



EMANUEL SCHOOL

Grandparents'

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We thank our Grandparents and Special Friends for their time and support in helping make Emanuel School such a special place.



Special Announcement

2010 Grandparents and Friends' Day – Wednesday 18 August. Please keep this date free for our annual very special morning at School.

All of the pictures featured on this page, were taken at the 2009 Grandparents and Friends' Day.



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From the Principal's Office

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the new Principal for Emanuel School.

The Emanuel community has gone to great lengths to welcome me and I already feel how special a school it is.

My main focus has been and will continue to be on learning and teaching, the core business of the school. My goal is for Emanuel School to provide the environment in which students learn in a powerful way, where students are engaged in their learning and stimulated to learn more, so that learning is a life-long undertaking. A school such as Emanuel provides wonderful opportunities, not only in the academic, social and spiritual spheres, but also in sport and the myriad of extra-curricular activities available to students. Add that to the deep sense of responsibility that they develop as citizens of the world, and you can see how relevant our motto, 'Mind, Spirit, Being' is to us.

So where are grandparents placed in the education of our young ones? I believe that the role of a grandparent is a very special one, and one that can have a great deal of influence on the developing child and young adult. I too have the privilege of being a grandparent (or 'Nan'!). What a joy it is to see your grandchild grow from a baby, develop their own character, and learn about their world. Grandparents are an added bonus; they provide a range of different experiences, enhance and deepen children's learning and complement the love and attention given by parents. Often they are able to share in the responsibility of parenting in practical ways by collecting children from school, looking after them on holidays, acting as taxi drivers when needed and supporting the family in numerous ways. Indeed grandparents are very special people!

I look forward to meeting and talking with you further as the year progresses when you are around the school, and especially when you come to the Grandparents' day later in the year.

Best wishes
Anne Hastings



Update from the Board

We are delighted that all members of the Board who stood for election, have been appointed to the new Board,

which comprises Jonathan Sesel as Chairman, David Nathan as President, Anthony Holman as Vice-President, Anthony Kahn as Treasurer, Debbie Rutstein as Secretary, Shira Sebban, Anita Kornmehl, Shimon Parker and Rodney Brender.

We have extracted some highlights of the President's Report delivered at the AGM:

"The School has continued to go from strength to strength with enrolments at near capacity comprising 760 students from Preschool to Year 12.

The School's substantial building program has focused on bringing the facilities to a level that will make the learning environment an optimal one for students and teachers alike. In particular I would like to specifically acknowledge the contribution of Aron Kleinlehrer who has been a longstanding supporter of our school. His generosity coupled with the Federal Government's stimulus packages is enabling us to complete our newest and most ambitious building project for some time."

Our Principal Anne Hastings has been honoured by being invited to Chair the NSW Board of Studies K-10 Mathematics Board Curriculum Committee, which will not only advise the NSW Minister of Education on the Australian Curriculum in Mathematics but will also ensure Emanuel School is best positioned to support our students in achieving excellence in Mathematics. When the final Australian Curriculum is received from ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting

Authority) towards the end of the year, this committee will also advise the NSW Board of Studies on its implementation.

Five staff members from the Kornmehl Centre Emanuel Pre-school joined 380 participants from 21 countries around the world in April at an important conference in Italy, reflecting our ongoing commitment to the Reggio Emilia philosophies. The Kornmehl team will be implementing a number of new teaching concepts to ensure we remain at the forefront of education. The Board acknowledges the generosity of long-time benefactor Paul Kornmehl for funding this trip.

This year has seen tremendous progress on our journey to improve our facilities. Recently completed projects and those soon to be completed include:

- Significant expansion and refurbishment of the Wolanski Family Learning Centre (completed)
- Rebuilding of the Northern (Peace Park) boundary wall (completed)
- Landscaping at the Kornmehl Pre-school (completed)
- Refurbishment of the Staff Work Area (completed)
- Pergola over the landscaped area near the Avoca Street gate (to be completed in the July school holidays)
- New four storey Science and Primary Library Building. Our most significant project is progressing well and is expected to be open on schedule for the start of the 2011 school year.
- Permanent Avoca Street wall replacement. We are still waiting for Council Approval, but assuming this is approved as planned, we expect to have this project completed during the December school holidays.

David Nathan,
President

Jonathan Sesel,
Chairman

Message from the P&F

The beginning of 2010 saw our P&F volunteers organise the annual Staff Lunch and again we assisted at the New Parents' Cocktail Party held in February, to welcome new families to our wonderful School Community. We organised a well attended Primary Purim Party which all the children thoroughly enjoyed, as they danced the night away dressed in their colourful costumes!

Our Mothers' Day stall with the theme of 'recycle and be eco friendly' was a huge success. This year a booklet of vouchers (free hugs, car wash and other treats) designed by Shai Stern from Year 4, was included with each of the gift packs sold, much to the delight of all the Mums and Grandmas. Following our highly successful Art Showcase last year the P&F has donated some wonderful items to enhance School life. The Grand Piano was officially presented to the School by P&F members Alexis Aruch and Mally Ellis at the recent Music Camp Showcase evening and the donation of electronic White Boards now in use in some of our classrooms is also much appreciated.

Sales from the latest Entertainment Book helped to raise much needed funds for School and we look forward to other events to be held throughout the year. If you would like to add your names to our Volunteer list, please send your details to Sonia Newell, snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au and stay tuned for further updates about P&F initiatives for 2010 in Ma Nishma and on the School website.

The P&F Committee

A Snapshot of Sederim 2010....



Emanuel School presents



MACBETH

By William Shakespeare

Venue: NIDA Parade Studio,
Anzac Parade, Kensington

Time: 7.30pm

Date: Wednesday 28, Thursday 29, Saturday 31 July

Cost: Adult \$17, Students \$12

*Tickets can be purchased from Ticketek: 132 849 or
online at ticketek.com.au*

Invitation to K-12 Grandparents & Special Friends

We are delighted to invite all grandparents and special friends to our annual Grandparents and Friends Day which will take place on Wednesday 18 August.

The day will start for grandparents and friends of students in High School at 8:20am with presentations in The Lehrer Family Building Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH), followed by classroom visits. For grandparents and friends of Primary School students, presentations will start at 9:20am in the MPH, followed by classroom visits. You are welcome to attend both sessions if you have grandchildren in both High School and Primary School. Following classroom visits, the day will conclude with a Book Fair and morning tea in the MPH.

If grandparents or special friends would like to attend please reply prior to Wednesday 11 August 2010 to Ms Sonia Newell on (02) 8383 7350 or email snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au



Schmooze with a Grandparent...

Fred and May Stein have been Emanuel School grandparents for almost a decade, with four grandchildren aged from 11 to 15 currently attending the school.

It's refreshing to find out that Fred "usually speaks for both of them." How many Jewish fathers or grandfathers can say that? But essentially, they have always been an inseparable team, building up and sharing all family responsibilities, business activities and social engagements.

Fred was born in Berlin, May in Baghdad and when they met in Sydney it was love at first sight, a perfect blend of their Ashkenazi and Sephardi backgrounds that is challenged only at Pesach!

May qualified as a book keeper in London where she became actively involved in the Zionist Youth Movement and then spent several years in London before settling with her family in Sydney.

Fred has put his hand into many ventures, from pastrycook to salesman, from commission agent to running his own importing business together with May.

One of the original members of Habonim in Sydney, Fred became very involved with Israel as a teenager. His passionate Zionism combined with a love of classical music led to one of his most rewarding lifetime interests – his involvement with the Australian Friends of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra.

Inspired by one of the inaugural members of the "Friends of the IPO", Fred has been totally committed to the IPO since their first Australian tour in 1966. An Honorary Life Chairman of AFIPO and Honorary Life Member of the IPO, Fred, together with May's constant support and devotion, has been actively involved in bringing the IPO to Australia six times. Last Australia Day, Fred was awarded an OAM – Order of Australia for Services to the Arts, especially through the AFIPO. Fred says "the 'M' in my OAM stands for May!"

The Steins believe that it is very important to continue their Jewish heritage and tradition. They are passionate about the links of Judaism which have been passed on through their two sons (who were amongst the first attendees at Masada College) to their four grandchildren.

As well as attending Emanuel concerts, presentation days and grandparents functions with May, last year Fred also participated in a project very close to his heart – the Year 6 Project Heritage. He said he was extremely proud of his granddaughter Ela and all the youngsters who participated so enthusiastically and respectfully and he was moved to tears by their inspiring presentation.

"We have a tremendous sense of pride in the school and feel secure in the knowledge that our Jewish life will survive and flourish through the efforts of schools such as Emanuel."



I would like to join the Emanuel School Grandparents Club

Name

Home phone Mobile phone

Email or postal address

Grandchild/grandchildren

Name Year

Name Year

Name Year

Please post this section to

Emanuel School, Grandparents Club, PO Box 202 Randwick NSW 2031 or email to snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

We again seek volunteers for the Working bees for the Library and other activities as they arise from time to time. Special thanks to Zina Kaplan, one of our grandmothers, for her contributions to the newsletter.

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



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