



From the Development Office

I hope this latest newsletter finds you and your family well.

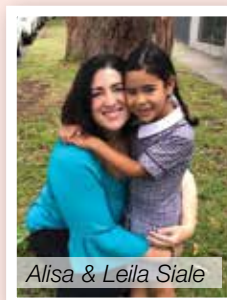
It was very exciting at the start of the new School year, to see so many more second generation Emanuel students beginning big school here. **Alisa Siale (nee Newman)**

Class of 2001 wrote these beautiful words to her daughter Leila on her first day as a Year K student:

“And just like that.... 30 years after I first stepped through the same school gates, so does our little Leila. To my darling girl, I hope you enjoy your school years as much as I did! May you learn, grow and make beautiful friendships. May you continue to develop your love for art, music, dance and drama. But most importantly I hope you will feel happy, safe and part of a very special community of people.”

Another seven Year K students this year also have parents who are past Emanuel students themselves, including Isaac Greenberg, whose mum **Lisa Greenberg (nee Shapiro)** is also from the Class of 2001, Hannah Green daughter of **Ben Green ('99)** and Alicia Butt, daughter of **Samantha Butt (nee Finger)** Class of 1998. Zoe Greenfield in Year K, together with her brother Joel in Year 5, are the children of alumna **Danielle Jaku Greenfield** who was an Emanuel student up until Year 6 in 1989. Griffin Chimes, son of **Adam Chimes**, Primary Head Madrich in 1993 and Clementine Gomer, daughter of **Marina Kamenev ('95)** also join the ranks of Year K, whilst Kayla Park daughter of **Michelle Gold** and **Julian Park**, both from the Class of 2000 started in Year 5. Elise Kitchener, daughter of **Michael Kitchener ('90)** and Marcus Tsimbler, son of **Leonid Tsimbler ('96)** joined us as Year 7 students.

Samuel Veltman, son of alumnus **Ross Veltman ('02)** started at Kornmehl Pre-School this year and he joins the ranks of many other Kornmehl children whose parents are past Emanuel students too.



Alisa & Leila Siale



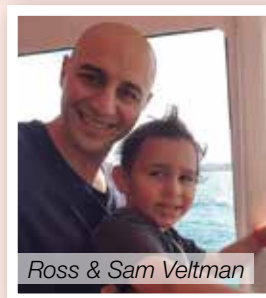
Adam & Griffin Chimes



Michael & Elise Kitchener



Lisa & Isaac Greenberg



Ross & Sam Veltman



Danielle Jaku-Greenfield and children

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Pages 9-11 feature four of our alumni and their journey post-school. We would love to hear what you have been doing since leaving school, so please get in touch. If you haven't been back to the School for a while and would like a tour around the campus and/or you have news to share, please let me know: snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu and don't forget to keep us updated if you have moved and/or changed your email.

If you did not receive the last newsletter from December 2018, you can see it, and all past alumni newsletters at: www.emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au/Gesher

Invitation to Reconnect – 18 September

We hope you will join us for this event, especially if you have not been in touch for a while, and we invite your parents to also attend. Feel free to pass on this information and let me know if you would like to receive more details about this event. See page 4.



Mazal tov to alumnus David Mizrahi ('05)

It's not every day that a member of our school community receives a prestigious Australian-American Fulbright Commission Postdoctoral Fellowship Award. We wish Emanuel alumnus **Dr David Mizrahi**, MSc (UNSW), PhD (UNSW) mazal tov on just that! An accredited exercise

physiologist at UNSW, David is based at the Children's Hospital, Randwick, specialising in exercise during and after chemotherapy for paediatric and ovarian cancers. He and his wife Carly, who also attended Emanuel School for her Primary education, will be heading to Memphis, Tennessee next year, where David will learn and collaborate with the best paediatric exercise-oncology researchers at St Jude Children's Research Hospital, investigating the role of exercise in children after completing their cancer treatment.

David said "The Fulbright scholarship is undoubtedly my greatest achievement as a clinical researcher. I have great aspirations to change the way cancer patients are managed in the future, which includes the fact that all patients should have access and support of a tailored exercise program to their needs. Currently, there is growing support for the use of exercise in oncology clinics, however it is not standard of care. I will be spending 10 months in a world-leading institution where nearly all children will be offered an exercise assessment or intervention, which will be inspiring to be involved in."

Emanuel School is certainly a leader in education today, and was already leading the way back in its early days too. An alumnus recently sent me this clip of a TV interview with some Year K students in 1989. One of these students is now an Emanuel parent. It's a shame they couldn't spell Emanuel correctly but it is such a cute interview. What about the teacher's comment "computers will never take over the classroom!" Here is the link: www.facebook.com/tysonwarms/videos/10156077204567393/?t=4

Mazal tov to another Emanuel graduate (Head Madricha '97), **Sarah Kummerfeld** who is also an Emanuel parent since moving back to Sydney from the USA about a year ago.

A recent post on the Garvan Institute Facebook page announced: "A/Prof Sarah Kummerfeld, Head of Science of the Kinghorn Centre for Clinical Genomics at The Garvan Institute, was part of a team to publish a study in the prestigious journal Science. While working at @Genentech in the US, she helped reveal how variants in the gene BAP1 predispose individuals to certain types of cancers. <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/364/6437/283>



Sarah said "I am thrilled to have this work published in Science. It was a huge team effort over more than five years and a fair share of challenges along the way making it all the more exciting to see finally out in print." The paper, Intrinsic apoptosis shapes the tumor spectrum linked to inactivation of the deubiquitinase BAP1 as Sarah says, is not the catchiest title, but with a few definitions it may be less cryptic?

"BAP1 is the gene we were studying, it encodes a protein that we knew was important for stopping cancer. People without a properly working BAP1 gene develop cancers in their 20s (especially some Melanomas and Mesothelioma). Apoptosis is a type of cell death, it can be a good thing when it kills off cells that would have become cancers. Deubiquitinases are proteins that take ubiquitin molecules off DNA which then turns the genes nearby on. We were trying to understand what it is that BAP1 is doing to stop cancer cells from growing and why it works so well in some types of cells but not in others."

JeneScreen
Preventing cancer in the Jewish community

One in 40 Jewish people have a fault in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes and are at increased risk of ovarian, breast or prostate cancer.

JeneScreen is a new online BRCA genetic testing program offered to adult members of the Jewish community in Sydney.

You are invited to participate! Please visit www.jenescreen.com.au to find out more.

Proudly supported by Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Prince of Wales Hospital, Wollmer Hospital and Ovarian Cancer Australia.

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Careers Space 2019 participants

LIMMUD OZ 2019 was held mid-June at Roundhouse, UNSW

Alumnus **Donny Janks** ('12) was one of the co-chairs for this year's event. On what drew him to chairing, Donny said "I really believe in the Limmud concept – in all my time in different areas of the Jewish community, I've never seen people come together to share and learn in such a sincere and wide-reaching manner. Everyone can learn something from others and Limmud is the place that embodies that ideal. I'm really excited about our program this year – it's diverse, engaging and full of stimulating and important topics"

A number of our alumni presented at this year's event including **Simon Holloway** ('97), **Benjamin Strum** ('09), **Eve Altman** ('14) and **Matt Friedman** ('15).



Donny Janks

Our new Cely Malki Family After-School program

Our new Cely Malki Family After-School program has been generously sponsored by the Malki Family, in honour of Cely, an important and much-loved matriarch, who prioritised family and education and made her mark in the world. The After-School Program provides opportunities for students (initially in Years 5-12) to receive additional teaching and structured learning time, as a complement to school-based teaching and learning. The aims of the program are to increase learning and learning-related skills and increase students' confidence in their capacities to manage in the school environment, and run on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

Two experienced and appropriately-trained teachers and two Emanuel alumni run the Program, which is overseen by Dr Lynn Joffe, Director of the Wolanski Family Specialist Learning Centre. What an amazing opportunity for the students who have started attending. **Hannah Shteinman** and **Joshua Amoils**, both Emanuel graduates from the Class of 2018 said they were very excited to be part of this team from the start. Hannah has now begun her Gap Year travels and her place on this team has been taken over by **Brandon Kaye** and **Genevieve Goldman**, who are also from the Class of 2018.



Hannah & Joshua

Careers Space 2019



A huge thank you to the 29 past Emanuel students who participated in this year's

Careers event on

21 May – **Ari Shammay**, **Sarah Kummerfeld**, **Simone Nerwich**, **David Mizrahi**, **Chaz Heitner**, **Avi Orski**, **Mimi Greenbaum**, **Lisa Rudner**, **Shaun Greenblo**, **Joshua Moses**, **Ruth Robalino**, **Talia Hynek**, **Sam Koslowski**, **Nicole Pozovsky**, **Abi Smith**, **Adam Ezekiel**, **Hayley Klein**, **Sarah Beder**, **Adam Chimes**, **Dion Markovics**, **Rob Lees**, **Kessem Turner**, **Genna Radnan**, **Jack Malki**, **Nadia Coburn**, **Micayla Sacks**, **Ronan Collins**, **Rikki Stern** and **Oscar Moses**. Our senior students had the opportunity to hear about life after school and career choices, conventional and not, from these presenters at informal Q&A style sessions followed by mingling and morning tea in the MPH where the students had the opportunity to chat with the presenters one-on-one. As we all know, it is not just about the destination when it comes to careers – the journey is also really important. Many school leavers are bamboozled by the choices of courses and universities and/or trades/businesses available upon leaving school. This forum is a fabulous opportunity to share your own experiences and journeys with our students, so please get in touch if this event is of interest to you for next year.

If you have news to share, please send to:
snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

Sonia Newell, Development Officer





Connecting the Emanuel School Community

We have had a wonderful start to 2019 and now half way through the year, we are, as always, supportive and involved in the many fabulous ways of connecting our wonderful Emanuel Community. We thank you, our past students, for all the things so many of you have done to help our amazing School. For those of you who participated in our Careers event last month, a huge thank you. Our senior students truly appreciate the opportunity to hear about your journey post-School and to get an understanding of what the world has on offer career-wise. To have around 30 graduates, our biggest group to date for

such an event, sharing their journey with the students was truly inspiring! Our graduates are an integral part of Emanuel School and we look forward to seeing many more past students come back, whether it is to talk to our students or coach them in sport, debating, music or other activities. Your year-group reunions are also a wonderful way to reconnect with both your peers and with the School. It is also wonderful to see so many of you enrolling your own children as students of the School.

Thank you to Sonia Newell, our Development Officer, for her production of our Alumni newsletters – they make for a good read, highlighting some of the amazing achievements of our graduates along with an abundance of alumni news. We love to hear your news too and would like to share it with other members of our community.

We welcome you all and appreciate your efforts to stay connected and look forward to your continued involvement and connection with Emanuel School.

Daniel Knoll, Board Member and Chair, Gesher Committee



Connecting the Emanuel School Community

Dear Emanuel School past parents and alumni

We hope you and your family are well. For many of you, it is quite some years since you stepped back onto our Randwick Campus. We would love you to join us here at School for an event that will showcase how Emanuel School has evolved over the years from its humble beginnings to the thriving success story today, as a leader in Jewish scholarship and innovation.

Please let us know if you would like to be invited to our Back to Emanuel School evening on Wednesday 18 September 2019 from 6pm to 8pm by emailing Sonia Newell, Development Officer – alumni and community relations: snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au Light refreshments will be served.

Please note that this is not a fundraiser and there is no charge – just a great opportunity for us to reconnect.

Kindly let us know your intent to attend this event by email to Sonia Newell, Development Officer – alumni and community relations: snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

Best wishes

Andrew Watt
School Principal



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Emanuel School Alumni,

As we approach the half-way mark of this academic year, I wanted to reflect on last year's HSC results and other developments at School.

Our year ended well with some very impressive HSC results from our Class of 2018, with over 40% of our cohort

achieving an ATAR of 90 or above and over 20% achieving an ATAR of 95 or above. Four of our students were recognised as All-Round Achievers, with top band performances across 10 Units or more. Outstanding individual performances included 1st place in the State for Drama (**Genevieve Goldman**) and 3rd place in the State for Ancient History (**Brandon Kaye**). It is also important to recognise those students who worked tirelessly to achieve personal best results.

All schools face the challenge of preparing their students to thrive in our increasingly volatile, unpredictable, complex and ambiguous world. Our teaching and learning programs, undergirded by our wellbeing programs, seek to develop confident, empowered graduates who have a vision and passion for creating a better world. Only deep and authentic learning will prepare our students to understand and master the forces of disruption and innovation transforming our lives. So, what does deep learning look like? It is learning designed to connect to and impact the world, involving higher-order cognitive processes to reach a deep understanding of core academic content and key issues of the contemporary world. Deep learning involves immersion in addressing an issue and often crosses disciplinary boundaries. Most importantly, it is active collaborative, student-centred and personally relevant.

We have committed to a three-year teacher development partnership with the Association of Independent Schools NSW, to design and embed opportunities for deep learning across our Years K-12 Academic programs. We have received a suite of validated tools and capacity-building resources, including research, rubrics, exemplars, videos, webinars and presentations. Our academic leaders will also receive regular, ongoing coaching and consultancy supports and our school will benefit from a facilitated and highly functioning network of 'like' schools, to leverage capacity and learning.

Our Strategic Roadmap for the next three years has Designing for Deep Learning as its centrepiece. Aligned to our vision, mission and core values, this roadmap seeks to develop in every student

the key capabilities of collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, communication, citizenship and character. There is no doubt that we look forward to exciting times ahead!

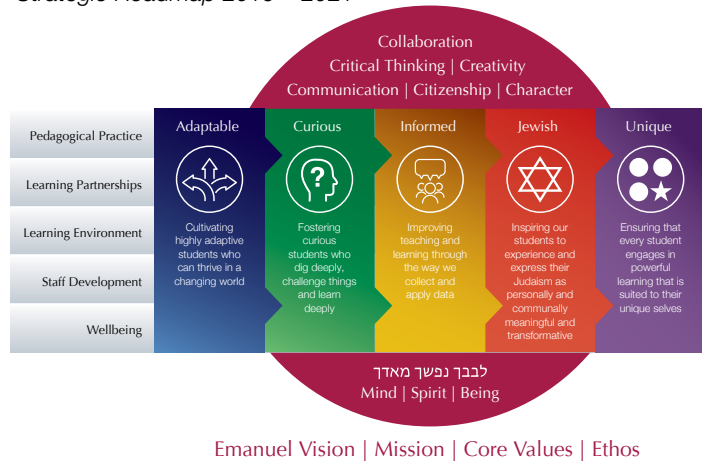
The wellbeing of our students plays a critical role in achieving positive learning outcomes, as they thrive when they feel connected to others and experience safe and trusting relationships. Students who feel connected, safe and secure are also more likely to be active participants in their learning and to achieve better physical, emotional, social and educational outcomes. The link between health and wellbeing and positive academic performance is well

researched. Healthy students are more alert, engaged and better able to concentrate and learn.

Emanuel's whole-school wellbeing program seeks to provide information, life skills and to promote healthy values. The program includes parent information evenings on key student health issues, student leadership and mentoring programs, mindfulness training, staff professional development and our formal House wellbeing program, run through our Tutor Groups, with engaging and developmentally appropriate content. Whilst every teacher

has a role to play in the wellbeing of their students, our team, led by Margaret Lowe (Deputy Principal, High School) and Natanya Milner (Head of Primary School), includes two counsellors, Stage Coordinators, House Tutors and Heads of House.

Strategic Roadmap 2019 – 2021



Sustainability (Climate Rally)

The Emanuel School community's passion for Tikkun Olam, repairing our broken world, is evident, through our collective desire to see the world's ecological balance maintained through the wise use of our natural resources. Both our staff and student sustainability teams are committed to meeting the sustainable development goals around sustainable use of energy and carbon, waste and recycling, water and materials.

On their leadership planning day, Year 6 'Green Team' Leaders were inspired by the student climate strikes organised by Swedish schoolgirl climate activist, Greta Thunberg and others around the world. They wondered how we could do something like this at Emanuel. In March, over 200 students were involved in our first ever climate rally. We were fortunate to have the

Honourable Dr Kerry Phelps MP to join us and listen to the voices of our Primary and High School students, as they shared both their feelings and research about the climate crisis. Dr Phelps was impressed by our students' deep concern for the planet, stating: "What stood out for me is that our kids want to be heard."

From the Principal's Desk continued

They understand that the future of the planet is on the line and they are worried that no one is listening.” The newly formed Primary News Team was there to capture the action and report on the climate rally.

Increased profile of sport

Under the leadership of Kristy Genc (Head of Sport, PDHPE teacher), the profile of sport at Emanuel has increased significantly over the past few years, with continued growth in participation rates. Our success in local competitions and through our representative pathways is due in no small part to our focus on acquiring quality coaches and through the ongoing efforts of our Years K-12 Sport staff. The Sports Colours Awards will now be added to our recognition scheme, with the aim to recognise both junior and senior students who excel in one sport, as well as those who consistently represent the School in many sports throughout their schooling. Grey colours will be awarded to students who accumulate the required points each year, for three years, whilst Maroon colours will be awarded to students who accumulate the required points each year, for five years.

Andrew Watt, Principal

Have some news to share?... Send us the details and share it with your fellow Alumni

Remember September 2019



Ben Wilhelm ('08)

Ben with the support of his friends, many of whom are peers from his school days here at Emanuel, started Remember September nearly five years ago, to raise awareness and funds for pancreatic cancer research. Ben has organised this annual event, in memory of his late father Danny, who died from Pancreatic Cancer at the age of 63, as too did Ben's 33 year old cousin Danielle, sister of alumnus Ari Feller ('00). Last year they raised \$50,000 with a total of more than \$175,000 raised over the past four years and are hopeful that this year's event will see a new record set.

rememberseptember.gofundraise.com.au

Honouring Jeremy Spinak

The late Jeremy Spinak has been honoured by Magen David Adom NSW, with the donation of a medicycle to MDA in Israel. www.jewishnews.net.au/mda-medicycle-in-honour-of-spinak/91166



Photo: Gareth Narunsky

Jeremy has also been honoured in a new initiative of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies – The Jeremy Spinak Young Leaders Program, which identifies, trains and supports emerging Jewish political and communal leaders: www.jbdyoungleaders.com.au/

Emanuel on Social Media



LinkedIn

As we update our Emanuel School LinkedIn page, we encourage you to connect with us, and don't forget to include the School on your profile: www.linkedin.com/company/emanuel-school



Alumni Facebook Page

This page was created to foster a sense of community among our former students and to keep the ruach and spirit of the School alive long after your days at school have passed. We now have over 800 members. Please join and stay in touch.

Check it out and feel free to post on this page if you want to connect with other alumni and/or just let us know what you are up to. This page is yours and we would love to hear from you. Here is the link to join: www.facebook.com/groups/emanuel.oldscholars/

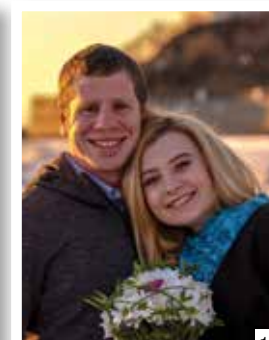
Emanuel Shuk

This is the place to swap, sell, buy and advertise pre-loved and new items, holiday homes and cars...in fact anything that is of value (actual or perceived) can be advertised here. If you have a business, you are welcome to tell us what you do, but please make it interesting and a special offer for the Emanuel community is always a bonus! There are rules to posting – please check out the pinned post for these. Here is the link to join: www.facebook.com/groups/Emanuelshuk/

Staying in Touch

Engagements

- Jessica Engel ('01) and Aldenilson Cunha (1)
- Tara Shillan ('01) and Tom Browne (2)
- Simone Skolnik ('02) and Robert Ferguson (3)
- Gabby Radnan ('06) and Chris Heyman (4)
- Ruby Lanesman ('07) and Oliver Abrams (5)
- Alexandra Krantz ('09) and Christopher Lieberman (6)
- Nicola Sevitt ('09) and Alon Taylor (7)
- Genna Radnan ('09) and Peter Onuchukwu (8)



Weddings

- Sam Benda ('07) and Terri Wasserman
27 December 2018 (9)
- Daniella Cohen ('07) and Eytan Epstein
6 January 2019 in Melbourne (10)
- Avia Madar ('10) and David Cohen
3 February 2019 (11)
- Jonathan Eales ('07) and Ekatarina (Kat) Strikhor
16 March 2019 in Khabarovsk, Russia (12)
- Jennifer Shkolnik ('09) and Jonty Rosenthal
31 March 2019 (13)
- Stephanie (Steffi) Radnan ('07) and Chris Sarulidis
20 April 2019 (14)
- Adam Einfeld ('07) and Selam (Sally) Desta
30 June 2019, in Israel (15)

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED WITH EMANUEL SCHOOL

- **Send your news and photos for publication:** We love to read what our old school friends have been up to, so please send in your news and photos for the next issue of our Emanuel School Alumni newsletter.
- **Help to organise and/or attend your reunion:** Class reunions are held every five years, and get-togethers can be arranged at any time. Organising social events can be great fun and if you cannot organise one, make sure you attend.
- **Speak at a School event:** Past students are invited back as guest speakers at events, assemblies and in classes. If you have a topic of interest, please let us know.
- **Contribute to our School Archives:** Have you been wondering what to do with your school photos, uniform, publications, programs? Please do not throw them away. They may be important to us.
- **Visit us:** If you would like to visit the School and see how it has changed since you left as a student, please let us know and we can organise a tour of the campus.

Births

- **Lexi Landsman** ('02) and Ricky Clennar
Cooper Clennar, born 1 December 2018,
brother to Jamie (16)
- **Chaz Heitner** ('01) and Sharri Markson
Raphi Heitner, born 21 December 2018
- **Samantha (Kassell)** '04 and
Greg Edelmuth – Ashton Ryder,
born 25 January 2019,
brother to Jasper (17)
- **Katrina (Silver)** '07 and David Siegel
Leo Oscar, born 3 January 2019 (18)
- Jessica and **Gabi Levi** ('06)
Aaro Reign, born 18 January 2019 (19)
- **Jessica (Weiss)** '06 and Dane Segail
Ethan George, born 15 February 2019 (20)
- Vega Lyra and **Boris Feldman** ('96)
Evie Jane Celeste, born 20 February
2019, sister to Oliver and Ashton (21)
- **Rebecca (Kummerfeld)** '03 and
Ian Kummerhoff – Charlotte,
born 26 February 2019 (22)
- **Mandi (Spero)** '01 and Guy Binder
Jake, born 27 February 2019,
brother to Zac (23)
- **Jeanine (Prager)** '00 and Ben Blachere
Rose, born 5 March 2019, sister to
Juliette and Oscar (in Paris) (24)
- Ortal and **Dean Vigdor** ('00)
Savannah Shiloh, born 9 March 2019,
sister to Taylor and Scarlett (25)
- **Filea (Tsapepas)** '08 and Steven Scarone
Leo Garrick, born 11 March 2019 (26)
- Jana Zurawlenko and
Shaun Greenblo ('03) – Asher Greenblo,
born 13 March 2019, brother to Noa (27)
- Sarah and **Aiden Levy** ('02)
Asher, born 16 March 2019,
brother to Jake
- **Tracy-Lee Shneier** ('06) and
Jordan Kidney – Evan Kidney,
born 10 April 2019 (28)
- **Jennifer (Lewis)** '06 and James Lambert
Mimi, born 1 May 2019,
sister to Monty (29)
- **Greg Weisz** ('91) and Jane Sebel
Talia Rose Weisz, born 21 May,
sister to Lily (30)



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your fellow Alumni

- **Ellie (Schneider)** '07 and Kobi Bloom
Louis Eden, born 22 May 2019 (31)
- **Sarah (Krigstein)** '05 and David Robuck
Edison Arthur, born 16 May 2019,
brother to Eliana (32)
- **Jessica and Daniel Krigstein** ('04)
Callum, born 3 June 2019,
brother to Charlotte (33)
- **Ariane (Boxall)** '05 and Asher Lazar
twins Adam Joshua and Anina Violet,
born 22 June 2019, brother and sister to
Isac (34) *Photo by Robuck Photography*
(Sarah Robuck, '05)
- **Lara (Shneier)** '02 and Jarred Shein
Dylan Jett, born 1 July 2019,
brother to Emma (35)
- **Natalie (Coleman)** '00 and Caine Loveday
twins, Brandon Lee and Isabelle Darcy
born 9 July 2019, brother and sister to
Talya (36)



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Where are some of our Alumni now?

Ruby Lanesman

Class of 2007 Located: London

After finishing Year 12 at the end of 2007, I travelled overseas for three months and then went to Sydney University to study Liberal Arts. They don't have the degree any more – it was a major in Art and Science so I did Psychology and Classics. I had no idea what I was doing or why but it gave me the time to decide what to study postgraduate. During this time I was also travelling a lot, mainly to third world countries and I was lucky enough to take on the skills I did not have yet but skills I wanted. I wanted to be able to build and contribute while still earning and supporting myself. I always loved the idea of studying Architecture but it seemed to be a long path which I could only commit to when I was 22.

I didn't follow my field of study after school. However, without my initial degree I would not have been able to study Architecture abroad. I started at the University of Technology where I studied a Bachelor of Architecture before moving to the UK and studying at the Architectural Association in London. I am now working full time and completing a Masters in Architecture at the London Met. My thesis is bordering on a live project in Athens, integrating the refugee camps into neighbourhoods within the city. Through research and community involvement, I hope we can change our views on refugees and the Syrian crisis overall. I would recommend that any students at Emanuel who would like to get involved in their spare time get in touch! Alongside this, a good friend and I have set up a small development company in London that specialises



in residential schemes. It is something I never thought possible but we are slowly climbing the ladder.

Since I left school nearly 12 years ago I have travelled to over 50 countries, some as field trips for research, others were simply for fun. Since moving to London in 2013, I have taken advantage of its central location in Europe. Instead of reading about buildings or sites, it is usually less than a £50 airfare to get there and meet the team involved.

My fondest memories of Emanuel School you ask – I had a bit of an 'up and down' time at Emanuel and I don't think I would have gotten through it without the sensitivity of the teachers and the relaxed attitude towards Judaism. I still love benching thanks to all the songs we used to do, but most of all my fondest memories come from one of my teachers, Mr Alvarado. In his class we would learn things that were much more important than just the HSC curriculum. I really believe that his classes taught me how to approach life; not too seriously and always reading. We felt like a family.

Yes, I am still in touch with my group of friends from school. It's funny that it's been nearly 12 years and even from London we still keep in touch.

I currently work in property in London for a company called Kyte Property. We started just over a year ago now and I am in the in-house Architect. I lead a pretty quiet life, lots of country walks with my dog and partner and working on my thesis whenever I can.

As for future plans, I'm pretty happy where I am and things are slowly working out to build a life in London. We live in a beautiful suburb, Hampstead, where all the authors used to live and write (Keats' house is just down the road from ours). I'm hoping to just continue with what I am doing; making beautiful buildings while helping humanitarian crisis. I don't have any grand plans. I didn't have any when I left school either so I am still trying to settle in to what is going on around me. It is all very exciting and if someone had asked me 10 years ago if this is where I'd be, it would be a very, very, far-off dream!

Where are some of our Alumni now? continued

Marco Pin Class of 2007

After finishing school in 2007, I went straight to university for five years and did a double degree in Sport & Exercise Management and International Studies double at UTS. During that time I did a year of exchange in Italy which made the degree worthwhile. Once I finished my degree I worked in the field for about eight months. I hated it and have never been back!

I spent a total of three years living in Bologna, Italy from 2012-2015. I highly recommend it for many reasons including the international crowd, youthful vibe, ridiculously good food and general culture. I also spent six months in the USA working as a camp counsellor on two occasions and also recommend doing this to broaden horizons.



Winning our regional futsal competition in Year 12 after going so close the two previous years was one of my fondest memories of my school days! Also baguettes in our French class with Ms Wolf; getting caught in the girls' room at Year 7 camp and getting caught in all rooms at Year 9 ski camp.

I am still in touch with my group of friends from school – they will never be rid of me. They are a genuinely brilliant group of people whom I am very lucky to still see on a regular basis.

My current job is sitting at a desk for eight hours a day – I'm desperately looking for a way out of this lifestyle (see my future plans as to how).

As for hobbies and interests; I still love and regularly play football and futsal. I also collect Pokemon cards – I actually now have one of the largest private collections in Australia.

Future plans you ask? That would have to be making a movie starring Will Ferrell. I've written a screenplay called The Henchman and I am looking to get this made as a Hollywood movie. I am currently in the process of doing a documentary about getting The Henchman made.

Marriage and my first child are coming up as well in the next 12 months, so I will be fairly busy with those things.

Leora Ohayon Class of 2008 Located: Israel

I took a short trip to Israel after finishing Year 12 in 2008 and then came straight back to Australia to begin studying Psychology at Macquarie University.

I didn't follow my field of study at the time. Once I moved to Israel after finishing university, I had to find a job quite quickly, so I accepted the first offer I received, which was working as a teacher in an English School. After a few years, I searched for a job in the High-Tech field (after all, Israel is the 'Start-up Nation'). I began working as a Sales Representative and eventually moved on to more senior positions in Sales Management and training.

Prior to making Aliyah, I worked hard to save and come to Israel as often as possible, I wasn't really too interested in going anywhere else. Since making the move to Israel, travelling within Europe has become easier and more cost effective, which I am very grateful for.

My husband and I work hard to travel once or twice a year to a new destination. Last year, we travelled to Greece and it was my favourite destination so far!

My fondest memories of Emanuel would first and foremost be the wonderful friendships that I made! In addition, I would say all the 'little things' that made my schooling experience so special; like the



weekly shabbat services, the assemblies, the yearly camps and of course the wonderful teachers who always went out of their way to give us 100%.

Unfortunately, I'm not so in touch with my school friends – nowhere near as much as I'd like to be, but the physical distance/ time difference really does make it that much harder to keep in touch. Still, it shouldn't be an excuse in our day and age, and even if it's only a message here and there through social media, it still is important for me to keep these bonds as much as possible.

I work as a Sales Trainer for an Israeli owned Genealogy Company, called MyHeritage.

It's a challenging position, which I really enjoy. It's very gratifying to pass on the skills that I acquired during my sales years.

I still enjoy dancing, as I did in High School! It's just a little bit harder to find the time for it these days. I've also become interested in online content creation in the last few years and have started my own lifestyle/fashion blog.

Future plans career-wise, I hope to keep advancing in the field I'm currently in as well as continuing to work on my blog. I'd also like to travel as much as possible, before starting a family and hope that I can visit a few more exotic places. Most importantly, I'd love to travel back to Australia with my husband (whose never been) and to show him all the places that were so special to me growing up as well as the wonderful school that really shaped me (which he's heard so much about).

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MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019
GRANDPARENTS AND FRIENDS DAY
More details out soon.

Where are some of our Alumni now? continued

Marcus Ulmer Class of 2014

After finishing Year 12, I undertook an apprenticeship at Luke Mangan's glass brasserie at the Hilton Hotel, Sydney. This involved attending TAFE classes in Ultimo once a week. The classes consisted of a practical session in the morning where we would cook recipes with demonstrations and guidance from our teachers and a theory class in the afternoon.

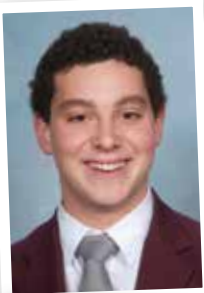
My final term was the most interesting, as we would serve lunch in TAFE's The Apprentice Restaurant. While we had to stick to the set menu, we were able to experiment with plating and put our own spin on the recipes. During my TAFE studies I was working four days a week at glass.

Glass was a very busy 220 seat, hatted fine dining restaurant. During my two years at glass I learnt to work under pressure and in a team, manage my own section in the kitchen, do stock rotations, order items and basic cooking techniques. It was a lot of responsibility for a young chef but I thrived in this environment. At glass I was introduced to the harsh reality of the chef's life. That is 50+ hour weeks and working weekends, however I quickly got over this as ultimately I really enjoyed what I was doing. I have made some great friendships and found mentors who I am still in touch with today. While I was at glass I was selected to attend the Fonterra Proud to Be A Chef Competition in Melbourne. This was a mentoring program with 34 apprentice chefs from around Australia which included masterclasses, foodservice and market tours and a cook off. This competition opened my eyes to the vast and broad possibilities of working in the hospitality, not only in restaurants. This was the first time I was with like-minded and committed young chefs. The program was a career changing experience for me.

After two years at glass, I moved on to The Royal Sydney Golf Club in Rose Bay; whilst there I finished the final year of my apprenticeship. During that year I entered and won the Oliver C. Shaul Scholarship. I was required to organise my own 'stage' (ie chef's internship) at an overseas restaurant. I chose to work for a month at the 2 Michelin star restaurant, The Ledbury in London. The restaurant is owned by Australian Brett Graham, a very understated and well-respected chef in Australia and the UK. His restaurant focuses on serving English game meat; something that I am really interested in.

In Year 12 I decided I wanted to follow a path into hospitality. I've always loved cooking. Even from a young age there are many photos of me baking or cooking. I definitely see myself working in hospitality long term. It's an exciting and dynamic industry in Australia and overseas.

After Year 12, I spent six weeks in Israel on AUJS Academy. This program combined sightseeing, hiking and volunteering and was a truly fantastic experience that I can highly recommend to any student thinking of going to Israel. After Academy, I then travelled with two schoolmates for a month through Italy, Portugal and Spain.



As for my fondest memories of school, I really enjoyed all the Social Sciences especially Mr Bartlett's and Mr Rembison's Economics and Business classes. I also enjoyed running to Bondi Beach and taking surfing classes in PDHPE.

I am still in touch with my group of friends from school, some of whom are still studying at university. I can't imagine going back to a formal learning environment but you never know.

In the past 12 months I've been working at 2 Michelin star restaurant Core by Clare Smyth in London. Core is one of the busiest restaurants in the country being fully booked three months in advance. Clare is very well known and highly regarded in the industry. She trained under Gordon Ramsay and was the head chef at his flagship 3 star restaurant in London for 10 years. Last year she won the World's Best Female Chef Award along with a number of other awards for the restaurant.

The kitchen culture in London is extremely tough compared to working in Australia. We consistently work 90 – 100 hours per week. This has pushed me both physically and mentally. It certainly has been harder than any HSC exam I undertook. I've learnt about holding myself to a high standard and also constantly trying to develop myself. At Core I've been lucky enough to serve many high profile chefs and celebrities including Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, Adele, Roger Federer, Gordon Ramsay and David Beckham.

When I'm not at work or sleeping on my days off, I love to read cookbooks and stories of chefs I admire. I very much enjoy eating out, discovering new restaurants and food styles.

Future plans? Despite my great experiences at Core, I decided to leave there last month to travel and have a much-needed break from the intense and high pressure environment of this kitchen, before finding work again in London. I've just had a wonderful holiday in New York and Croatia, and am now back in London, where I started my new job on 15 July at The Hardwood Arms in Fulham. I look forward to learning new skills here for the remainder of my time in the UK. My visa ends in March 2020 and then I'm hoping to travel a bit more before I return home next year.

I love to travel so in the future I hope to work overseas again. I look forward to returning to Emanuel School, and possibly conducting a few cooking/D&T classes.

The Kornmehl Centre Emanuel Pre-school Celebrates 20 Years

On 16 June around 120 friends, families and teachers gathered to celebrate the last 20 years of Kornmehl history. Some of you reading this now were students at the Pre-school or your own children are there now. Special guests were our friends and generous benefactors from the Kornmehl family – Jim Kornmehl and Jeany Simons, Yvonne Krenzien, alumna **Madaline Kinlay** ('12), Gaby and Leroy Kahn. During the evening we honoured and remembered the late Paul Kornmehl, whose vision to build a Pre-school came to fruition in 1999. We also remembered Paul's daughter, the late Anita Kornmehl (Madaline's mother) with whom we had a special bond and connection for many years. A big part of the evening was the music, which was provided by dynamic jazz trio, 33 Degrees. The group

members are **Sam Weiss** and **Aliza Waxman**, both past Kornmehl students (1999) and **Ben Feher** who are all members of the Class of 2012. The group was aptly named as a result of their time spent at Emanuel School which lies at a latitude of 33 degrees. Thank you to you all for the lovely music, which definitely enhanced the atmosphere for the evening.

A special movie featuring Emanuel students who attended Kornmehl was shown, with many "oohs" and "aahs" heard at certain key places. Watch the video here:

www.drive.google.com/file/d/1L5mD00DNmpwxKp_k70wB27nevBK9_kjP/preview



WANT TO SHARE OLD SCHOOL PHOTOS? Please contact Sonia to see about getting them in the next issue.

Look who came to School

- **Leon Goltsman** ('90) came back to School in early April to attend the High School assembly at which his good friend Dave Sharma was guest speaker. Leon then had an impromptu Q&A session with one of the Year 9 Geography classes. This was a fabulous opportunity for these students, especially as a number of them had recently emailed Leon with requests for interviews and guidance on some upcoming School assessments.



- **Max Guerry** ('08, Head Madrich), who now lives in Sun Peaks, BC was back in Sydney for a couple of weeks which coincided with our Primary Pesach celebrations, so he came to School to see his niece at this event just before the end of Term 1. Max also caught up with some of his teachers including Garry Case, Natalie Lijovic and Tina Greenhill. It seems that British Columbia (BC) is a popular place to live – Max and 4 other members of the Class of 2008 now live there – **Victoria Cash** (Squamish), **Natalie Freeland** (Vancouver), **Lev Lewis** (Vancouver) and **Sam Ozana** (Blue River).



- **Lori Frankel** ('12) returned to School this term to do her final practicum for her Primary Education degree at Notre Dame University. Lori says she is very excited to be back at School and is spending the whole term with the Year 3 students and their teacher Melanie Horin. When I caught up with Lori one

Monday morning to take some photos, the classroom teacher for that session was **Mia Charlupski** who is also from the Class of 2012 and returns to us from time to time as a casual Primary Teacher.



- Accolades continue for **Genevieve Goldman**, Head Madricha 2018, who topped the State in HSC Drama last year. She is the recipient of the June Frater Award for Excellence in HSC Drama, which was presented to her at Drama NSW State Conference recently. Drama NSW is the professional teaching association for Drama education in the state. This award is highly prestigious and acknowledges the hard work and dedication of students in HSC Drama, and is presented to the NSW student who achieved the highest HSC score in Drama for the previous year – our very own Genevieve – Mazal Tov!



Mazal Tov to alumna Chloe Corne ('17)

Just about everyone who attends Emanuel Synagogue and in particular the services of the Masorti stream, knows Chloe and her commitment to Jewish life and our community. She was Jewish Life Madricha and Jewish Day School Liaison in 2016/2017 and she won the Outstanding Service to the Jewish Life of the School Prize at the 2017 High School Speech Night.



Look who came to School continued

Mercaz-Masorti Australasia is delighted to sponsor Chloe's participation in the NOAM Olami Onward training course where participants take part in a professional internship, leadership and educational training and experience daily life in Israel. Fifteen participants from around the world will spend six weeks learning together and afterwards return to their home communities as leaders in Masorti Judaism from the NOAM Olami movement. Chloe said "I was fortunate to be nominated and awarded this scholarship as the sole representative of the Masorti movement in Australia. I am really looking forward to the opportunity to support and grow the Masorti movement here. I leave Sydney on 11 June and return home on 25 July – I can't wait!"

Good luck Chloe and we look forward to hearing all about your trip on your return.

Wow, Rikki Stern ('16) – you are amazing!

In late 2018, at the age of just 20, Rikki received the terrible news when she was diagnosed with Stage 2B Hodgkins Lymphoma. Now in remission and soon to receive her 12th and final treatment, Rikki noticed there was no support group for young women in the situation she found herself in, so she decided to establish an Australian branch of a British-based organisation called Cancer Chicks: www.cancerchicks.com Rikki said "Having cancer – and experiencing things like losing your hair – can be very isolating and can lead to losing your self-esteem, which can be particularly difficult for young women. What I found is that it really helps to feel part of a community that can share experiences and advice." At the end of March, Rikki was invited by Lymphoma Australia to share her story for their annual Legs Out for Lymphoma 5Km walkathon. We thank Rikki for also sharing some of her story with us now too, and wish her all the



very best. Rikki returned to School on 21 May to participate in our Careers Space event where our Year 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to hear from so many alumni about their journeys after leaving School and how/what they are doing now.

B'nai B'rith/JNF Jewish Changemaker Awards 2019



This annual event honours young people making a difference in our community.

Mazal Tov to all 10 Emanuel alumni who were nominated for these awards this year: **Chloe Corne**, **Keri Holloway**, **Gabriel Jammy**, **Asher Klein**, **Donny Janks**, **Jonathan Moallem**, **Daniel Radomsky**, **Dean Smuskowitz**, **Rikki Stern** and **Ben Wilhelm**. Ben ('08) won the Contribution to Australian Society Award (Young Adults) for the work he has done in raising awareness of and much needed funds for research into a cure for Pancreatic Cancer through Remember September. Two of our High School students also won awards – **Miriam Itzkowitz** (Year 11) – JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community (Youth) and **Elia Gil-Munoz** (Year 10) – Contribution to Australian Society (Youth).



Flashback... The Class of 1999



Year 6, 1993



Kindergarten, 1987



Year 2A, 1989

School reunions:

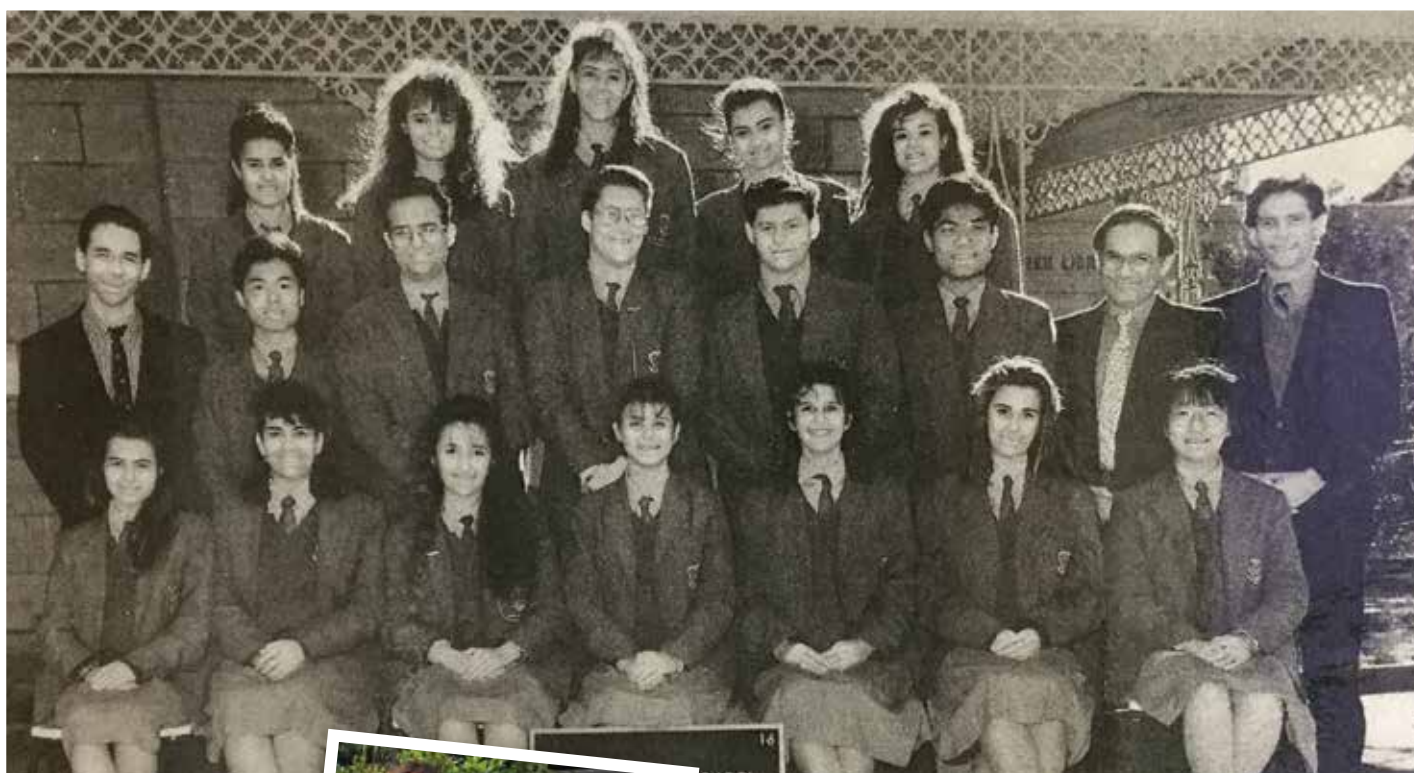
Seeking one or two representatives from the following year groups to help with your respective reunions this year:

- Class of 2014 – 5 years
- Class of 2009 – 10 years
- Class of 2004 – 15 years
- Class of 1999 – 20 years
- Class of 1994 – 25 years

Please let me know if you can help:
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Class of 1989 30 Year Reunion



Emanuel School is still a relatively young school compared to the many long-established schools around Sydney, some of which are 100 plus years old. However, we have a really strong history in our short 36 years since we opened in February 1983 with just 53 students in makeshift classrooms at Temple Emanuel Woollahra, now known as Emanuel Synagogue.

Our very first-ever Year 12 graduating year group was the Class of 1989, with only 17 students who went on to complete Year 12 that year. Alumna **Lana Burdei** who has lived in London for many years was visiting family and friends in Sydney over the summer holiday break and so it was an opportune time to hold this milestone 30-year reunion which she and **Katie (Levenson) Narunsky** so ably organised on 20 January.

Interestingly, four of their year group are now current parents – **Janice (Narunsky) Christie**, **Claudia Maman**, **Katie (Levenson) Narunsky** and **Steven Vernik**, and coincidentally, Janice, Katie and Steven each have one of their children in Year 5 this year.

Chris Lee travelled from Hong Kong for the reunion and everyone present had a wonderful time reminiscing about their school-days and life beyond. Some of this Year Group had not seen each other, or been back at school since they finished Year 12, 30 years ago. They also fondly remembered one of their class mates, **Julian Bures** one of our very first students at the School starting here in 1983 as a Year 6 student, who sadly passed away in November 2013 after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis.



The Emanuel School Family 1983

We are now only missing five names..... hope you can help complete this list of our first ever official Emanuel School photograph. How good is your memory? **Can you help us identify them?**



- Front Row (L-R): Bianca Gehl, Naomi Tarsis, Mela Medvedovsky, Zoe Spiegel, Kate Ratner, Jasmin Streimer, Alanah Zitzerman, Christina Lemkin, Simone Havin, _____, Talia Deutsch, Susan _____, _____, Georgia Teiperman, Janine Israel.
- Second Row (L-R): Alla Nock, Miriam Fox, Jenny Spinak, Jessica Bures, Ondine Sherman, Mandi Smith, Eli Haski, Daphny Ravy, Natasha Cherny, Khara Weisz, Svetlana Goltsman, Rachel Spiegel.
- Third Row (L-R): Benny Sharon, Daniel Vasin, Russel Bergman, Rueben Newhouse, Danny Sharon, David Jeffries, Julian Bures, Perlita Benhayon, Kolya Miller, Ben Fox, David Ratner, Jacob Kaplan, Alex Strizhevsky, Jonathan Hirst, Simon Glasser, Eric _____.
- Fourth Row (L-R): David Koteck, David Sorauer, Guy Ravy, David Hirst, Greg Weisz, Anton Boski, Lindi Smith, Felicia Meric, Nadine Weinberger, Marina Goldshmid, Solonge Boski, Sarona Pilcer, Denis Zilberman, Maxim Bolkovsky, _____, Ryo Hino, Adin Pilcer.
- Back Row (L-R): Hezie Lazarous, Nick Deutsch, Daniel Sorauer, Michael Fooks, Leonid Goltsman, Harry Derunovsky, Alan Jeffries, Eugene Freeney, Ronnie Aron, Ari Marks, Christian Charnas, Yonaton Miller, Ben Donally, Ronen Stoler.
- Staff: LHS left to right: Sandi Einstein, Shirley Holt, Linda Zurnamer.
Middle of photo left to right: Lou-Anne Folder, Tom Wiedenman (Principal), Sarah Friend.
RHS left to right: Debbie Levy, Jeanette Streimer, Carol Perry.

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 so we can add you to our mailing list.

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