meetings with external providers and support agencies have been conducted to finalise their service to Emmaus CPS students. This includes OSHClub, Little Peeps Occupational Therapy and SpeechPLUS Therapy Solutions.
- School Planning is underway to ensure that our goals are defined and a strategic procedure is clear to track our improvement over time. Continued discussions with our foundational staff in the new year will add to our school improvement and operational planning.



FINAL THOUGHTS

With only two and a half months from opening our doors to this wonderful Emmaus Catholic Primary School community, I cannot express the excitement that our staff feel in what lies ahead along the Emmaus journey. I have every confidence that your family and most importantly, your children will be drawn to our staff and be inspired by their enthusiasm and commitment to all that our school stands for. We certainly want you to spread the word amongst your own friends of this humble little Catholic school in the corner of Dayton.

Even amid the commencement of refurbishment works, our current staff are continuing to work at the school site, so do not hesitate to come by. We are also accepting school fee payments at this time and have the convenience of EFTPOS facilities at hand.

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Loretta Hackner, Rocio Albanese or Rachael Langdon who are only too happy to assist.

We look forward to meeting you all again soon at the Family Fiesta event.

Sandro Coniglio
Principal



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