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Welcome to the first edition of the Emanuel School Old Scholars' Association (ESOSA) Newsletter. We would love to hear your news – recent achievements in your studies, work, family, business - anything of interest. Please send details to Sonia Newell, Development Officer – [snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au)

We are organising reunions for the Classes of 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004 for later in the year. If you were a student in one of these years, we'd love to get your current contact details so we can send you an invitation to your reunion.



**Are you interested in the history of the Emanuel School site?** Do you know that the Saunders Building was designed by Edmund Blacket – a famous architect who also designed Sydney University and other well known buildings in Sydney? We have early letters explaining what the site was like in the 1890s when the Loreto Convent ran a boarding and day school and young ladies from the district learned "Deportment and Calisthenics" and received "a superior Education." We are planning a historic tour of the site in Term 4. This will take place on a Sunday morning from 10.30am-11.30am. If you are interested please contact Desi Spiro on 8383 7333 or [dspiro@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dspiro@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au)



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# Update From The Board

## New Building

The Board is pleased to report that Emanuel School has been successful in receiving a \$2.5m grant from the Federal Government for funding via its new Building the Education Revolution stimulus programme. This, together with the largest donation in the history of the School from longstanding benefactors Aron and Helen Kleinlehrer, means that the new four-level permanent building next to the Canteen is fully funded.

The new building will contain a Primary School Library, three state-of-the-art science laboratories, a Language Learning Centre, and an additional Primary School classroom, as well as underground parking. Construction costs are expected to be above \$5m. The plans have been approved by Randwick Council and the NSW Heritage Council and construction is expected to commence in the months ahead.

*Jonathan Sesel*

*President*

Check out the Emanuel School  
Randwick Alumni Facebook page

What are you doing now?

Send us your story and photos

## How I became an Emanuel School student



In November 1982, when I was eight years old, my mother asked me if I would like to go to a new School. She was involved in establishing this School together with Rabbi Brian Fox and other community leaders. At that stage I was a pupil of Cranbrook School in Bellevue Hill.

The next year I was one of the first of fifty-three students at The Emanuel School which was located in a few small rooms above Temple Emanuel in Woollahra. The Principal at the School was Mr Tom Weidenman. I remember that he encouraged students to use the new Apple computers that we had just received. I enjoyed this new School because of the friendly environment. It had the ability to teach a child on a more personal

level because of the low ratio of students to teachers.

The next year we moved to larger premises in Watsons Bay. We were given more computers and more students had arrived. We were only there for one year when a new, larger site was found to purchase. This site was where the school is today.

The large property on the corner of Avoca and Stanley Streets was purchased from The Little Sisters of the Poor in 1985. In 1986 we had the then Prime Minister Bob Hawke come to officially open the School. I remember shaking his hand and thanking him for coming. He said, "You're welcome and it is my pleasure".

I stayed at Emanuel School until Year 12 in 1991. I really enjoyed going there. To this day I have fond memories of my time at Emanuel School.

*Greg Weisz*

Greg worked for Mr Edward Waxman OAM in his carpet business (Waks Bros Carpets) after leaving school in 1991 until 1995. Mr Waxman is a Life Governor of Emanuel School and Founding President. He then worked for a large international carpet manufacturer for a year before working with his mother for a few years in the design and manufacture (in China) of a lumbar back support before they sold this company. He then ran a chain of pawn broking shops in Sydney before going back into the retail carpet industry three years ago. He is still in this industry. Greg's late father, Mr Alex Weisz, was a founding Board Member of Emanuel School.

We hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter and we look forward to your contributions in the future.

Please email your contact details to  
[snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au)  
so we can add you to our mailing list.

## Staying in Touch Births:

Katie (Levenson) ('89) and Larry Narunsky, Madison

Paul ('92) and Michelle Masnick, Leo

Samantha (Finger) ('98) and Daniel Butt, Emma

Fred ('99) and Hanit Gershberg, Shelley

Tal ('99) and Zara Leshetz, Ethan

## Engagements:

Eve Guerry ('98) and Toffee Foltyn

Daniel Moddel ('98) and Ilana Wahnon

Adam Symonds ('99) and Ilana Waxman ('04)

Nicole Ruttenberg ('99) and Daniel Unger

Ben Green ('99) and Kirsty Levin

Marina Gankin ('04) and Pavel Makhlin

## Marriages:

Justine Perl ('95) and Neil Meskin

Yasmin Moddel ('98) and Brad Goldberg

Lara Kemeny ('98) and Anthony Pitt

Ruth Hassin ('99) and Louis Robalino

Ari Shammay ('02) and Naomi Sweller

## New Business Ventures:

Jason and Nicholas Odze ('00) are now the owners of  
Powergolf, St Leonards – ph 9439 9997 and  
Powergolf, Castle Hill – ph 9634 1477

## On the move...

Greg ('98) and Stacey Segal have relocated to Brisbane



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