



EMANUEL SCHOOL

# Grandparents'

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## Grandparents and Friends Day

On 18 August we welcomed more than 350 Grandparents and Friends of children from Year K to 12 for the morning. They loved spending time in the classrooms with their grandchildren and talking with them about their learning. Many of the High School grandchildren spent time showing their Grandparents their laptops and the Learning Management System that we use. It was wonderful to see the mutual sharing of the school experience. Grandparents were also treated to some entertaining musical items from a variety of student musical ensembles and bands. After the classroom visits they returned to the MPH for morning tea and our Annual Book Fair. Thank you to the Grandparents who purchased and donated books for our Library.



All of the pictures featured on this page, were taken at the 2010 Grandparents and Friends' Day, - 18 August 2010



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# From the Principal's Office

Dear Grandparents of Emanuel School students

It was a great pleasure to welcome you to the School on Grandparents' Day. I hope that you enjoyed the musical entertainment and the snapshot of your grandchildren's learning that you observed during the morning.

Grandparents are a valuable part of Emanuel School's extended family, and are particularly important in support when parents are working long hours. Grandparents can provide the stability, child minding and taxi services. They have a special role in being able to love the children and be involved in their lives, usually without the responsibility and worry of a parent. Many Grandparents volunteer to assist the School and are involved in a range of support services, and we thank you sincerely for your generosity and time commitment to our students and the School.

I look forward to continuing to build Emanuel School's relationships with our Grandparents, and to welcoming you to the School in the future.

*Best wishes*

*Mrs Anne Hastings*



## Update from the Board

Dear Friends,

The Board of the School has been hard at work preparing the budget and working on a strategic plan for the next five years. We are always keen to keep doing the things we are doing right and improve on those areas where the opportunity arises.

Of great delight is the eagerly anticipated opening of the Kleinlehrer Family Science Building. This will house new science laboratories and a new primary library. This is due for an official opening in the beginning of 2011.

We hope you will all get the opportunity over the next year to visit the School and see these new learning spaces in action.

It was of particular sadness that we farewelled Paul Kornmehl recently. He was a great contributor to the School in so many ways and his presence will be sadly missed.

We wish you all a safe break and a happy new year.

*David Nathan,*  
*President*

*Jonathan Sesel,*  
*Chairman*

## Message from the P&F

It's been a very busy second half of the year since the last newsletter in July. As we come to the end of 2010, we hope you have had an enjoyable year, spending precious time with your grandchildren here at School. We helped at Grandparents and Friends Day, where we manned the Book Fair, at our annual Fathers' Day Breakfast and other School functions. We hope you enjoyed the gifts purchased at our Fathers' Day Stall. In conjunction with School, we recently relaunched the *Mitzvah Meals – Gemilut Chasadim* program. Once a term, a team of volunteers will prepare meals which will then be frozen so a supply of meals is available when the need arises. We look forward to an exciting 2011 and hope you can help us to help our School.

*The P&F Committee*

There are many opportunities to help our children. 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](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au)

## Snapshots from Grandparents & Friends Day 2010



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# Project Heritage 2010

Project Heritage is undoubtedly one of the most significant and memorable body of work the students complete in their Primary School years. It teaches them about our links with the past, what values are important and that those values are still relevant today. It also teaches them about responsibility and cooperating in a group, as each Historian was assigned a group of approximately eight students. Listening to the life stories of these individuals gave the students a more in-depth understanding about how times have changed and how upholding important values, especially Jewish values, have helped people survive during difficult times.

This year our Living Historians were Anita Zweig, Jack Romano, Myriam Romano, Herman Eisenberg AM, Lilly Wolf, John Hower, Heinz Gerstl, Eva Fischl OAM and George Fischer. Following their initial research, the students wrote a three-part biography covering the historian's childhood, their adult life and their values and achievements. They also wrote poetry and newspaper articles and created artworks and computer-based brochures. The Historians received a copy of these works.



## Year 2 Tanakh Presentation

Parents and Grandparents were invited to a special Primary School Torah Service where each Year 2 student was presented with his or her own Siddur. This Siddur was personalised with a blessing written by each child and also included a special blessing written by the parents.



## Year 3 Pathways Ceremony

Year 3 Pathways Ceremony was held on Thursday 4 November, where all Year 3 students were presented with their own Tanakh, lovingly decorated and personalised with family histories, stories, photographs and blessings in preparation for the ceremony. Parents and grandparents were invited to attend this very special Torah Service.



Next year the Emanuel School Drama and Music Departments collaborate to bring us an exciting new production, '13 The Musical' on 28, 29 and 30 June 2011 at St Catherine's School, Waverley.

Evan Goldman's life is uprooted when he moves from the excitement and pace of New York to a small town in Indiana. He has to navigate jocks, cheerleaders and bullies as well as the usual stresses of growing up. Ticket sale details TBA.

# Schmooze with a Grandparent...

Carol and Barry Pryer are first generation Aussies, both born in Sydney. Carol's parents came to Australia in 1946 after leaving Vienna in 1938 to spend the next eight years in Shanghai. Barry's parents were born in Germany and left before the War to arrive in Australia in 1936/1937. When Barry left School at the age of 15 he worked with his father and brother for 16 years at *Napro*, a hair product company, subsequently sold to *Schwartzkopf* in 1980. Carol left School to attend Miss Hale's Business College completing a Secretarial course before working with her parents in ladies' wear in 1967 until she got married later that year. They have two daughters, Kim and Nicky.

Their careers together have been quite varied, including in *Dashing Printing & Stationery* and then from 1981 til 1996 Carol and Barry owned a landmark bookstore in Randwick, *The Book and Cranny*, in partnership with Lynnette and the late Warren Zines whose niece Noa is an Emanuel Old Scholar. For three years the Pryers owned *Dov*, a cafe in Darlinghurst. This really was a family business, with daughters Kim as head chef and Nicky the barista, whilst Carol was Maître 'D and Barry was book-keeper and administrator. They sold the cafe in 2000, just in time to retire!!

Both Carol and Barry have been community minded, particularly throughout their adult lives. They were involved in the beginnings of UIA Young Leadership in the mid 1970's and they have been also involved with JCA. Their daughters attended Moriah College in the 1970's and 80's during which time Barry ran the annual fete for three years, whilst Carol helped with the P&F and the uniform shop.

These days Carol spends a lot of her time helping people and doing favours which she enjoys. She loves to entertain and has a passion for cooking. Carol gets great satisfaction selling the Entertainment Book which she has been doing for the last 16 years, raising money for St Vincent's Hospital Cancer Research, and more recently also for children's cancer through the Lowy Research Institution at UNSW.



Carol and Barry have one grandson at Emanuel, Jonah Sirtes, who is going into Year 4 in 2011. He has been at Emanuel since Year K.

The best help Carol feels she can give the School is to assist the younger children with their reading. She has been doing this on a regular basis for 4 years now, and even though Jonah is going into a year which no longer has reading classes, Carol will still come as often as she can to help with the younger children. It also gives her great satisfaction how much they enjoy her reading with them.

Hobbies... they only have two grandchildren, "*Jonah and his cousin Eden, aged six months and they are our favourite hobby*", says Carol.

Emanuel School to Carol and Barry "*is a very warm, friendly and family minded School*" and they both really enjoy helping. Not only has Carol helped with reading groups but they have both volunteered to man the gate at Emanuel Synagogue when the Year 12 students sat their HSC and Trial HSC exams last year and again this year.

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

A special "Thank you" to those Grandparents who braved the rain to man the front gate at Emanuel Synagogue during the recent HSC exams. Some of our Grandparents helped restack bookshelves in the Library each week whilst others helped with Reading Groups for our younger Primary children. We hope you will continue to help in 2011.

## 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

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We wish you all happy New Year and we look forward to an exciting 2011.

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



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