

Calendar of Events

FEB

- Fri 2 Assembly 6/7s
Mon 5 P&F Meeting 9am
Tue 6 Morphett Vale Sacrament
Program 5.30pm to 7pm
Thu 8 Whole School Mass
Welcome back 9.15am
Fri 9 Grow Your Brain Day
Sun 11 Commissioning Mass
10.30am
Mon 12 AGM & Parent
Information Night 6pm for
6.30pm start
Tue 13 Pancake Fiesta 3.05pm
to 4pm
Wed 14 Ash Wednesday 9.15am
Thu 15 Yrs3-7 Lacrosse
Fri 16 Assembly 1/2G
Sat 17 Bunnings BBQ
Noarlunga 7am to 5pm
Tue 20 Morphett Vale Sacrament
Program 5.30pm to 7pm
Thu 22 Yrs 3-7 Lacrosse
Wed 28 Board Meeting 6.30pm

MAR

- Thu 1 to Fri 2 Year 3 Camp**
Fri 2 Assembly RecS
School's Clean Up Day
Tue 6 Morphett Vale Sacrament
Program 5.30pm to 7pm
Thu 8 Yrs 3-7 Lacrosse
Fri 9 Bread and Rice Day
Mon 12 Adelaide Cup - no school
Tue 13 to Thu 15 Swimming
Carnival Day TBC
Thu 15 Yrs 3-7 Lacrosse
Fri 16 Assembly 3AR
GRIP Leadership House
& Vice Captains
Tue 20 Morphett Vale Sacrament
Program 5.30pm to 7pm

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*Welcome back.
A special welcome to these students
who are new at Emmaus.*

Addison RDA	Aiden RS	Alastair RS
Alexandra 4/5H	Ameena 4/5H	Ameerah 4/5H
Bailey RS	Billy RS	Braxtyn RS
Brodie RS	Cataleya RS	Charlize 6/7RM
David RDA	Elena RDA	Felicity RS
Isabel RDA	Izaiah RDA	James 1/2M
Jewel RS	John 4/5H	Jude 4/5PM
Lacie RDA	Laura RS	Lenny RDA
Leonardo RS	Lucas RDA	Mia RS
Michael RDA	Mila RDA	Myla-Hope RS
Nate 1/2G	Oliver RS	Riley RS
Ryan 4/5H	Ryder RDA	Saige RS
Skye RDA	Thomas RDA	

EMMAUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back! I especially welcome those students and families who are new to our school.

I hope these young people soon feel very much a part of the Emmaus community and I hope that you ALL enjoyed a restful holiday break so that your batteries are charged ready for a full and rich term ahead.

High Expectations

Last Friday, Quantum physicist Professor Michelle Yvonne Simmons, was named this year's Australian of the Year. Since arriving in Australia from Britain in 1999, Professor Simmons' work at the University of NSW quantum physics department has helped develop leading technology on a global scale.

Five years ago, Professor Simmons and her team developed the world's first transistor made from a single atom, as well as the world's thinnest wire. Now she is looking to build a quantum computer capable of solving problems in minutes, which would otherwise take thousands of years.

In her acceptance speech, Professor Simmons reflected on her education. *"I always knew that I liked doing things that were difficult – things you had to try really hard to succeed at but when you did the euphoria was immense."*

We stand to learn much more from lessons/activities that challenge us than from things that are easy. Professor Simmons goes on to say:



"If we want young people to be the best they can be, we must set the bar high and tell them we expect them to jump over it."

This is why the teachers at Emmaus have high expectations of all their students and they will challenge and encourage them all to be the best they can be. We will set the bar high and expect our students to jump over it!

Calmer Classroom Spaces

The week before students came back, staff undertook training on ways to support students with self-regulation. Self-regulation enables students to think more clearly even when confronted by challenging learning or changing environments. When students are calm, optimum learning occurs. It is the amygdala in our brain the controls our response to a situation. Mindfulness and regulation are able to deactivate the amygdala. Look out for calmer spaces as our staff continue their learning about brain development and co-regulation.

Seesaw Application

Last year, some of our classes trialled the Seesaw app with their class. This year, all of our classes and our new OSHC service, will be using this app. Seesaw gives families an immediate and personalized window into their child's school day, and makes communication with educators seamless.

You will need to download the seesaw app onto your phone and then you will need to scan your child's QR code. Codes will come home soon. There will be further information and support given to parents at our AGM/Parent Information Night Monday 12th February.

From the Principal cont.

Board Nominations, AGM and Parent Information Night

On Monday 12th February, we will hold our AGM and Parent Information Night. The evening will commence at 6pm for drinks and the AGM will commence at 6:30pm. During the AGM there will be a report on the 2017 year from key leaders in our school community. We will also announce the nominations for new parent representative positions on the School Board. If we have more nominations than positions, we will vote for those positions.

There are three vacancies on our Board and we are now calling for nominations. Board members meet after hours, twice a term. If you are interested in joining our School Board and you can commit to the time required, please complete a nomination slip and return to the office or email your nomination directly to our Front Office on:

information@emmaus.catholic.edu.au

God bless,
Catherine

School Board Nomination

I nominate myself _____ as a parent representative on the Emmaus School Board.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Emmaus Out of School Hours Care

During the holidays we launched our own OSHC service. Welcome to our OSHC staff:



Vanessa



Lina



Ellen



Amanda



James



Maddison



Jack

This has been a big undertaking which has resulted in a number of changes for families and students. We appreciate your patience with these changes and are pleased that our school can now offer a high quality, educative and engaging service. From the beginning of next week (Monday 5th February) half sessions will be offered each morning. A full morning session commences at 6:45am (breakfast is served) and a half session will run from 7:45am-8:30am.

Parents and caregivers using the service are reminded that all fees must be paid within 14 days of receiving an invoice. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of future bookings.

Emmaus Out of School Hours Care cont.

OSHC Fees

Our full fee for **Before School Care** is:

- ◆ Permanent bookings: \$14.00 per session
- ◆ Casual bookings: \$17.00 per session

Before School Care Half session fees:

Permanent: 7.45am to 8.30am \$7.00
Casual: 7.45am to 8.30am \$8.50

Our full fee for **After School Care** is:

- ◆ Permanent booking: \$22.00
- ◆ Casual booking: \$25.00

Our full fee for **Pupil Free Days** and **Vacation Care** days is: \$65.00

Fees quoted are before CCB or CCR has been applied.

Accounts will be sent home in paper form this week so look in your child's bag for your account. Please note that accounts will be sent home fortnightly in future by email and are strictly 14 days. *Accounts must be paid in full before future session bookings for your child will be accepted.*

A reminder for **enrolments forms** to be handed to OSHC or the front office. Please ensure all sections for parents, children and contacts have been completed and if you are registered with Centrelink that your CRN numbers are correct; otherwise this may affect your claim for invoicing.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be communicated (phone 0438 444 714 or email oshc@emmaus.catholic.edu.au) before 12pm otherwise full fees will apply (CCB will also be applied to absences).

If your account is not showing your CCB or you feel that your CCB rebate is incorrect, due to the privacy act you will need to contact Centrelink yourself.

Service opening times:

Before School:

Monday – Friday: 6:45 – 8:30am

After School:

Monday - Friday: 3:05 - 6:30pm

Vacation Care:

Monday – Friday: 6:45am – 6:30pm

Contact details:

Enrolments and bookings: Program Manager (Vanessa Kew) – 0438 444 714 or oshc@emmaus.catholic.edu.au

All OSHC Families will receive the OSHC information booklet next week.



GOOD BEGINNINGS- DON'T FORGET GOD!

This is the name of the unique way we start every year here at Emmaus. Our Good Beginnings Program aims to set-up our learners for a positive year by intensively engaging them in the many aspects of our learning community. There will be opportunities to reflect within classes on class agreements, expectations and personal goals; opportunities to work in units on learning more about the Emmaus story, our house system and the importance of sustainability; and opportunities to come together as a whole school to celebrate.

The start of a new year always provides these opportunities to begin something new- to have a GOOD BEGINNING. One aspect we can sometimes put aside in the busyness of life, and when we are developing new plans, is a focus on our spiritual lives. We find it easy to care for our physical bodies by starting fitness regimes and diets; but what about our inner-selves and our relationship with our Creator?

The search for our own identity is in truth the search for the divine indwelling and our connection with the mystery of our Creator. This search is expressed differently in all faiths, but as Christians this search draws us closer to God-Father, Son and Spirit.

To be human is to be spiritual...This is the very journey we are born to make.

What can you do to begin or continue this journey? What can this new year offer you and your family in discovering even greater depth in your faith life?

If you would like to find out simple ways you can nourish faith and spirituality in your family, come and see me or contact me via email (pmensforth@emmaus.catholic.edu.au).

Baby News

We congratulate Nicola and Robert Gill on the safe arrival of their new daughter, Isabel Grace.

We wish this little girl and her family all the best.



LENT- JUST AROUND THE CORNER



God loves us unconditionally and wants us to be 'whole.' Being 'whole' means to live fully, connected to all things. This is where we find our true happiness.

"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted... and... he ate nothing..." (Luke 4: 1-2)

The season of Lent is almost upon us. This is the most important season on our Catholic Liturgical Calendar. It is a time for us to fully accept our brokenness and our weaknesses and ask God to guide and strengthen us for the journey God has planned for each one of us. It is a solemn time of reflection, renewal and change.

Above is a short passage from the Gospel reading which will be read on the First Sunday of Lent. It reminds us of Jesus' time 'in the wilderness'- the origins of the forty days of Lent before Easter. Jesus often went away alone because it is only through prayer and contemplation that we can build our relationship with God. But notice who led Jesus into the wilderness.... 'the Spirit.' Yes, it was God's Spirit who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted. God knows how important this 'time-out' is for our soul. And even more, God knows, the importance of the difficult times that we must endure, in strengthening us for things to come.

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." (Archbishop Romero- El Salvador)

So how will you reflect, be renewed and be restored this Lent?

Make a commitment for positive change in your life which will bring you and your family closer to God. The 3 aspects of Lent, Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, can be a good guide to change. Some ideas include:

Prayer: Prayer is the only way to communicate with the God that loves us as we are. Spend time in silence for individual prayer or meditation, take turns to say a prayer before the family meal or make a commitment to go to mass each Sunday during Lent and experience the build-up to the Easter season. Someone once said, "God gives us 168 hours of life in a week, can we use just 1 to say thanks?"

Fasting: Fasting is 'giving-up' something. Take some time to examine your own life, are there habits that get in the way of strengthening your relationships with others and with God? Fasting is all about sacrifice- for the good of others. It is about becoming more aware of the needs of others rather than our own wants.

Almsgiving: Almsgiving is about sharing the earth's resources more equally with others. Consider how you can give something of yourself- time, money, talent, to others. Giving to, and assisting in events for Caritas' Project Compassion is one way of making this commitment. There may also be ways we can live more sustainably to care for the environment and others.

A Project Compassion Box and a Caritas Lenten Calendar that you may like to follow as a family will be sent home in the coming weeks. This is a simple way for children to understand the season of Lent. May you and your family be open to God's presence through this season of Lent.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS...



EMMAUS FAMILY COMMISSIONING MASS

The whole community is invited to a special Family Commissioning Mass on Sunday 11th February in the MacKillop Chapel at Emmaus, where the staff, parents and volunteers of our school will be commissioned and blessed for the dedicated work they do. The mass will begin at 10.30am and will be followed by a morning tea. We look forward to spending this special time with you and your family.



SHROVE TUESDAY- PANCAKE FIESTA

Our annual Pancake Fiesta to celebrate Shrove Tuesday will be held on the Chapel lawn in Week 3 on Tuesday 13th February from 3.05pm. The aim of the event is to come together and celebrate as a community before the season of Lent begins. There is no cost or charge for the pancakes on the day. However, we do need donations of shaker bottles of pancake mixture and toppings. These can be left at the front office. We also need helpers on the day to cook and serve pancakes. Come along and join the party!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS



We will be holding a whole school Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.15am on 14th February (Yes, the same day as St Valentine's Day). All families are invited to join us for this special celebration. Each of us will be marked with ashes to remind us that we aren't perfect and the season of Lent is a solemn and sacred time for us to concentrate on being better people. This celebration is a time for us to leave our 'old lives' in the ashes, to begin a new life through Lent.



INVITATION TO JOIN THE ALTAR SERVING TEAM

Year 3-7 students who have been baptised are invited to join our Altar Serving Team. The team will be trained and serve at our weekly Thursday morning masses. It is a wonderful way for students to learn more about the mass and to serve others. I look forward to working with those students who are continuing in the role and those interested in getting involved and learning more. I will send notes home in the coming weeks.

2018 MORPHETT VALE PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM

The Sacrament Program will be commencing in Week 2 of this term, February 6th 2018.

This program is especially for children 7 years of age and older who would like to continue their spiritual journey in the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The Sacrament Program will be held fortnightly on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm - 7:00pm in the Morphett Vale Parish Hall, during school terms only.

These dates include:

Term 1: Feb 6th Feb 20th March 6th March 20th

Term 2: May 1st May 15th May 29th June 12th June 26th

Term 3: July 24th Aug 7th Aug 21st Sept 4th Sept 18th

Term 4: Oct 16th Oct 30th Nov 13th

Contact the parish office for more information or to register your child by phone: 8326 1555, via email (mvp parish@internode.net.au) or by visiting their website (<http://www.morphettvalecatholic.com/>)

2018 MORPHETT VALE PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM continued

BAPTISM

God calls each of us to a closer relationship with God where we can gain clarity, fulfillment and true happiness. It can be hard to hear this call and there is certainly enough noise to distract us. But when the time is right, something opens us to a deeper understanding and we are transformed. May we each take time to listen more closely to God's call. What awesome things has God got planned for you?

There have been a number of parents and families asking about Baptism in the parish and seeking baptism for their children. The parish is certainly here to support families on this very important stage on their faith journey. If there are any other families interested in baptism, please contact the parish office on 8326 1555 or visit the website: <http://www.morphettvalecatholic.com/>. I may also be able to answer any of your questions.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Adults who are interested in Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion prepare and celebrate through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA.) In the Morphett Vale Catholic Community, the program begins in the second half of the year and the sacrament is celebrated on Easter Saturday the following year. If anyone is interested or just wants to find out more about the program, please contact the parish office on 8326 1555 or visit the website: <http://www.morphettvalecatholic.com/>. I may also be able to answer any of your questions.

God Bless,

Paul Mensforth

APRIM (Assistant Principal – Religious Identity and Mission)

pmensforth@emmaus.catholic.edu.au



The closing date for the Lucky Book Club is **Friday, 15th February**.

Instructions for ordering are in the catalogue. Payment by credit card/debit card needs to be completed online via LOOP—<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

If paying by cash or cheque please have your payment and order form in a marked envelope and place into the Communication Box for Friday morning—15th February (No late orders accepted). *Please ensure your child's name and class are on the order form.*

Thank you

Wendy Moulder

At Emmaus, School and Family work as a team to support our students.

Here are staff email address in case you have a question

or comment

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2018 FEES

Invoices will be sent home by end of Week 2 and full payment for the year is to be paid by end of Term 1 unless you have a direct debit in place.

If you would like to discuss your fees please do not hesitate to **make an appointment to see Vickie Richardson** in the office.

In 2018 **only one account** will be issued at the beginning of the year for the full year's fees on Tuition, Information Technology Levy, Resource Fee and Building Levy.

Tuition Fees

1 st child	\$2,340	
2 nd child	\$1,875	20% discount (calculated on 1 st child fees)
3 rd child	\$1,502	20% discount (calculated on 2 nd child fees)
4 th child or more	No charge	100% discount

ICT Infrastructure Levy

\$320 per child p.a.	This Levy offsets the costs of providing information and communication technology across all learning areas.
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Resource fee

\$275 per child p.a.	<p>The Resource Fee covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Texts (replacement and new class sets)• Consumable texts• Art & Craft materials• Physical education equipment• Curriculum and amenities fees (classroom resource materials and photocopying)• Class Excursions (excluding school camp & sacramental celebrations)
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Building Levy

\$200 per family p.a.	This amount is charged by Archdiocese of Adelaide towards capital funds.
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ALL THE FEES/LEVIES FOR 2018 YEAR CALCULATE AS FOLLOWS:-

1 child	\$3,135
2 children	\$5,605
3 children	\$7,702
4 children	\$8,297
5 children	\$8,892

2018 FEES

PAYMENT OF FEES

The school offers two methods only for paying fees and if you are unable to pay fees by the due date it is essential that regular payments have commenced for the benefit of both Emmaus and families' financial planning.

OPTION 1

The payment of fees is made directly to the school office in full for the year within 30 days of the first invoice in term 1.

If the entire annual fees are paid in full by **28th February 2018** there will be a 5% discount available on the Tuition element of the fees. This is in recognition of the assistance advance payment gives to the school's cash flow. This discount is unavailable for fees which are already receiving discounts other than Sibling Discount.

No. of children	Yearly	Discount
1	\$2,340	\$117
2	\$4,215	\$210
3	\$5,717	\$285

OPTION 2

Payment of fees may also be arranged by a **direct credit** to the school account either weekly, fortnightly or monthly and must be set up for fees to be paid in full by 31st December. Forms to set this up are available from the front office. (A direct debit schedule is also attached for your information).

Families in Financial Difficulties (including School Card eligibility)

Families eligible for school card or believing they may be eligible are asked to contact the School Office to check on the criteria for 2018. Appropriate proof of eligibility will need to be presented.

The following income limits for 2018 that will attract a 40% discount on Tuition Fees are as follows:-

1 Child	\$37,274
2 Children	\$38,291
3 Children	\$39,308
4 Children	\$40,325
5 Children	\$41,342

Emmaus Catholic School in 2018 will also be offering support to families who are outside of these income limits and to qualify you will need to make an appointment to see Vickie Richardson

to discuss your situation and provide evidence to receive discounts.

These are as follows:-

	30%	20%
1 Child	\$47,274	\$57,274
2 Children	\$48,291	\$58,291
3 Children	\$49,308	\$59,308
4 Children	\$50,325	\$60,325
5 Children	\$51,342	\$61,342

Families not eligible for school card, but experiencing financial difficulty are asked to **make an appointment to see Vickie Richardson** to discuss their situation.

All discussions and arrangements are in the strictest confidence.

Jottings from Joy



Ever considered what's underneath? Read Sharla's story:

Sunday night, I didn't get enough sleep. Some of it was my fault because I stayed up too late working, but mostly I was kept awake by kids and cats and my husband's snoring. By 3:45 a.m., I gave up and came downstairs to start my day. I was angry with my husband for the snoring and angry with myself for staying up too late in the first place. By the time everyone else started waking up, my anger had subsided, but all day, I had these irrational responses to things.

I cried because my daughter missed the bus and I had to drive her to school. I cried because I ran out of Pepsi (true story). I cried because my brain wouldn't cooperate with me and I had so much to do. I wept because one little thing (Velcro dots) tipped me over the edge of overwhelm and I had reached my breaking point.

When I say that I wept, I mean like uncontrollable, had to sit down on the floor, was gasping for breath kind of weeping. I wept over Velcro dots. But I wasn't really weeping over Velcro dots...

What was underneath were all the other feelings...

- I was tired because of not getting enough sleep.
- I was overwhelmed because of having too much on my plate.
- I was scared because one of our sons has a dental surgery on Monday to remove 9 supernumerary teeth plus 4 wisdom teeth.
- I was sad because I miss my friend Cathy who passed away from cancer in April.
- I was hungry because I had gotten busy and forgotten to eat.
- I was frustrated because my kids leave things all-over-the-house.

I wasn't going to feel better until I started admitting what I was really crying about and deal with those feelings. I called a good friend and shared my feelings. I ate. I got a good night's sleep. And of course, on Tuesday morning, I felt like myself again.

Understanding the concept of underlying feelings is just as important for kids as it is for adults. Being able to understand that what may look like anger may actually be covering up shame or frustration or deep hurt or sadness is an important step towards emotional healing and being better able to manage emotions. When sadness is covered up by anger, screaming or hitting can be what comes out. Once a child is able to recognize the underlying feelings, they often don't get to the point of aggression. They are better able to manage their emotions because they are better able to recognize them.

Sharla Kostelyk runs a blog called "The Chaos and the Clutter". If you have a minute, pop over and check out the [Teaching Emotions Toolkit](#) and see if you think it would help your child.

And... register you & a friend for the **free parenting workshop being held at Emmaus** on Tuesday 20 February 6-7.30pm (free creche!) See the flier below.



Free 6 week course in mastering money

- the Money Matters course starts

Wednesday 14 February from 9.30am – 12.30pm

Bookings are essential for this free course at Marion Life, 887 Marion Rd Mitchell Park.
Phone 8277 0304

Learn:

How to save money
Getting Organised
Centrelink issues

Goal setting
Affirmations
Family budgeting

Assertiveness
Scams & poverty traps

Take Care of yourself, Joy Saba (Chaplain)



Centacare



Managing Strong Feelings

This workshop will assist parents/carers with:

- Supporting children in identifying and expressing strong emotions in a helpful way
- Assisting them to self-soothe
- Repairing any relationships that have been ruptured



Where:

Emmaus Catholic Primary School
2 Todd St,
Woodcroft

When:

Tuesday 20th February, 2018
6.00-7.30PM

CRECHE AVAILABLE

Bookings essential, please contact Centacare on 8215 6700 or email your details to:

registrations@centacare.org.au

This project is jointly funded by Centacare Catholic Family Services and Department of Social Services

School Hours

Morning Supervision: 8.30 – 8.45 a.m.

(Students arriving before 8.30 a.m. must be signed in to OSHC by a parent/carer)

School Commences: 8.45 a.m.

(All students must be in class at this time)

Recess: 11.00 – 11.30 a.m.

Lunch: 1.00 – 1.40 p.m.

School Dismissal: 3.05 p.m.



A reminder for Student Absences from School

Parents and Guardians are reminded to phone the office, send a text message or email through to advise that your child is away from school or is going to be late. Alternatively you can use the Emmaus School Stream app.

SMS: 0408 306 681

School Stream App - go to Forms and complete the Absentee Form.

Phone: 08 8322 7211 (leave a message on answering machine prior to 8.30am)

Email: information@emmaus.catholic.edu.au



If you are going to be away on **Holidays** would you please drop in a letter to the front office, use the school app or email info@emmaus.catholic.edu.au advising of this.

Late and Early Departures

Remember to sign your child in/out via the iPad in the office if they are late to school or leaving early.

Children who are late to school need to be signed in by an adult and when children leave early from school they need to be signed out by their parent/guardian.

Thank you



Friday, 9th February, our school will focus on all the ways we can grow our brains through: challenge, persistence, listening to feedback, working in our Zone of Proximal Development, calming techniques and more. As part of our day, children will be encouraged to taste some different snacks like seaweed crackers, baba ganoush, pickled onion, raw capsicum, celery, olives, beetroot.

We are hoping to challenge students to move out of their comfort zone with foods they eat,

We need about 10 parents to help prep and serve these snacks, between 9.30-10.30am. If you can help, please return the slip or email the office directly, information@emmaus.catholic.edu.au.

Grow your Brain Day, Friday, 9th February

I can help prepare and serve recess platters for Grow Your Brain Day on Friday,
9th February, from 9.30 to 10.30am

Name: _____

School Banking Information Session

Emmaus Catholic School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

School Banking day is **Monday**.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 8.30 – 9.30AM

Date: Monday 12th Feb

Location: in the courtyard

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.



BEGINNERS CRICKET AT REYNELLA OVAL, Old Reynella

Reception/Grade 1: Cricket Australia's national beginners program for boys and girls, **in2CRICKET**, commences Saturday 17th Feb to 24th March, 9-10.15am. Register/pay \$85* online (*your \$50 Sports Voucher is redeemable online if unused: cost then \$35) at [playcricket.com.au/Reynella Oval](http://playcricket.com.au/ReynellaOval).

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