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Dear Emmaus families,

Re: COVID-19 (coronavirus) update #5

Just to keep you posted, here is the latest COVID-19 advice as it affects our Emmaus school community:

Speech Therapists and Occupational Therapists

As part of a concerted effort to reduce visitors to our site, we are asking families to suspend any allied Health Services, that visit students, here at school, from Monday 23rd March. Many of these organisations have already suspended services, themselves. I would be asking that these specialists organize learning/apps for their clients to access, during this temporary suspension.

Families in need

If any of you or anyone you know, is in need of some practical (financial/food security) help, please let me know. We have supplies of groceries and access to more, if we need.

Liturgies and Masses across SA

In consultation with the Consultors and Vicars General of the Adelaide and Port Pirie dioceses, all parishes and schools have been directed to temporarily suspend Masses and public liturgies until further notice.

We are being asked to increase time spent in prayer and have been given the option of celebrating Mass online at this time. Parishes and schools are also being asked to consider how they can celebrate Holy Week in different ways.

Students who present as unwell

Any students who present as unwell during the school day will be directed to the Sick Room in the Front Office (as usual). After being seen by senior First Aid trained personnel, a family member will be contacted. If any symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, or a child is in distress, parents will be asked to take the child home.

Learning Apps

We are a school and we are all about teaching and learning. Continuity of learning is important for all of our students. All parents will be furnished with a list of apps and electronic learning sites that the classes regularly use so that families can ensure access to these in case of any longer term school closure. This information will be emailed to families by class teachers. Passwords for these sites will be important. Teachers will share these passwords with all parents next week.

A little bit of fun

We all need a little bit more joy right now so you might enjoy singing this song with your children about washing their hands. It is a popular tune that we often use during our Masses and liturgies, here at Emmaus.

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Stay tuned

Please stay informed by regularly checking for further email updates from our school. We also recommend the following sources for COVID-19 news related to Catholic Schools in SA

The CESA website Alerts page - <https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts>

The CESA facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationSA/>

I hope you are all keeping your spirits up and washing your hands!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Gurr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a trailing flourish.

Catherine Gurr
Principal

19th March 2020