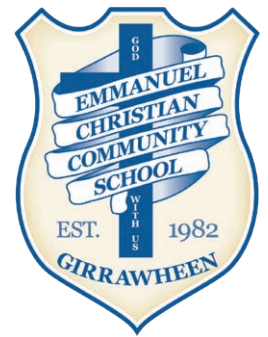


# EMMANUEL MESSENGER

## PRIMARY SCHOOL EDITION

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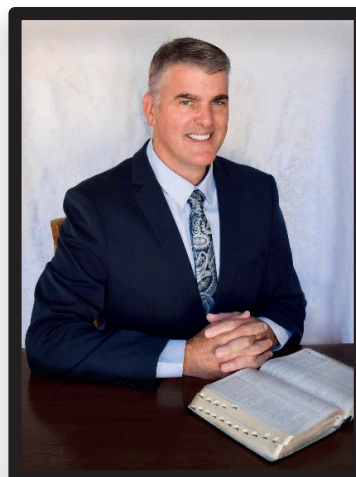
*Changing lives through  
Christ-centred education*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

2020 has been a significant year for Emmanuel Christian Community School. Not only did we have to endure a worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and all the disruption to a normal school year that it caused, but we became a Kindergarten to Year 12 school for the very first time with our first Year 12 class graduating. Emmanuel 'came of age', we grew up, we matured into a full educational journey for the first time in our 38 year history. This is



both exciting and humbling as we honour our faithful founding fathers from Girrawheen Baptist Church. Without their faith and trust in God we would not be flourishing like we are today.

The apostle Paul talks about 'growing up' in our faith to spiritual maturity. ***"When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me."*** (1 Corinth 13:11)

One way we 'grow up' spiritually is to trust in God's word. To try and live a life by putting its teachings into practice.

In my Graduation speech to the Year 12's I encouraged them to trust in a firm foundation, to ensure they place their confidence in what is strong, what will last, what is unshakable.

The book of Matthew, Chapter 7 records a story that Jesus told:

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**Principal's Message continued**

**<sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."**

We can have confidence and place our hope on Jesus Christ. Our personal journey's will have highs and lows – even worldwide pandemics to contend with! But Christ will not shift - no matter

what. We can expect great things when our hope is built on God's Word.

James also had a lot to say about practicing what the Bible teaches. The first chapter of the book of James concludes with three examples of how we can know that we have been effectively putting God's Word into practice:

1. We will have a controlled mouth: **"Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless"** (James 1:26 NIV).
2. We will have a caring heart: **"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans**

**and widows in their distress"** (James 1:27 NIV).

3. We will have a clean mind: **"keep oneself from being polluted by the world"** (James 1:27 NIV). Those things, James tells us, are evidence of genuine Christianity.

In John 13:7 Jesus tells his followers: **"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them"** (NIV).

The blessings of the Bible come when we put its teachings into practice.



Gary Harris  
Principal

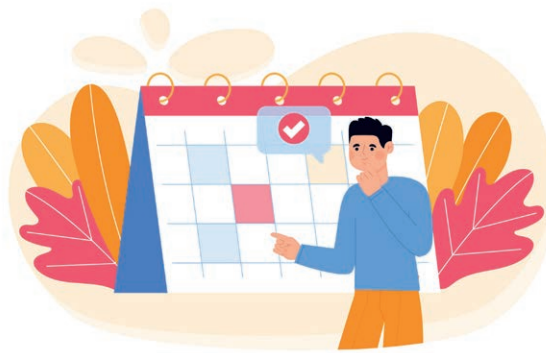


# SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

### Important Dates:

- **No Primary School End of Year Concert this year due to COVID restrictions. There will be an awards and class prize giving evening on Thursday 3 December.**  
\* ONLY STUDENTS RECEIVING AN AWARD AND THEIR GUESTS will be invited.
- **Term 4 ends this Friday 4th of December**  
\* Free Dress Day & End of Year Party (see page 7 for more details)
- **2021 Term 1 begins on Thursday 28th of January 2021**



## SEMESTER 2 PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORTS

Students' Semester 2 reports will be **available for pick-up from the Casserley office on the last day of term Friday 4th of December** and during the week from Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th of December.





# SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OPENING HOURS

Administration office and uniform shop will be open during school holidays.

### Administration Office

Office opening times during the school holidays are below:

- **From Monday 7 to Friday 11 Dec 2020: Casserley & Salcott Office will be OPEN from 9am to 1pm**
- **From Monday 14 Dec 2020 to Friday 8 Jan 2021: Casserley & Salcott Office will be CLOSED**
- **From Monday 11 Jan 2021: Casserley & Salcott Office will REOPEN**

Email: [admin@eccs.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@eccs.wa.edu.au)  
Phone: 08 9342 7377



### Uniform Shop

Shop will be open on the following days and times during school holidays:

**Thursday 21 Jan 2021 From 10am to 2pm**  
**Friday 22 Jan 2021 From 10am to 2pm**  
**Monday 25 Jan 2021 From 10am to 2pm**

Price list and order forms are available on the [school website \(https://www.eccs.wa.edu.au/parents/uniforms/\)](https://www.eccs.wa.edu.au/parents/uniforms/)

Orders can also be made via email [uniform@eccs.wa.edu.au](mailto:uniform@eccs.wa.edu.au)

**Mark your calendars! Stay tuned to our Facebook page for any updates.**

## UNIFORM SHOP

We want to encourage everyone to please **email** your orders through for 2021. The uniform shop is expecting a lot of orders to flow through in the lead up to Term 1, so we kindly ask you to consider this and send your orders through as soon as possible. So avoid the rush, avoid the queues and order online if you can! Please also refer to your booklist (<https://www.eccs.wa.edu.au/parents/book-lists/>) in case there are additional items your child needs to have for Term 1, 2021 as well as their summer uniform.

Price lists and order forms are available from the school website: <https://www.eccs.wa.edu.au/parents/uniforms/>

Send your orders via email [uniform@eccs.wa.edu.au](mailto:uniform@eccs.wa.edu.au)



# SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

## 2021 TERM DATES



### *Emmanuel Christian Community School*

#### Term Dates 2021

#### PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STAFF AND STUDENTS

Administration Office open from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Term 1	Term starts	Term ends
9 Week Term - 45 Pupil Days		
STAFF	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 01 <sup>st</sup> April
STUDENTS	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 01 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Public Holidays</b>		
Australia Day – Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January		
Labour Day Holiday – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March		
Good Friday – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (during term break)		
Easter Monday – Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April (during term break)		

Term 2	Term starts	Term ends
11 Week Term - 51 Pupil Days		
STAFF	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
STUDENTS	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
<b>Public Holidays</b>		
ANZAC Day – Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April		
Mid Term Break – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June		
Western Australia Day – Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June		


Term 3	Term starts	Term ends
10.2 Week Term - 47 Pupil Days		
STAFF	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
STUDENTS	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Public Holidays</b>		
Mid Term Break – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> August - Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August		
Queen's Birthday – Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September (during term break)		

Term 4	Term starts	Term ends
7.5 Week Term - 37 Pupil Days		
STUDENTS - SECONDARY	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
STUDENTS - PRIMARY	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
STAFF	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December

2021 minimum time of instruction required by DEO  
2021 Primary and Secondary: 992 hours  
Kindergarten NQS 15 hours per week instruction requirements met.

# SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE




**RETURN.  
RECYCLE.  
RENEW.**



C10306942



Emmanuel Christian Community School is teaming up with the City of Stirling for a new sustainability initiative. Each eligible container collected will earn 8c for our school. All you have to do is throw your unwanted cans and bottles in the nominated bin at both campuses.

containers must be between 150ml - 3L AND state '10c refund at collection depots/points in participating State/Territory of purchase' on the label  
EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHEME ID: C10306942

#USETHERIGHTBIN

**IF THE BIN LID IS BLUE...**



ONLY THROW IN SPECIFIC CONTAINERS!

**NO GENERAL RUBBISH PLEASE!**

IT MUST SAY THIS ON THE LABEL!



10c REFUND AT SAINT COLLECTION DEPOTS IN STATE/TERRITORY OF PURCHASE.



**Eligible containers**



**Ineligible containers**



# SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

## END OF YEAR PARTY



### K-6 ARE INVITED!

FREE DRESS | WATER GAMES | MUSIC | CRAFT | CANDY CANE HUNT AND MORE!

#### The details;

Students please arrive with bathers under your clothes. Thongs/Sandals are recommended.

Please bring a wet bag, towel, hat (**no hat, no play!**) & water bottle

An order form will be sent home for a \$4 Pizza Combo including a juice box & ice cream.

Parents are invited to spectate but please park at the oval. A coffee van will be available for you. Children can be taken home from 12pm and no later than 12:15pm.

COVID Safe guidelines based on the latest information at the time will apply.

For more information please email the Emmanuel P&F - [EPF@eccs.wa.edu.au](mailto:EPF@eccs.wa.edu.au)



## 2021 BOOKLIST

The printed copy of our 2021 Booklists have been given to all primary students. If they forget to give it to you, you can download a copy from this link <https://www.eccs.wa.edu.au/parents/book-lists/>.

If for whatever reason, the link above is not working, you can go to our school website <https://www.eccs.wa.edu.au> under the parents tab and download from there.

Please note the deadline for placing your orders: FRIDAY, 4th December. After this date, all orders placed will be charged a LATE PAYMENT FEE.

All orders placed on or before 4th December will be delivered to your home on Week ending 15th January 2021.

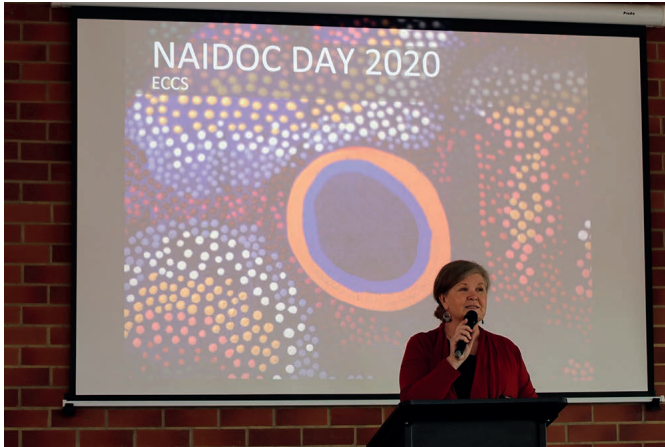
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school administration on 9342 7377 or email [admin@eccs.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@eccs.wa.edu.au).





# SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

## NAIDOC DAY



On Tuesday, 10th November, we were very fortunate to have one of our own Emmanuel students come and do the Acknowledgment of Country for a non elder for a whole school assembly. Denzel Humphries is an outstanding young Noongar man from our school in year ten! He spoke with passion and enthusiasm as he delivered the Welcome in Noongar language. We couldn't understand the words, but we could understand his actions and the heart of his message to us – we are welcome on the land of his ancestors. We were reminded that NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal Islander Day Observance Committee and 2020 has the motto

of: "Always Was, Always Will Be". This draws our attention to the fact that Australia was visited by seafarers many times throughout history prior to European settlement and that people groups engaged with them, voiding the claim of "Terra Nullius".



The Bush Tucker Garden was introduced to us and we were all invited to go and inspect it. Posters of the different plants there are displayed with information for anyone who may not have had the time to visit it yet. Every class watched a PowerPoint about foods local to the area before touring the garden. All the

plants are native to this area and are therefore suitable for our soil and climate. Traditional Indigenous life relied heavily on eating food to maintain health and harvesting the fruit and plants of the season. We are currently in Kambarang, also known as the second spring and the season of birth. Many animals are hatched or born in this time. Foods that we have planted are:

- Old Man Saltbush (delicious wrapping for meats)
- Berry Saltbush (yummy, crisp, red berries)
- Yam (similar to potatoes)
- Finger Limes (the inside is like tiny, lemony pearls of deliciousness)
- Youlk (the roots can be harvested and are a mouthful of golden crunch)





# SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

## NAIDOC DAY (CONTINUED)

- Sea Celery (similar to the celery in the shop, except a natural Australian plant – so much better for the soil)
- Lilly Pilly – we have two different trees, both yielding berries for jam making

We are grateful to live on the beautiful island of Australia. We are blessed with having had generations of Indigenous caretakers of the land, who have nurtured it. The local people did not just survive here, they thrived in an environment rich in culture, history and tradition. We know the Noongar people stand alongside the hundreds of other First Nations cultures of the land we call Australia and live in kinship.

We pray for the land of Australia, the Indigenous people, and the guests, like me, who call this country home. We are from many nations, standing under this luminescent sky honouring and showing respect to God, our king and our Lord. Let your ways be known to us. Help us to have humble hearts and remember that nothing we have is our own for every good and perfect gift comes from you, Lord. We are truly grateful for the Indigenous heritage of our land and pray your peace and prosperity upon your people. Amen.

Candis Wren  
Year 5 Teacher



## REMEMBRANCE DAY



# SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Emmanuel Christian Community School's Year 6 students have graduated!

After the unique learning experience that was 2020, all 63 of the Year 6 students have persevered through these challenging times and can be proud to share that they have officially graduated from Primary School!

It was a fantastic night and a wonderful sight to see the parents help graduate their

children. Staff, parents, students, and volunteers worked together to help make the night a success. Dougal Steven, who has been a speaker to the class already this year, touched the hearts of the attendees by leading the evening in prayer. Pastor Rex handed bibles to each graduate as a gift from Girrawheen Baptist Church. Boston Fitch, the schools recent Year 12 graduate sang the Emmanuel song and Valentine and Christa Pegrum sang a dedicatory closing song.

Mr. Gabrielson, who teaches the Year 6 class alongside Mr. Brendan Pirie and Mrs. Kathy Williamson said, "the children were a credit to their school and families. They graduated with dignity and we will be sad to see them leave at year's end. #justsaying".

Congratulations to the Year 6 class of 2020, we wish all the very best as you begin your Secondary School life in 2021.



2020  
*Congrats!*  
 GRADUATES



# SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

## ECCS 2020 PARENT SURVEY FEEDBACK

Thank you to all the Parents and Guardians who responded to our ECCS 2020 Parent Survey back in September. Your feedback and insights are valuable to us and the survey is a good opportunity for us to work together in building a healthy, developing and vibrant community.

As we committed when we launched the survey, as Leadership, we seriously considered the information you have given us. We take our role and responsibility as educators seriously and we will work with our staff to seek improvements to Emmanuel. The Board and Leadership of Emmanuel is committed to school improvement and always welcomes feedback from our community. Our new website will have an online feedback mechanism to raise any concerns.

Three key areas I would like to share with you from the survey are: response to the COVID-19 pandemic, overall student well-being and what you as parents and guardians appreciate most about ECCS.

### COVID-19 Response

As the world continues to deal with the effects of COVID-19, we have been very blessed by our community response to state-wide restrictions. At Emmanuel, we needed to respond quickly and flexibly to provide the best care and continuity for both our staff and our students. Our Crisis Management Team met daily throughout the worst of our state crisis and we responded with prompt and decisive action.

- 98% of parents and guardians overall agreed ECCS responded well to the pandemic.
- Overall positive response to communications received during lockdown, that the school is maintaining hygiene and safety protocols and an elevated level of confidence that the school will manage well should we be required to return to home-schooling.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and commend all our teachers, staff, students and parents & guardians in how we all came together to respond to this challenge.





# SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

## ECCS 2020 PARENT SURVEY FEEDBACK (CONTINUED)

### Student Wellbeing

Considering the above and an ongoing priority for ECCS is student wellbeing and safety.

- Parents and Guardians say that 92% of students feel safe and happy at school.
- 62.4% of Parents and Guardians believe their child does not need additional support to keep up. (Emmanuel does offer education support for children that require it in both Primary and Secondary)
- 96% of Parents and Guardians are involved in their child's learning at home

### Parent Values

Parents and Guardians shared what they value and appreciate about ECCS. Top 3 things that your family appreciates about ECCS:

1. Christian education
2. Academic programs
3. Affordability / Cost

### School Action Plans

The Leadership of the School is committed to 3 actions for 2021 in response to the Parent Survey. These actions are:

1. Improve communication to families. We for 2021 to be able to give better more timely communication to parents. We have already increased the frequency of the newsletter and all events for 2021 have been calendarized.
2. Improve in our community engagement. With the launching of the Emmanuel Parent and Friends as well as the employment of a Community Engagement Officer for 2021 – Mrs. Belinda Cheung.
3. Improving and consolidating our curriculum delivery and standard. This has already started this year with the introduction of our Deputies of Curriculum, Mrs. Pinky Street (Primary) and Mrs. Bronwyn Carruthers (Secondary). New curriculum programs have been introduced as well as new subjects. We aim to consolidate these school improvement initiatives in 2021.

I look forward to other opportunities where we can share other results in future occasions. Again, I would like to thank you for your feedback, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or any of the Leadership and I look forward to working closely with you to make 2021 a better year for ECCS.

Gary Harris  
Principal



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## STUDENT SAFETY

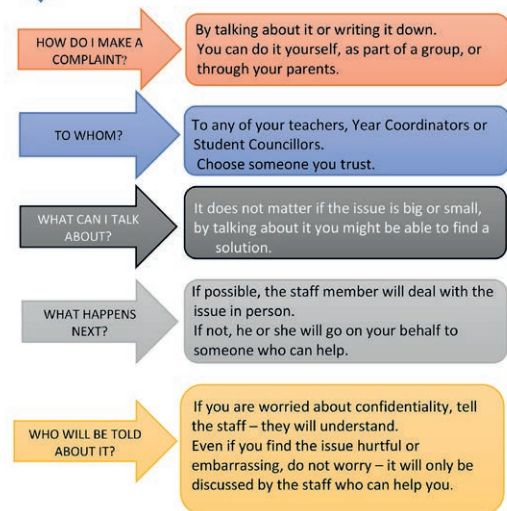
Emmanuel Christian Community School is committed to the protection of all children from all forms of child abuse and grooming and demonstrates this commitment through the implementation of comprehensive policies designed to keep children safe.

We have a zero tolerance for child abuse and grooming and are committed to acting in children's best interests and keeping them safe from harm. The School regards its child protection responsibilities with the utmost importance and as such, is committed to providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection laws and regulations and maintain a child safe culture.

If there is a concern that a child may be subject to abuse or grooming, we encourage discussion with the Principal. Communications will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

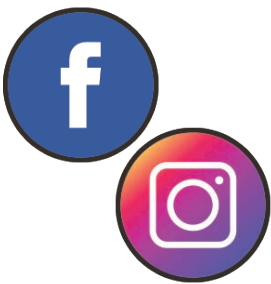


### COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE FOR STUDENTS



Any Problems, Concerns or Suggestions?  
If so ECCS would like to hear.

## ECCS SOCIAL MEDIA



Check our Facebook and Instagram for the latest information and photos of the past events:

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/emmanuel.christian.community.school/>

**Instagram:**

<https://www.instagram.com/emmanuel.christian.com.school/>

# SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

In "Staff Spotlight" series, we are introducing you to the hard workers and great minds that make up ECCS. In this issue, meet **Christa!**



**Mrs Christa Pegrum**  
Education Assistant  
for Year 4



### How long have you been at ECCS?

*I started in 1982 as new graduate teacher, shared a class with Mrs. Doreen Mullins for grades 1-3. So a long time!*

### What is your greatest achievement related to your role at ECCS?

*In 1988 I was working when they opened the Pre-Primary wing with 20 five year old students. In 2001 I opened the new Kindergarten building as a teacher with only 11 students, 3 of whom were my own children! It was teacher heaven. Then in 2015 I returned as an Education Assistant and was here for the official opening of the Casserley Campus.*

### Favourite hobbies?

*Singing and crafts, not necessarily at the same time but highly possible in my case 😊*

### Daily Motivation?

*Give of yourself; live, love and laugh with someone.*

### Best moment at ECCS to date?

*Seeing the Class of 2020 Year 12 students Graduate. Six of those students were my last Kindy students that I taught as a class. So proud of them. Now I look forward to seeing new students continue their journey of education and spiritual growth at Emmanuel.*



## OTHER NOTICES



### SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

Parents if you are interested in **BUYING AND SELLING SECOND-HAND TEXTBOOKS** or **SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS**, please go to [www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au)

**Free to register!**

Any questions, please ask at reception or the Uniform Shop



### SHARING PHOTOS OF STUDENTS

Please ensure that you **DO NOT** post photos of students (other than your own) on facebook, Instagram, twitter etc. without the permission of their parents.



# EMMANUEL PARENTS & FRIENDS



## CHAIRMAN



Amy Formaggio

## VICE CHAIR



Christiane Bruins

## BOOKKEEPER



Eva Darkwa

## DIARY MANAGER



Melinda Troiani

## VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR (x2 roles)



Hung Khiap Thuam



Frances Jalloh

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if you would like to volunteer at our next event!

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## ONLINE PARENTING PROGRAMS RESEARCH

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA** **THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA**

### PARENTS

**Are you struggling with your child's behaviour?  
Could a parenting program help you?**

We want to know how parents think about and use online parenting programs. If your child is aged 2-10 years, please consider sharing your opinion in this 20-25 minute survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/UWAParentsStudy>

Eligible parents will be offered free access to a popular and evidence-based online parenting program.

Parents also have the opportunity to win one of 10 \$50 Coles-Myer vouchers.

Or scan this QR code with your smartphone to access the survey.

## WOODVALE BAPTIST CHURCH – HOLIDAY CLUB

Woodvale Baptist Church

**Holiday Club**

19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021, 9AM - 12NOON

**Games • Stories • Music • Sports • Craft**

Prep to Grade 6 (2021) Covid 19 Safety precautions will be in place

**\$4 One Day or \$6 Two Days**

More info phone wbc: **9309 4044**  
woodvalebaptist.com.au



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## KEYED UP MUSIC



Keyed Up Music will be teaching keyboard and guitar group lessons next year after school.

Lessons start from \$18.65 for a group of 4.

If you are interested in your child learning an instrument, ring **Therese on 1300 366 243** or enrol at [www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form](http://www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form)

## GIRRAWHEEN BAPTIST CHURCH - PLANTS & GOODIES SALE



3 Salcott Road, GIRRAWHEEN  
<http://girrawheenbaptist.org.au/>



### Plants & Goodies Sale plus Jeans specials

Raising Funds for Christmas Project 2020

Redeemer Ministries Pakistan

Please Come Help Set People Free!

**When:** 5th December 2020 9.00am - 12.00 noon.

**Where:** Church Car Park

**Sausage Sizzle Too!**







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**SOCIAL MEDIA:**   

**CASSERLEY CAMPUS**

- **Primary School**  
(Kindergarten to Year 6)
- **Administration Office**
- **Uniform Shop**
- **Canteen**

**50 Casserley Avenue  
GIRRAWHEEN, WA, 6064**

**SALCOTT CAMPUS**

- **Secondary School**  
(Years 7 to 12)
- **ATAR and VET courses**
- **Soccer Academy**
- **SES Cadets**
- **Clubs**
- **Media**
- **Woodwork**
- **Home Economics**
- **Art, Music and Drama**

**3 Salcott Road  
GIRRAWHEEN, WA, 6064**