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Dear Emmaus families,

Re: COVID-19 (coronavirus) update #16

We had the best Fun Time Friday ever today! Thank you to our students, families and amazing staff for making it a Friday to remember. Check out the photos on FB for a few highlights.

OSHC is back!

Last night, the Prime Minister announced that there would be support for child-care services – which includes our OSHC service. We are given to understand that children using these services will now receive free education and care, meaning there will be no gap for families, for the duration of these changes.

With this new information, we will be able to offer Before School Care (BSC) and After School Care (ASC) next week and Vacation Care during the holidays. Families should book in for sessions using FullyBooked. All sessions will be classed as casual over this period and we will staff according to bookings. To help us with this, families are asked to finalise bookings for BSC by 8pm the night prior and by midday the same day, for ASC. Places are available for any children of essential workers or any children who cannot be cared for at home. Until directed differently, all workers are classed as essential.

FullyBooked is now set up for Zero Fee bookings starting next week. We have set this up for BSC and ASC next week and Vacation Care the following two weeks. Families can now book in as normal for week 11 and Vacation Care (if families had already booked for Vacation Care they will need to resubmit their bookings). Families will not be charged for these sessions.

Learning in Term 2

At this stage, school will be open at the beginning of term 2, in the same way it finished in term 1. Parents are able to choose to send their child/ren to school or keep their child/ren home, depending on their circumstance. This will continue unless directed otherwise by the government.

We have been notified that all children will learn via the remote mode – whether at school or at home. This will make it easier for teachers. To further help us with planning for term 2, we are asking families to complete a survey, telling us whether they are planning on sending their children to school next term.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GDMCTCN>

Ms Gurr's reading Challenge

Next week, I will be launching Ms Gurr's Mega Reading Challenge. This will be the Reading Challenge to beat all Reading Challenges. The Mega Reading Challenge will run through the duration of the remote learning period and will be drawn when we are all back at school together. There will be 50 prizes!!!! Tickets will be emailed to families next week and hard copies will go home with remote learning Packs which will be available after the holidays. (More information about these packs next week).

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.

Catholic Education SA will also continue to provide updated information on its website – www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts - and Facebook - and of course, the staff and I, will be present at school in Term 1 until 9 April. Please ring if/as you need.

I wish you all happy and safe holidays and a blessed (though different) Easter.

Yours sincerely,

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

3rd April 2020