



EMANUEL SCHOOL

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Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for 2011.

Firstly we thank all our grandparents and special friends who help at school with a variety of tasks including the newly created Recess Reading sessions for our younger students, restacking books in both Primary and High School Libraries, looking after the new fish tank in the Primary Library as well as other volunteer work that comes up from time to time. If you would also like to help, please send your details to snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au or phone Sonia Newell on 8383 7350.

It has been a busy year so far. You will read later in this edition about our new Kleinlehrer Family Science Building which was officially opened on 14 March. We recently opened the Jewish Historic Centre which is housed in the Hanna Weisz Building, alongside our High School Library.

Please note our annual Grandparents and Friends Day will be held on Tuesday 23 August and will again be open to visitors of both Primary and High School students.



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From the Principal's Office

Dear Grandparents and Friends

This year has already seen so much happening – I hope that you have been able to get to some of the events at Emanuel

School in the past few months, particularly some of the very special musical and dramatic evenings.

A combined Music Camp with King David School in Melbourne was held during the last week of Term 1 and the concert at the end of the two days of rehearsals was a real treat. Just recently we had our own Music Camp, taking 150 students from Years 4 – 12 to Galston for four days so they could make music together and learn their new repertoires. This culminated in a very special concert at the end of May, when 18 different ensembles entertained a very large audience to a varied and delightful evening of music.

We welcomed many grandparents to Emanuel School on 6 June to hear about the Year 7 Roots project to which so many of you had contributed. This evening demonstrated the strong community spirit at Emanuel and the great importance for students to appreciate their heritage and that of their families.

Our musical and dramatic production, '13', was held in the St Catherine's performance space in the last week of term. Our strong cast had rehearsed for this for months and it was a wonderful performance that showcased great talent.

Term 3 brings our exhibitions, performance and displays of Year 12 HSC students – the culmination of 13 years of education for them in their creative and performing arts subjects.

I hope that you have had a chance to look through our new Kleinlehrer Family Science Building and see the Science laboratories and Primary Library in action. This building has been a wonderful boost to our School, providing impressive facilities for Science and an inviting space for our young students to read and learn.

I extend a very warm welcome to all our Grandparents and special friends to join us for Grandparents' Day. This is an opportunity for you to come to the School and be a part of your grandchildren's education – to find out more about what they are doing and to share their pride in their School. We will also be showcasing our new building if you have not yet seen it in operation.

We are very much indebted to our extended families for their significant contribution to the School in so many ways. Many thanks to each and every one of you who help out by volunteering and assisting us and your grandchildren so generously. I hope to see you at our Grandparents' Day.

Best wishes

Mrs Anne Hastings

SEEKING HELP

Do you own or work in a business that might be suitable for Work Experience for our Year 10 students? This year's dates are 12 to 16 September 2011. If you would like further information or can help with this request, please contact Sonia on 8383 7350 or snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

Visitors to the 2011 Musical Showcase



Update from the Board

(excerpt from the President's Report 2010)

The School has continued to grow from strength to strength with enrolments at near capacity comprising 770 students from pre-school to Year 12.

Fee increases for 2011 were slightly higher than we would have hoped and the Board is more than alert to the economic challenges facing many of our families. The Board has drawn comfort from the fact that over the last five years Emanuel School's annual fee increases have been the lowest of all private Jewish schools in Sydney.

The new Kleinlehrer Family Science Centre was completed on schedule and on budget by the end of 2010 and is being fully utilised. It includes a new Primary School library, four state of the art science classrooms and underground parking. Emanuel School is grateful to our major benefactors Aron and Helen Kleinlehrer for their ongoing support and to the Federal Government for their allocation under the 'Building the Education Revolution' stimulus funding. The extension and upgrading of the Wolanski Learning Centre was completed and became fully operational with half of its funding provided by the Federal Government's *National School Pride* program.



The School's substantial building program is focused on bringing the facilities to a level that will make the learning environment an optimal one for students and teachers alike. As part of planning for the future, a site master plan has been developed identifying medium and longer term projects to further enhance the School. It was approved by Randwick Council in January 2011.

The next major project will be the replacement of the Primary School building that abuts the new Kleinlehrer Family Science Centre with a new building which will enable us to remove the demountables from the basketball courts thereby increasing our open space.

Emanuel School is grateful to the JCA for its community leadership, and the generous support it has provided Emanuel School over the years. This year the JCA commended the Board of Emanuel School stating among other matters that "Emanuel School continues to be managed with strong financial discipline".

We commend all individuals who volunteer their time and expertise to Emanuel School. They set a fine, ongoing example to their children and grandchildren and are an invaluable part of the success of Emanuel School.

2011 Visitors to Emanuel School



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

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Message from the P&F

This year's P&F Committee began its life at the end of 2010. We felt by having our objectives in place before the start of 2011, we would be ahead of the race. And luckily it seems to have paid off!

Our objectives for 2011 are to try and bring more parents into the School, making it more of a community space rather than just an educational facility. To that end we are focusing on our community rather than fundraising.

We started the year with the annual Staff Lunch providing an Israeli inspired meal for our wonderful staff followed shortly afterwards by our Primary Purim Party. Once again we thank Baraka Art for their help in making this event so successful and popular. We also thank the High School students who volunteered to help on the night.

The P&F donated funds to purchase more interactive white boards for the Primary School so each Primary class room will, by the end

of Term 3, be using this amazing 21st Century technology.

Events planned for this year include a Movie Night with a guest speaker which we are calling *Movies with Beer and Bagels*, organising a school booking to see the children's classic *Mary Poppins* in which Ben Langsam, one of our Year 6 students is performing, going on a school family camping trip for Year K – 12 at the end of the year and our big event is a Healthy Eating extravaganza to be held in Term 4. We are planning to show the film *food INC*, have organic food markets, yoga classes for children and maybe adults, and more.

The P&F of Emanuel School looks forward to seeing you at some of these events.

We welcome and always appreciate assistance from our Grandparents, so 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 2011 in *Ma Nishma* and on the School website.

*Andy Bromberger,
on behalf of Emanuel School P&F*

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

Schmooze with a Grandparent...

Both Greta and Shmuel Abrahams were born in Johannesburg. Greta's first job was as a legal typist, a job she loved, and was particularly proficient at, and which she pursued till the early sixties, when she joined Shmuel in his business, Johannesburg Fumigators. He served his time as a manufacturing jeweller, had a go at a couple of other things, eventually buying an existing pest control business, which he and Greta ran very successfully. In the early seventies Shmuel was approached by Flick Pest Control (Australia) to sell them an interest in their business, which they did, with their attitude being that this would give them an entry to Australia. The Abrahams eventually sold out, and immigrated to Sydney in May 1982, where they have lived ever since.

Shmuel battled to earn a living for the first couple of years in Sydney. Greta managed to use her legal skills to good effect, and worked for a couple of solicitors during this time, and as Shmuel says, "helped keep the wolves from our door". At the start of the nineties Shmuel sold their business to take up the position of Administrator of the South Head Synagogue, a position he held for about ten years. "This was a very interesting and rewarding part of my life", Shmuel says. "Rabbi Milecki is an absolute whiz with computers. He devised a program covering all the requirements concerning a shul". Shmuel was given the responsibility of finding a programmer who could smooth out Rabbi's rough working model, and produce an efficient running program. He found this was a real learning curve, apart from the computing aspect, and included the little (and not so little) nuances of Jewish Laws and Customs that had to be catered for. Shmuel enjoyed his time at the shul, but could see that it would be difficult to accumulate sufficient funds to eventually retire, so with this in mind, in the early part of 2000 he bought East Lakes Licensed Post Office (L.P.O.). Shortly thereafter Rose Bay North L.P.O. came on the market, and he snapped it up as it was nearer to home. Mid 2007 Shmuel and Greta sold up everything, downsized from a house to a unit, and "retired".

Shmuel is, to all intents and purposes, currently retired, although he does occasional relief work at Parliament House Post Office, a tiny Post Office situated in Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney.

Greta and Shmuel have been married for 55 years. They have three daughters and one son. Their eldest child, Netty Rosenthal, is married to a successful businessman, Ira and have three beautiful daughters, two of whom are married, and they have a beautiful granddaughter. Next, is their son, Ivan, recently divorced, who has a daughter and a son. Ivan ran the gym at Hakoah Club, which he has relocated to Rosebery. Daughter number two, Batsheva Abrahams is married to one of the Umbilical Brothers, David Collins. Their son Ronan is in Year 6 and daughter Cade is in Year 3 here at Emanuel School,



and "the reason I am guessing why we have been included for this "Schmooze!!" Their youngest daughter, Rikki Stein, is married to a teacher, Darren, who teaches at Masada. They also have a daughter and a son. "Our nine grandchildren range in age from 6 to 30", says Shmuel.

Shmuel has been helping as a volunteer here at Emanuel School for the past two years, as he says "when a couple of untrained hands are needed", in particular on security when the Year 12 students have their trials and HSC exams. He is looking forward to assisting again when the occasion arises.

"Retirement", says Shmuel, "is very busy indeed". He is Vice President of the Aviv Lodge of B'nai B'rith, a very keen Lawn Bowler and a member of Double Bay Bowling Club of which he is also on the Committee. He was on the Board of the now defunct Rose Bay Bowling Club and is a registered Umpire. "For more years than I care to remember, I have been involved with Maccabi NSW Lawn Bowls. I am a Past President of the Club, and currently hold the position of Honorary Secretary, a position I have held on and off for about 10 years". On an informal basis, he visits an old neighbour who now resides in a Nursing Home. Shmuel says he has a love for working with his hands, and used to do the odd handyman job at The Matilda Rose Early Intervention Centre.

When asked the question "What do you love about Emanuel School?" Shmuel quickly replied "Everything! The whole vibe at the school is something to experience. The children are imbued with a sense of respect that is noticeable when compared to other schools. The functions are interesting and well organised. The children seem to be taught the essence of Judaism without it being rammed down their throats, and we haven't yet mentioned the high standard of general education."

Would you like to join the Emanuel School Grandparents Club?

Contact Sonia Newell at Emanuel School to find out how
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