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Dear Emmaus families,

Here is the latest COVID-19 Pupil Free Week 11:

Year 4 and 5 Camps

As many of you would already have guessed, our year 4 and 5 camps (due to happen early term 2) will have to be postponed. We know these camps are highlights for our students. They look forward to these special events and remember for years afterwards so we are working on rescheduling them to later in the year. Stay tuned for new dates.

JP Swimming

Unfortunately, given the current COVID-19 situation and CESA directive, we have had to postpone our swimming lessons for Junior Primary students, scheduled for week one in term 2. We will look to reschedule these lessons when it is safe to do so.

Fun Time Friday

We are trying hard to help our students remain optimistic and to provide opportunities for happiness and fun at school, especially in the current climate. This Friday we will celebrate the last Fun Friday for term one. There will be free ice blocks for our students and staff, and dance music all lunch time. Because this would have been our Sports Day, we are inviting students to come along decorated in their team colours. Students can wear their house colour t-shirt and might like to add any accessory that is appropriate to their house colour. This might be an item they wear that is in their house colour – eg., a yellow beanie to show support for McAuley or some green sunglasses for Marin etc. Staff will join in too – we wonder what Mr Pascoe will wear?

Pupil Free Week 11

Week 11 -Monday 6 April- Thursday 9 April, is classified as **pupil free** (by State Government and Catholic Education SA). This time has been set aside for staff to prepare for online/remote learning (for the short and longer term). There is no expectation for students to do home learning on these days.

Care and Supervision during week 11

Advice given to us, has changed since I last updated families about this. Instead of Vacation Care being extended to include week 11, we are now offering Before School Care (BSC) and After School Care (ASC) and supervision and care for the few parents/caregivers who need to work and have **no alternative care arrangements**. Supervision and care will be provided in these extreme cases however, we encourage families to keep their child/ren home where possible to assist with safe social distancing practices.

If you have no alternative care arrangements and need to have your child/ren supervised at school, please deliver students directly to the hall, after 8:30am (unless using BSC). Students should bring their lunch, recess and drink bottle and need to be collected by 3:30pm. Students requiring care outside of these hours, must be booked into BSC or ASC.

To help us organise the appropriate supervision, please register your child's/children's name/s at the following link: *(which now works)*

[Fill | Emmaus Catholic School: Student Free Days](#)

Regular updates are being provided on the Catholic Education SA website – www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts

Thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding,

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

Catherine Gurr
Principal

31st March 2020