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from the **Development Office**

I hope this latest newsletter finds you and your family well. The very first Grandparents and Friends newsletter of just two pages was published in August 2009 and look how it has grown since then. This edition is jam-packed

with lots of information and stories about our School – happy reading!

2017 got off to a fabulous start, with planning for a number of school events including our annual Primary Grandparents and Friends Day, to be held this year on Friday 15 September. Please keep this date free if your grandchildren are in Years K to 6. Details about this morning event will be out soon.

I have just completed my 10th year working at Emanuel School and what a wonderful ten years it has been. Over this time, we have seen the School expand with new buildings, increased enrolments, and of course with a reputation as a School everyone wants to be part of! School Principal Anne Hastings has announced her retirement at the end of this year after eight years as our wonderful leader. All aspects of our amazing School community are a credit to Anne and to her predecessor Dr Bruce Carter AM, to all our staff, Board, the students and the support from their parents as well as grandparents and friends. Many of our alumni give back to the School long after they leave here at the end of Year 12, as do many of our grandparents.

If you are new Emanuel grandparents, welcome to our family. If you are not new, but have missed seeing past newsletters, they can all be viewed at: www.emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au/Gesher

I also encourage you to have a look at the Alumni newsletters using this same link. Here you will read about some of the amazing achievements of our graduates.

We love to hear your news and share it with other members of our community.

Please feel free to contact me at snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

Sonia Newell, Development Officer



Year K Pathways ceremony

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EMANUEL SCHOOL Where the Individual Excels



From the **Principal's Desk**

Let me introduce our planned new Centre for Innovation to you. We thought that our last major building project would be the LINC building, finished in 2015, but we are now poised to start another project. We have just started demolishing the old High School Library and Jewish History Centre

at the top of our campus. Our High School Library moved to the top of the Brender-Moss building and we held our last function in the old library building just before the end of Term 2. We will construct a three-storey building to house an expanded Jewish History Centre, a commercial kitchen for Hospitality, a multi-purpose Design & Technology/Makerspace classroom, and seven new classrooms.

With enrolments growing in the Primary School and over 80 students in most of our High School year groups, we have a great need for additional classrooms, given that we also have to remove the X Block demountables in the near future. We have introduced Hospitality to Year 11 this year – a subject that provides both TAFE and HSC qualifications – and so the commercial kitchen is a must, and will also provide much needed upgraded facilities for the food-related units in Design & Technology. We have also been developing the concept of having a Makerspace on campus – a place where students can go to tinker, create, pull apart and problem solve using all sorts of tools and toys.

Our Makerspace plans and the flexible set-up for the other classrooms in the new building reflect the changes currently happening in the education world. The need to prepare students for their world in the 21st century requires a new kind of education, one that is more flexible, less teacher-driven, more focused on building critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration and communication skills and less on the gaining of knowledge.

This building is possible because of the generous donation of our long-term benefactor, Aron Kleinlehrer, and of other major donors. The spirit of philanthropy is alive and well in the Jewish community and we are very grateful for the significant support we have received over the years to build and enhance our School's facilities.

As a School of only 34 years, we are keen to also build a foundation of funds to support students from needy families, who would otherwise not be able to have the benefit of an Emanuel School education. The Emanuel School Foundation is seeking support for this purpose. As the elders of our community, your support and encouragement of our School are greatly appreciated. The beautiful shady trees of today were planted by some wise and generous people many years ago.

Best wishes

Anne Hastings, Principal

There are many opportunities to be involved.
If you have a little time to spare and would like to help at School,
please contact Sonia Newell on 8383 7350 or snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au



David Gwilliam and Jazz Ensemble

Jazz on the Hill

Children, parents and grandparents came to School on Sunday 26 March, armed with picnic rugs and chairs, to sit on The Hill and listen to the talents of so many musicians in our School community – student, staff and alumni jazz ensembles entertained the audience for three full hours – such delight! Vocalist Genevieve Goldman (Year 11) accompanied by mum Michelle on keyboard and dad David on guitar was the opening act and oh boy, did she wow the audience!

There are so many people to thank for all their efforts in making Jazz on the Hill 2017 such a fabulous event:

David Gwilliam, Head of Music and ALL the musicians – student ensembles, staff jazz band and alumni jazz ensemble 33 Degrees; Teachers, administration and maintenance staff and student volunteers, who helped set-up, man and supervise the many activities provided for primary-aged students, including Lego Robotics, Dodge ball, cartooning workshop, “Puppetoon” – a puppet show, a Science extravaganza show and Razzle Dazzle arts & craft.

Our Year 11 Hospitality students who, together with Lara Ephron, Head of Design & Technology and assistant Claudia Bloom, prepared and sold some of the yummiest food!

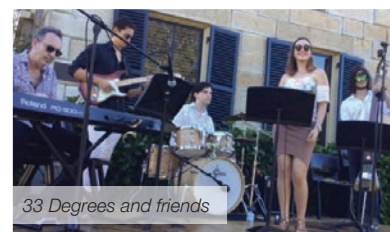
Alumnus Justin Moddel (Class of 2001) of Mugg Shot Coffee (www.muggshotcoffee.com) was our barista extraordinaire for the afternoon.



L to R: Georgia Linetsky, Daniella Gold, Madeleine Weinstein, Kiara Rosen-Tal, Gal Cohen Kvatsinsky, Lara Ephron, Amber Sawicki, Liron Smith, Shai Stern and Romy Berson



Staff Jazz Ensemble



33 Degrees and friends



Genevieve (Evie) Goldman with Michelle and David



Advanced Jazz Ensemble



Message from **Kornmehl Centre** Emanuel Pre-school

Once again, 2017 has afforded us the opportunity to engage, interact with and appreciate the grandparents who visit Kornmehl on a daily basis. We feel truly lucky and blessed to have these daily interactions with people who play such a vital and important role in the lives of their grandchildren. It is obvious that the feelings are mutual and both grandparents and their grandchildren get so much out of these reciprocal interactions and encounters. For the educators at Kornmehl, we value these moments, learn from the wisdom of the grandparents and enjoy our chats and discussions about many different topics.

We were delighted to have a past grandparent – Mrs Leonie Milner, come back to the Pre-school to help us prepare the dough for challah making on a Friday. How special is this! It says a lot about how both parties feel comfortable, valued and are able to continue relationships long after grandchildren have left the Pre-school.



A NOTE TO REMEMBER

If you have mobility problems and would like to come to the School for an event, please contact the organiser and they will endeavour to provide easy access.

Kornmehl Centre Emanuel Pre-school (continued)

We continue to have grandparents join us for Bush School, come in to cut up morning fruit, bake for a special event or simply to just read a story or do a drawing together.

For Mother's Day this year, we were lucky to have many grandmothers join us for our special breakfast. The smiles on everyone's face spoke wonders and sent such positive messages to young children about how the older members of our community are valued and treasured.

We thank all our Kornmehl grandparents for their on-going support and our special daily encounters. We look forward too many more special moments together.

Terry Aizen, Director



Gesher

Connecting the Emanuel School Community

I apologise in advance to those of you who are regular readers of this newsletter and know this – you may recall I always start my update with a definition of “Gesher” – it is the Hebrew word for “bridge” and Gesher for our School is all about “community”. We are the link between School, our grandparents and friends, our past students and our past parents. In fact Gesher is the link to anyone with an interest in our School. So, let me say with great pride, “community, community, community – what a great start to 2017”. It is amazing to read that so many new students coming to this wonderful School are following in the footsteps of their parents, who are former Emanuel students! That means

for some of the readers here now, you are again part of our active community, but this time as grandparents, of around 60 students whose parents are Emanuel graduates!

Thank you to Sonia Newell, our Development Officer, for producing our bi-annual Grandparents and Friends newsletters as well as our Alumni newsletters. I encourage you to check out the Alumni newsletters too, and read about some of the amazing achievements of our graduates and the abundance of alumni news. We love to hear your news too and would like to share it with other members of our community.

We look forward to seeing the newly formed Grandparents Committee, headed by Tammy Keller and Kathy Passman, providing new avenues to get and keep our grandparents connected with our amazing School. We hope to see you here as we head into the second half of the School year.

Daniel Knoll,
Board member and Chair, Gesher Committee

From the Jewish Studies Department



Year 4 Tanakh Presentation

Year 9 visit Rose Bay Seniors

Paying a pre – Pesach visit to Rose Bay Seniors, our Year 9 Jewish Studies class with Head of Jewish Life, Rabbi Danny Siegel went to the B’nai B’rith Retirement Village in Rose Bay. The afternoon was spent speaking with the residents of the home and learning about their lives and families. The students performed songs like Dayeinu and Ma Nishtana to help their hosts anticipate with smiles the upcoming Pesach holiday. They also served tea while everyone enjoyed the various biscuits and cold drinks provided. Before our students left they distributed gift boxes of Matza, wishing their hosts chag sameach. It was interesting to hear about all the memories and stories the residents shared with the students and it was fun for the students to perform, getting their new friends to join in when singing the songs. It was a great experience teaching the students about the special bond religion plays in linking everyone, from different generations, to celebrate Pesach. Here is a photo from the visit.



Pesach sederim

The end of Term 1 was full of Pesach celebrations and rituals, with each Primary class having their own special seder and the High School sederim were held as well. Many parents and grandparents enjoyed watching their young children confidently playing parts and speaking in Hebrew as they enacted the Pesach events. Planning and rehearsing take considerable time and effort for our Jewish Life staff and we congratulate them and the students on the success of each event and express our thanks for their hard work. We particularly thank our P&F co-chairs Ruby Berkovic and Jen Opit, and other members of the P&F, who assisted with each seder. This was a great commitment and their help was much appreciated.

We had seven Sederim celebrations from Year K through to Year 6 with each grade having their own special ceremony or performance. It was lovely to have so many parents and family members share in these wonderful events. Thank you to the Hebrew and Jewish Studies Department for their incredible work organising the Sederim. It takes considerable time and energy to create such a beautiful range of events and is truly a team effort within the Hebrew and Jewish Studies team. Thank you especially to Primary Head of Hebrew Hagit Bar-On, Primary Head of Jewish Life Adam Carpenter, Jewish Life PA Stacey Rosenfeld, Primary PA Holly Dillon, the P&F and parent helpers for their tireless efforts. Thank you also to Emanuel parent Michelle Goldman and music teacher Danny Burley for their engaging piano accompaniment and to parent Ofer Levy for taking such beautiful photographs. We are so lucky to have you all in our community.

From the Jewish Studies Department (continued)

Year 4 Tanakh presentation

In the second last week of Term 2, parents and grandparents of the Year 4 students attended a special Primary School Torah service and Tanakh presentation ceremony. Jewish Studies teacher Morah Gaida and Primary students conducted the morning tefillot filled with singing and ruach. To symbolise the passing on of the Torah from generation to generation, Devan Bloch and three generations of his family were called to the Torah and Lily Berger, who was celebrating her Bat Mitzvah that Shabbat, read beautifully from the Torah.

In preparation for the ceremony, each child's Tanakh had been lovingly decorated and personalised with family histories, stories, photographs and blessings. Before giving their child the Tanakh, parents were led in the Birkat HaBanim – the blessing over the children. After receiving their Tanakh, students recited the Shehechyanu prayer. This beautiful ceremony was followed by hugs, kisses and the singing of Siman Tov Mazal Tov. The pride and delight expressed by the children and their families over the giving of the Tanakh were something very special to witness. Families shared a quiet moment at the end of the ceremony to read over and share the personalised messages and decorations with their child. We thank all the parents and family members who attended the ceremony and for the love and care put into personalising each Tanakh.



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**SAVE
THE DATE**

**Primary Grandparents
and Friends Day**

**Friday 15 September 2017.
Please keep the morning free.**



Our golf buggy, driven by a member of staff, is a fabulous way for some of our less mobile visitors to get around the School campus.

P&F Report



Mother's Day Breakfast



"Hello! We are the new Co-Presidents of the P&F, Jen Opit and Ruby Berkovic."

Jen graduated from Emanuel School in 1996 and now two of her three children are at the School, in Years 1 and 4. Ruby has three children at Emanuel, and they have been attending the School since Kornmehl. They are now in Years 2, 4 and 6.

"Both of us love the nurturing and supportive environment at Emanuel,

as well as the strong sense of community. We are very happy to be involved in, and contributing to, the School through this new role.

We have been learning the ropes as we go, with a busy start to the year! Our first event was the annual Staff Welcome Lunch on the Staff Development Day at the end of January. It was a lovely initiation into the role, getting to welcome and thank all of the wonderful staff members here at Emanuel.

We got to meet some of the new parents at "Cookies and Kisses" and there were no tears in sight, neither from the new Year K students nor their parents!

Straight after that was the Purim Disco. That was such fun, with parent volunteers really stepping up and helping to make it an incredible afternoon of dancing, eating, face painting, sports and crafts! A huge thanks to all those parents who helped and a special thank you to Tami Martin from Kool Kidzz, who provided a slew of craft activities to entertain the kids. Thank you also to Red Rocket Toys and Feisty Little Mouse for donating fantastic prizes.

The Pesach Sederim were amazing again this year, and we were happy to be able to help with their organisation and to get to see how proud all the K-6 children were with their year groups' individual events.



Ruby Berkovic & family



Jen Opit & family

P&F Report (continued)

Our Mothers' Day breakfast and stalls were a great success. Thank you to all our parent/grandparent volunteers, to Michelle Stockley for organising the stalls with ease, to our wonderful Canteen, to NUDIE for the juices and Biller Property for supplying the coffee cart.

We held our inaugural Mums at the Movies Night at the end of May which was a beautiful night of laughing, singing and bonding over a classic 80's movie. We are hoping to make this an annual event.

We still have a lot ahead of us!

Our Comedy Night is on 19 August and we would love for you to join us! See the poster on this page for booking details.

Thank you so much for your support of the P&F and we look forward to seeing you all soon."

*Jen Opit and Ruby Berkovic,
Co-Presidents of the P&F*



**Featuring comedians
from Sydney & Melbourne
International Comedy Festival**

In Support of:
Emanuel School

**Saturday August 19
The Lehrer Family Building
Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) – Emanuel School
Tickets \$35 at: comedyforacause.net/ES
18+ Only**

Mother's Day Classic

On Sunday 14 May, 40 parents, students and grandparents joined forces as the Emanuel School Striders Team for the annual Mother's Day Classic, raising just over \$700.00



Grandparents Committee

We are very pleased to announce that the new Grandparents Committee has been formed, under the co-presidency of Tammy Keller and Kathy Passman. The main aims of this committee are to engage our grandparents in the life of our School, which may include organising events and other activities, all under the banner of Gesher, which links our School Community. Here now is a brief introduction to the busy lives of both Tammy and Kathy.

Tammy Keller: "I was born in Israel so many many years ago, and have always felt a strong tie with Israel and the importance of a good Jewish education.

I had been involved in Courage to Care, an outreach program of B'nai B'rith, a travelling exhibition aiming to inform and educate Australians of the dangers of prejudice and discrimination.

At present, together with my husband and son, we are involved in our Sleep Clinic, diagnosing and helping patients with problems in sleep.

I am very proud being a part of the Emanuel School family in trying to establish a grandparents group for activities we can share with our grandchildren. Any help with ideas and participation would be most welcome.

In my mind family is the most precious unit in life. But family can be not only the immediate family, it is what you make it, and we are all part of the large wonderful Emanuel family."

Tammy and Peter are pictured here with grandchildren Xander, Ravi and Zara Keller, all students at Emanuel School.

Kathy Passman: "My husband, Martin and I have been married for thirty three years and have two children each from previous marriages. I have a gorgeous daughter, Simonne, who with husband Steve, the most amazing son-in-law I could have ever dreamed of, have two divine boys, Jarrad, 17 and Zachary 14. Then there's my gorgeous son, Daniel and his divine family. Daniel who is married to Natalie, is on the Emanuel School Board and chairs the Gesher Committee. Their daughters are Isabella (Issy) in Year 7 and Allegra in Year 6 here at Emanuel School. Martin's daughter, Melanie is married to Drew and they have two gorgeous boys, Finn, who is two and a half and Jackson, who is nine months old. Martin's son, Paul and his wife Georgina have a son, Patrick, who is 15 months old and they are expecting another child in September. This family photo was taken on Sunday, 23 April, which was the first time ever that all our children and grandchildren have been together. It took me

months to pull it off and it was a surprise for Martin for his birthday. It was such a special day for all of us. Such a special photo!

My involvement with Emanuel School started when Issy and Allegra were very little. I came here every Wednesday for the reading program. I have attended many swimming and sports carnivals, as well as many Sederim and functions of all sorts put on by the School, all of which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I have picked up the girls from School on many occasions, driving them to the city to attend the Conservatorium, or anywhere they needed to go.

I retired from work some 13 years ago and have never been busier. I was what is known as a Sweet Adeline, which is a 20,000 + worldwide organisation of the female version of men's Barbershop singing. As a Sweet Adeline, I travelled the country and the world. I loved every minute of it. I joined a Sweet Adeline quartet and we performed together for 13 years, which is, I think, a record in Australia.

Even though our quartet retired from performing some years ago, we are still very good friends. We see each other regularly and have even been away together on holidays, with our husbands in tow.

I started a mixed chorus some six years ago, but this chorus is not based on barbershop. We sing all types of songs, from standards to very contemporary charts. We have won eisteddfods, sung at private functions, including a flash mob wedding, and hold a yearly performance in December. My piano playing, which I started at the age of three, has come in very handy for arranging some of our songs.

I play bowls at Double Bay Bowling Club and have been heavily involved with various committees there for the five years that I've been a member. I have been lucky enough to have been very successful in various tournaments in that time and look forward to many more years of competitiveness in this wonderful sport.

I also play bridge, which I love. I wish that I had more time to play bridge, but unfortunately, it's at the bottom of the pecking order for now."

We welcome both Tammy and Kathy as co-presidents of the Grandparents Committee and look forward to hearing about their plans for ideas and events to get our wonderful grandparents involved more in the life of our School.



Tammy & Peter Keller with their grandchildren



Kathy Passman & Family



EMANUEL SCHOOL FOUNDATION

As Chairman of the Emanuel School Foundation I am often asked why a school – any school – needs a foundation. With the cost of private schools at a premium, the assumption of surplus and “plenty” abounds. However, this assumption does not hold true across the community. There are many parents who are passionate about a Jewish education for their children but simply cannot afford it. At Emanuel, with the spirit of tikkun olam embedded in the philosophy of Mind, Spirit, Being, it is particularly apt that we have a foundation to assist with bursaries, scholarships and in certain cases of financial difficulty in participating in school programs, such as the Year 10 Chavayah experience. Our Foundation is committed to helping as many in our community as possible receive an education – a Jewish education, an Emanuel School education. I am particularly proud that we are able to educate students who will, with Emanuel’s

philosophy, be committed to the Jewish community, their heritage, ethical living and the State of Israel. Together we work to develop caring and contributing members of the Jewish community and Australian society. Having prepared this article at the time we were approaching the festival of Passover, I was reminded how this story is one of the oldest and most inspiring stories of hope ever told. It speaks about the strength of a nation, and it is a story that more than a hundred generations of our ancestors handed to their children and that we do likewise millennia later. We are the guardians of this narrative and of the history of our people. I hope through our Foundation we too can give hope to others and continue to build an even stronger Emanuel community.

More information on our Foundation is available [here](#) or by visiting the School website. To make a donation please contact the School’s Business Manager, Jillian McCormick (02) 8383 7333 or email foundation@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au. All donations to the Emanuel School Foundation are tax deductible.

Charles Aronson, Chairman



Foundation Dinner

From the Principal, in Ma Nishma on 30 June, “the Emanuel School Foundation held its annual dinner in our old High School Library on 27 June. With over 70 people in attendance and the venue beautifully presented, guests enjoyed a wonderful evening. Special guests included His Excellency Shmuel Ben-Shmuel, Ambassador of Israel to Australia, Bruce Notley-Smith, Member for Coogee, The Honourable Walt Secord, MLC, recipients and families of our Ambassadors’ Awards and benefactors and supporters of our School. The President of the Foundation, Charles Aronson, was the MC for the evening. Bruce Notley-Smith gave an engaging speech about his own mixed education in Sydney’s east and awards were presented to a number of individuals and families to recognise their significant support of the School over the year.

We congratulate and thank the following Ambassador’s Award recipients:

- Aron Kleinlehrer
- Dr Millie Phillips
- Emery and Anne Angles
- The late Anita Kornmehl
- Grant McCorquodale
- Harry Triguboff AO in absentia

We are very grateful to Isabelle Anne and Michelle Favero, our Communications and Marketing team, for their excellent organisation of the evening, to members of the Foundation Board and the School Board for their support, and all who contributed to the evening’s success.”



Aron Kleinlehrer



Dr Millie Phillips



Emery & Anne Angles



Grant McCorquodale



Anita Kornmehl's family



Harry Triguboff AO

Emanuel School Board

The AGM of the Emanuel School Board was held on Wednesday 28 June. Grant McCorquodale, who has been the President of the Board for the past five years, retired from his position and the Board. Grant was honoured with a Life Membership of the School at the AGM, to recognise his significant contribution to the school over his time as President. He was one of the key drivers of the very successful 2013 Capital Appeal and has been instrumental in garnering great financial support for the School's building initiatives. Grant's ability to develop and maintain very positive relationships has been key to the School's success over recent years and his representation of the School in the community has been exemplary. We are very grateful for Grant's significant devotion to the School and our community over this time and also thank Grant's wife Ilana for her support of him in this role. We are pleased that he will remain on the School's Investment committee and closely connected to the School through his involvement in his children's education for years to come.

Adam Blackman, who has been the School's Treasurer for five years, was nominated and accepted the role as President of the Board. We welcome Adam to the role, knowing that he will ensure the continued great support of the School that the Board provides. A new Board member, Daniela Freed was elected and welcomed to the Board.

The 2017/2018 Emanuel School Board members

Adam Blackman

President and Treasurer

Rebecca Lacey-Ehrlich

Vice President

Shira Sebban

Daniel Knoll

David New

Daniela Freed

Ian Berson

Ashley Rockman

Alan Obrart

Stay in touch with the Emanuel School Grandparents & Friends Club

Do you want to add or update your details on our Grandparents and Friends mailing list?

Please fill out the form below or send an email to Sonia Newell at snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

Name

Current Postal Address

Telephone (mobile preferred)

Email

Grandchild(ren)

Name Year

Name Year

Name Year

Please return this form to:

Emanuel School Grandparents & Friends Club, Attention: Sonia Newell, PO Box 202 Randwick NSW 2031

We thank our Grandparents and Friends for their time and support in helping make Emanuel School such a special place and we look forward to your continuing assistance.

Thank you to our staff and other members of our Emanuel School community for your invaluable contributions to this newsletter.

We believe the information included is correct at the time of printing. Any errors are regretted.



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