

5TH January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am just writing to thank you all for your support at this sad time. Mr. Fisher was a wonderful sports coach loved by all and we will miss him greatly. His commitment to our children and love for learning has touched us all.

We encourage you to talk with your child. It is important that they know they are loved and supported as they talk about their feelings.

You may want to consider the following when talking with your child:

- Allow your child to talk about feelings. If this is the first loss your child has
 experienced, your child may not know how to respond and will be looking for your
 guidance.
- Affirm all expressions. It's okay to express feelings honestly.
- Encourage written expressions such as notes, letters, pictures etc.
- Reaffirm that your child is safe and that your child is loved.
- Affirm that your child's reaction is normal, and you understand the way the child feels.
- Watch for signs of trouble such as aggression, withdrawal etc.
- Help the children return to a normal routine as soon as possible.

All staff are available to provide emotional support for our children. If you have special counselling concerns or would like additional support for your child, please email ebrocklesby@emmausmac.com

Our deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Mr. Fisher at this time.

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