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Dear Emmaus families,

Re: COVID-19 (coronavirus) update #14

Vacation Care

Like many other businesses, our Emmaus OSHC service has been under immense financial pressure this term, with the reduction in attendance as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Given we are such a small service, with a small cash reserve (which has been exhausted) and coupled with this, the fact that we have limited human resources - in case of vulnerable workers and possible self isolation, I have had to make the difficult decision to close our Vacation Care service for the coming holidays.

I understand this will impact significantly on some families and I apologise for this. We do want as many parents and caregivers as possible, to continue to work. To support this, I have organised for any Emmaus students to access Vacation Care at either Seaford District Community Children's Centre or Antonio Catholic School. The enrolment forms for these services are included with this update.

I hope our service is back up and running as soon as possible but at the moment, I need to balance finances with the needs of our community members.

This might be useful to share with your children

This short video might be helpful to explain to your children what the Coronavirus is and what happens when people get it and what they can do to reduce the spread. It goes for 5 minutes but I suggest you watch it first to decide if it would be appropriate to share with your child.

<https://www.calmkidcentral.com/covid-19/>

All the news

All these COVID-19 updates have been saved to our website. Simply go to the 'News & Events' tab and scroll down, you will see a COVID-19 link which will take you to all updates and the Fee Remission form <https://www.emmaus.catholic.edu.au/news-events/covid-19-emmaus-updates>

The Fee Remission Form can also be found under the Enrolment Tab – 'School Fees' section of the website.

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

For the Week 11 Pupil Free days, we are 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:

[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,



Catherine Gurr
Principal

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